

Dear High School Parents and Students,

We hope that this letter finds you and your families happy and healthy. We were all hoping that we would have a return to a normal school routine this year. However, given the announcement from the Ministry of Education that school closure has been extended until August, BIS has made further adjustments to BIS E- Learning program expectations to ensure continuity of learning.

If you decided that your child will continue with e-learning, then we would like to highlight the following information for your child to be **successful**.

### Online workload

- The focus of our e-learning will be on the core essential standards for each subject.
- Staff will remain flexible and accommodating.
- All work given will be intentional and of high quality.
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- Students who submit work late will not be penalized as long as it is submitted within a reasonable time frame.
- There will be no quizzes or tests.
- Virtual (live) lessons will be from Mondays to Thursdays, while small group lessons might take place on Sundays.
- Work will be posted on Sundays by 12:00 pm (noon) for parents and students to adequately plan and prepare for the upcoming week.
- Requests for individual academic support should be addressed directly with the relevant teacher.

### Grading

- For those students who participated from March 2, 2020 and stopped, or for students who have not
  participated but who wish to continue with e-learning, an opportunity to submit missing work will be
  offered from now until Tuesday, 14 April 2020.
- Teachers will identify essential assignments for students to submit.
- A list of missing work per grade/subject will be sent to parents/students.
- Grades for outstanding work to be submitted by 14 April will only reflect in PowerSchool during the week of 19 April, as we expect much work to be submitted.
- Please wait until the week of 19 April before contacting teachers about grades.

%	E-LEARNING CATEGORIES					
10%	Online attendance					
20%	Online participation					
35%	Submission of work					
10%	Written response to online					
	discussions					
15%	E-learning effort					
10%	Projects/Research					

<sup>&</sup>quot;Live" classes will be from Mondays to Thursdays. (Schedule attached)

## (40 minutes per session)

•	English / Math	3x week
•	Science, Arabic and Islamic/Qu'ran	2x week
•	Social Studies	1x week
•	PE / Art / IT	1x week

### Attendance:

- Attending the weekly live lessons is paramount to successful e-learning as new concepts will be introduced.
- Student attendance for live sessions will be recorded weekly.
- The school will follow up with students if there are patterns of irregular attendance or submission of work.

### **Assignments:**

•	English / Math	2 graded assignments per week
•	Science / SS	1 graded assignment per week
•	Specialists	1 graded assignment per week
•	Arabic and Islamic	1 graded assignment per week

To ensure quality online teaching, we kindly request your support as parents in the following matters:

- Please reinforce the online etiquette for attending live sessions. Respectful online behavior will ensure quality teaching during these sessions.
- Students who do not follow the online expectations for virtual lessons will be dismissed from the lesson.
- Please ensure that your child joins the online lessons on time.
- Set reminders for when your child's virtual lessons will be.
- For HS students, virtual lessons will be locked after 10 minutes to prevent anyone new from joining in order to ensure a productive lesson for those who joined on time.

Teachers will communicate directly with students through Google Classroom and/or PowerSchool regarding assignments, deadlines, and expectations. **Teachers will continue to hold office hours between 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Sunday-Thursday.** 

We believe it is in the best interest of our students to be engaged in continuing learning even though we are not physically on campus. All teachers are committed to the e-learning program and providing the best support possible.

The High School schedules for live Zoom classes are attached for each grade level.

We wish you and your families health and safety during this time.

Respectfully,

Crystal Minchew Kandas Botha

HS Coordinator Principal

# High School Student Live Zoom Session Schedule

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00-9:40	BIS Staff will be available during office hours, 9am- 2pm.	Math (Saada)	Math (Saada)	Independent Study	Math (Saada)
9:50-10:30		Arabic (Adnan)	Independent Study	Arabic (Adnan)	Independent Study
10:45-11:25		Islamic/Quran (Hussain)	Social Studies (Hala/Dana)	Art/IT (Hadeel/Jane)	Islamic/Quran (Hussain)
11:30-12:00		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:10-12:50		Independent Study	Science (Lauren)	Independent Study	Science (Lauren)
1:00-1:40		English (Dana)	English (Dana)	English (Dana)	PE

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00-9:40	BIS Staff will be available during office hours, 9am- 2pm.	Art/IT (Hadeel/Jane)	Science (Rosemary / Ingie)	Independent Study	Science (Rosemary / Ingie)
9:50-10:30		Islamic/Quran (Hussain)	Math (Lauren)	Math (Lauren)	Math (Lauren)
10:45-11:25		Independent Study	Social Studies (Jose)	Independent Study	Independent Study
11:30-12:00		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:10-12:50		English (Hala)	English (Hala)	English (Hala)	PE
1:00-1:40		Arabic (Afifi/Adnan)	Independent Study	Arabic (Afifi/Adnan)	Islamic/Quran (Hussain)

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9:00-9:40	BIS Staff will be available during office hours, 9am-2pm.	Islamic / Quran (Hussain)	Social Studies (Jose)	Independent Study	Independent Study
9:50-10:30		Math (Saada)	Math (Saada)	PE	Math (Saada)
10:45-11:25		Independent Study	Independent Study	Arabic (Afifi)	Arabic (Afifi)
11:30-12:00		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:10-12:50		English (Angelique)	English (Angelique)	Islamic / Quran (Hussain)	English (Angelique)
1:00-1:40		Independent Study	Science (Rosemary)	Art/IT (Hadeel/Jane)	Science (Rosemary)

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00-9:40	BIS Staff will be available during office hours, 9am- 2pm.	English (Adrienne)	English (Adrienne)	English (Adrienne)	Health and Fitness
9:50-10:30		Independent Study	Social Studies (Jose / Adrienne)	Islamic/Quran (Hussain)	Independent Study
10:45-11:25		Art/IT (Hadeel/Jane)	Science (Rosemary)	Independent Study	Science (Rosemary)
11:30-12:00		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:10-12:50		Arabic (Afifi)	Independent Study	Independent Study	Arabic (Afifi)
1:00-1:40		Islamic/Quran (Hussain)	Math (Lauren / Saada)	Math (Lauren / Saada)	Math (Lauren / Saada)