



A co-educational day school for pupils aged 3 – 18

September 13th 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome to a new academic year at EGIS. We have now completed the first week and it is lovely to see all the pupils back in school and keen to get into lessons. We are all hoping for a quite organised year with no disruption to the teaching and learning for your children. Can I please remind you that in the British system pupils should be in school for the whole academic year. The calendar dates are published well in advance to ensure you are able to avoid children having unnecessary days away from school. This is especially important as the education is progressive and builds on previous knowledge – where children miss their lessons it is difficult for the teacher to fill that gap. In the British system we do not teach directly from a textbook so children miss vital explanations when they are away from school.

We are delighted with the examination results for the senior pupils especially as there was significant disruption to teaching during the second term. The details are published on the website but the overall picture is as follows:-

IGCSE pass rate	100%
IGCSE A* - C pass rate	86%
IGCSE A*/A grade pass rate	41%

The overall picture for all IGCSE results worldwide was:-

IGCSE pass rate	92.7%
IGCSE A* - C pass rate	69.8%
IGCSE A*/A grade pass rate	23.2%

Outstanding Year 11 Students – Leena Othman 3A*; 5As and Sandra Ramzy 1A*; 5 As; 2Bs

In addition congratulations go to Y10 students who achieved the following results –
Yousra Alashmawi Spanish A* (full marks in all papers) Arabic grade A; Oliver Fritz Mathematics grade A; Hakim Aly French grade A*; Alia Eteiba French grade A; Brian Muhlematter grade A.
Fanta Keyta (Y9) French grade A*.

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At A level the students achieved 100% pass rate and our congratulations go to the students who have been accepted into universities this year which include Glasgow University UK (Economics); Lancaster University UK (Particle Physics) and Sabanci Turkey (Science and Engineering). At AS level we had a 94% pass rate with students being offered places at both the American University in Cairo and the British University in Cairo.

We are always looking to improve the facilities for the pupils – as promised last year a new shaded area will be constructed over the next two weekends near the school hall. It was suggested that in order to provide more facilities for the pupils we would move away from the PTA and form a group to be called 'The Friends of EGIS'. This will assist the school in raising money for specific projects. The pupils have a 'Student Council' and through this there will be many suggestions of facilities the children would like. These will be considered by the staff and then we will come to the parents to support in the raising of funds for a specified project.

We will be holding two meetings in the next two weeks for parents of senior and primary pupils. There will also be the opportunity to meet the class teacher or pastoral tutor and elect the class rep for this academic year. We have decided to split the meetings as we want to do a presentation to each group about the British education system and the teaching methodology and philosophy behind it and also to focus in the primary meeting on the teaching of reading. In the senior meeting we will be looking at IGCSE and A level examinations as well as the changes in requirement for entry into universities such as the BUE and AUC. The dates are stated below:-

- Tuesday September 20th 18.30 Primary Parents Information Meeting + Class rep Elections
- Monday September 26th 18.30 Senior Parents Information Meeting + Class rep Elections
- Wednesday October 5th 9.30 Primary Class Reps Meeting
- Wednesday October 12th 9.30 Senior Class Reps Meeting

Fees

There are still a large number of parents who have not paid the 10,000LE required for their children to return to school. We are still awaiting the stamping of the International fees from the Education Ministry in Cairo and as soon as they have been approved they will be posted on the website and parents will be informed. Where parents have outstanding fees from last year they have received a letter informing them to keep their children at home until the debt is cleared. Some parents have paid the 10,000LE but they had outstanding fees from last year so this money has been credited against that outstanding balance – as a result they still owe the 10,000LE for this year.

Teachers

All our new teachers have settled in well to school and they are all making an excellent contribution to school life. As you are aware two new teachers let us down at the very last minute and we are

now working to recruit a new teacher for Y6 and an Economics and Business Studies teacher – as soon as we have any news we will let you know.

If I could also remind you that if you wish to see a member of staff you need to make an appointment in advance – please do not just arrive at school and expect to see a teacher. Their priority is to teach your children and the preparation of resources as well as the assessment of your children's work. We are happy to see anyone who has a concern but you need to contact us in advance of your arrival.

May I please remind you that:-

- School begins at 08.00 a.m. prompt and finishes at 15.00
- School uniform as laid out on the website and in the log book is compulsory; as is the need for PE kit so pupils can take part in active PE sessions and put their uniform back on to go back to lessons. The children are looking very smart this year however there are still a number of pupils wearing items of clothing that are not regulation uniform.
- Pupils should be in school for the whole of each term and not disappear before the stated end of term dates.
- If your child is absent because of sickness please inform the school before 08.30am.

Please continue to look at the website to see the updated calendar; the new extra-curricular programme running this term and any school news or events. I look forward to seeing many at the forthcoming meetings.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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