

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

- 2 Jan:** Raha Raptors Sports start
Arabian Swim Academy ECPs start
- 3 Jan:** UII Girls Netball – Practice Day
- 8 Jan:** Teacher Led ECPs start
- 10 Jan:** Dance recital- KCC Black Box
- 11 Jan:** SailGP Trip – Selected students in Grades 6
- 11,15, 18 Jan:** Al Sultan Stable Trips for G8-10

Dance Recital:

The whole school cross-campus Dance Recital will be held in the Black Box at KCC on Wednesday 10th January at 5pm. Come and see performances of all styles of dance! No entry charge.



ECPs start

The ECPS led by Raha teachers and some providers will start Monday 8th January. We've put together a FAQ handbook for parents, covering the most common questions about our ECPs programs. We hope this guide makes it easier for you to understand and navigate through your options, click [HERE](#). Additionally, you can always check the time and location of each ECP in the board located at Raptors Nest.

Mubadala Abu Dhabi Sail GP free tickets

Tickets are available to all family and friends of students at Raha at a 20% discounted rate more information of the event [HERE](#). In addition, there are small number of free tickets still available. When you purchase the tickets on the website, you will get a further reduction of 1 adult and 1 child ticket free if there are any available (FCFS). Redeem tickets [HERE](#). Access Code: S4INSPIREAD For step-by-step instructions, please refer [HERE](#).

Be the next face of Raha

We're on the lookout for our next stars to shine in our annual communication campaign! If you're bursting with Raha pride, love striking a pose, and can't resist flashing those pearly whites, you're exactly who we're looking for. Bonus points if you're not camera-shy – we want those happy, curious faces that scream Raha spirit! We want to showcase every nationality, drop us an email to: communications@ris.ae

Happy New Year

A message from Mrs. Pali, Principal:

"Greetings to our teachers, students, parents and staff! As we start a new term filled with endless possibilities, I'm excited for another chapter of inspiration, growth, learning, and shared achievements."

Wishing you a very Happy New Year!



Picture Book Donation

Grade Four is running a pre-loved book sale and kindly requests donations of PICTURE BOOKS from across the whole school community.

Picture books should be suitable for children aged 5 to 11. Please ensure books align with the values of the UAE and drop donations to tubs at the Primary Reception (L Block) by Monday 22nd January.

Note that funds raised at the sale will form our float for the upcoming Souq Day, with profits going to Red Crescent (pending ADEK approval).

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Events of the Week

Coffee morning with the Heads



First Fitness Friday Walk



Raha Riddles

One lady ordered a fast delivery pizza and her order came the next year. How is this possible?

Last Week's Answer

What did the mom and dad camel name their baby born without a hump?
Humphrey



Raha Mums Heritage Walk

Embark on a journey beyond ordinary. Join the Raha Heritage Walk for Mums and Ladies with the vibrant Raha Community this winter. Lace up your boots and discover the magic of a tribe of amazing women exploring golden dunes and intangible heritage together.

Places are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The more, the merrier! Female DP students, you're invited too. Stay tuned for more details, or express your interest by reaching out to our Parent Champion salmansoori@ris.ae. Adventure awaits!



Follow our social media accounts for Gardens updates and campus life!

Raptors dates

We kick off the practice season with some teams; in Term 2, let's give it our all! Let's make the most of the good weather—come cheer us on and keep the spirit of Raha Raptors alive!

List of the upcoming matches: [click here](#)



Golf is back

Golf Lessons- Beginner, intermediate, advanced at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club. Transport to and from school available, or parents can also collect from the club. This will run from Tuesday 16th January (every week for 8 weeks). For more information email: nspendlovedawber@ris.ae or dblighe@ris.ae

Time: 3.45-4.45pm
Price is 795 per student
Grade 6-12 MYP
PYP Grade 3-5

[Golf Raha Community](#)

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Primary

The 3rd Unit of Inquiry begins

The third Unit of Inquiry begins this week! Curriculum newsletters were published on Toddle before break and can also be found [HERE](#). Please refer to these to find out about upcoming learning plus suggested home learning tasks for each grade level 1-5.

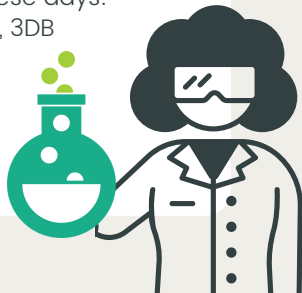
ECPs begin

ECPs begin on Monday 8th January. Please note that for teacher led ECPs, homeroom teachers will assist students to find their meeting point after school.

Parents please collect primary students in front of L block at 4pm. If there is any variation to collection routine, please inform the ECP leader and homeroom teacher.

Dress Like a Scientist

Grade 3 students will be involved in Science workshops next week and are invited to "Dress Like a Scientist" on these days:
Wednesday 10th - 3LM, 3PG, 3DB
Thursday 11th - 3LT
Friday 12th - 3KA, 3CM



Guide for Important Conversations

As parents, one of our most challenging responsibilities is guiding our children through the complexities of life. While we aim to shield them from harm, sometimes, the realities of the world, unfortunately, can't be avoided. Sara Ennis, PYP Counsellor, has prepared a helpful newsletter to guide parents when having these important conversations [HERE](#).

Secondary

Uniforms

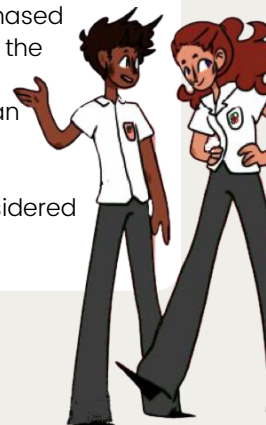
As we embark on this academic term, please be reminded of [Raha's uniform expectations](#).

Take note that hoodies need to be purchased through Magrudy's.

- MYP students can only wear official school zip-up hoodies, grey in colour. Non-Raha jumpers, sweaters, hoodies are not permitted.
- DP students may wear solid black jumpers/ zip-up jackets with no logos. Grade 12 may wear their class hoodies/jumpers.

Shirts and Trousers:

- MYP shirts are white with dark green bands, purchased through Zaks.
- MYP trousers are charcoal grey, purchased through Zaks.
- DP shirts are white with black bands, purchased through Zaks.
- DP trousers must be black. If not purchased through Zaks, trousers must adhere to the following guidelines:
- Smart trousers that are not shorter than ankle height.
- Leggings, sweatpants, jeans/coloured jeans, and oversized trousers are considered inappropriate and may not be worn



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Talk it out Tuesdays

Beginning Tuesday 9th January, members of our Senior Leadership Team will invite a group of students on a rotating basis each week to share their experiences, thoughts and perspectives on student life at Raha over a lunchtime discussion.

"Talk it Out Tuesdays" will provide a platform for students to express concerns, offer valuable feedback, and engage in constructive conversations with senior leaders. We are dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive environment that prioritizes the well-being, success and engagement of our students.

Invitations will be sent out via Teams.

Thought for the Week:

Welcome to the new term! As we embark on this fresh journey, let's embrace the opportunities that lie ahead in our MYP and DP programs. This is a time for new goals, renewed energy, and continued learning. To our students: Each new term is a blank page in your story. Fill it with curiosity, hard work, and the joy of discovery. Remember, the challenges you face are steps towards achieving your dreams. To our parents: Your support and encouragement are invaluable. Together, let's guide our students to explore, learn, and grow in this vibrant educational journey.

Here's to a term of achievement, growth, and shared success!

Writing the Mock Exams

As we enter a new academic term, particularly with our students in the Diploma Program sitting their Mock Exams, it's important to provide the necessary support for each student to excel during assessments.

Here are some valuable tips to assist your child leading up to, and during their assessment.

Should you have any queries or require further clarification on accommodations, please feel free to contact our Student Support Team, Ben Crosby (bcrosby@oris.ae).

Understanding their Assessment Accommodations

Assessment accommodations play a crucial role in aiding students with Special Education Needs to demonstrate their academic capabilities effectively. It is important for parents and students to be familiar with the accommodations they're entitled to and to ensure they're implemented consistently.

Common accommodations include:

- An electronic reader for the test
- Additional time to complete the test
- Use of a word processor, with or without Spell-Check
- A separate room to minimize distractions
- Rest breaks during the test
- Use of a calculator

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Communicating with Teachers Before Each Test

Regular communication with your child's teachers is key to understanding upcoming tests. Discuss the test date, skills to be assessed, and the test format. This understanding is especially crucial for children with disabilities, helping them mentally prepare for the specific test format they will encounter.

Reviewing Skills at Home

Support your child's learning by practicing skills at home. Collaborate with teachers, family, or friends if additional help is needed. Utilize online resources, such as Khan Academy, YouTube, and Microsoft Teams for clarity and extra practice. This at-home practice reinforces understanding and enhances overall performance.

Regularly Encouraging Your Child

Children with and without disabilities may lack confidence in test performance, making regular encouragement vital. Positive words foster a positive self-image, boosting self-confidence. This support helps them approach tests with readiness, positively impacting their performance.

Reviewing Test-Taking Strategies for Test Day

To improve test performance and reduce anxiety, discuss and practice effective strategies with your child before test day:

- Read all instructions carefully
- Look for clues within the questions
- Preview questions before reading the associated passages
- Read all answer choices before making a selection
- Do not leave any questions unanswered

Remember, your support is instrumental in helping your child feel prepared, confident, and ready to excel academically.