

HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final edition of the school newsletter for the 2010-2011 school year.

As this academic year draws to a close I would like to thank all the students, teachers and parents for a very successful school year. Together we have worked very well, produced so much fantastic work and participated in a wide range of wonderful events and activities.

It is with a little sadness that we are saying 'farewell' this summer to our NIS principal Mr. Shivakumar Naicker. Our own Shiva Sir has worked tirelessly with all our school community of students, parents, teachers and school management to build Nelson's International School into a well-known and respected educational institution in Ahmedabad over the past few years. With his dedicated leadership and guidance

our students continue to succeed and enjoy their education within the NIS community. We wish Shiva Sir and his family all the very best and good luck for the future.

To continue the good work of our school we have hired Ms. Parul Bhasoriya as our new principal for the new academic year beginning in June.

Ms. Bhasoriya brings with her a wide range of skills, knowledge and 12 years of excellent experience including Cambridge education in a number of reputed schools. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a warm welcome to our school and the NIS community.

It is a little difficult when the principal of a school changes, but to ease the handover of responsibilities and make a smooth transition, Ms. Bhasoriya has been in and around the building this past week to get to know the

school, its staff and the various procedures and workings of NIS.

We look forward to welcoming you all back at school, safe and sound at the beginning of the new school year in June!

The school office will be open during the summer vacation on reduced hours from 08:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday through Saturday.

As always, if you have any questions or comments on any school developments or other school issues—please do not hesitate to contact us at any time through the school office.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer holiday!

Warmest regards,

*Ian Scott
Head of
School*



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Special points of interest:

- School begins after summer holidays - Mon 6 June (*Nursery students*)
- School begins after summer holidays - Mon 13 June (*KG1 to 10th Std*)
- Please note that from Mon 6 - Sat 11 June is teacher training and preparation week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this edition of the NIS newsletter. First of all I would like to thank all teachers and staff for all the efforts and work that you put for the successful completion of this academic year. Let this be continued for upcoming years.

Dear students wish you all the best for IGCSE Hindi exams which you are going to face in

the next few days.

It has been a pleasurable learning experience working as a part of Nelson's School and I wish nothing but success for Nelson's School. Thanks to teachers, staff, students and par-

ents for their kind support and cooperation during these past years. I expect from you all the same support for our new principal, Ms Parul Bhasoriya. It is really very hard to part from

you all as meetings and partings is a part of life.

Dear Students, wish you all a very good future.

Miss you all!

No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the relationship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth.

Goodbye...

*Shivakumar Naicker
Principal*



Principal's Desk

WELCOME FROM OUR NEW NIS PRINCIPAL

It is an honour and a privilege to be the new principal of NIS, the school that stands for excellence. I am glad to share my 12 years of experience in the education field, with NIS.



I strongly believe that a joint venture of parents and teachers helps in shap-

ing the child's future, his development and enhances his intellect. A child nurtured under such successful parents and teachers bestows the best in him.

Learning is a process. If the process is right, the results will follow. I invite you to be partners in this

process and I am looking forward to your cooperation.

I assure you that my door will always be open to the students and their parents for any suggestion or guidance.

I am looking forward to your cooperation.

Parul Bhasoriya
Principal

SUMMER ACTIVITIES/VACATION STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

French

As our students study French - many parents have been asking for good resources, including how to pronounce the French words. One such resource can be found at:

<http://www.digitaldialects.com>

This website offers some good revision of basic French words, vocabulary as well as some games. The website includes audio so you can also listen to the correct pronunciation.

Hindi

As for French, the website:

<http://www.digitaldialects.com>

- also offers a selection of activities, word/vocabulary practice in Hindi. It is possible to listen to the pronunciation so you can hear how the words should sound.

Sidewalk Chalk

Children can continue their practice of basic numbers and letters (alphabet) by drawing and colouring with chalk on any

open areas and paths around the house (and it is washable!) Children can also create 'hopscotch' patterns.

Bubble-mania

To make a bubble mixture, mix 1/4 cup of dishwashing liquid with 2 cups of water plus 1 teaspoon of sugar. Pour the mixture into a shallow bowl or pan. You can use a plastic cup with the bottom removed, or a plastic ring to have a bubble-blowing or bubble-making contest!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR/DIARY

May 2011

Mon 9: Last day of school for teachers

June 2011

Mon 6: First day of school for teachers

Mon 6: First day of school for nursery students

Mon 6 - Sat 11: Teacher training, orientation & preparation week (*No school for students*)

Mon 13: First day of school for students (*KG1-10th Std*)

August 2011

Thurs 11: IGCSE Hindi results released (*May/June 2010 session*)

Sat 13: Raksha Bandhan

Mon 15: Independence Day

Tues 16: IGCSE mock examinations begin (*for Oct/Nov final exam session*)



September 2011

Sat 10: Grandparents' Day

October 2011

Sun 2: Gandhi Jayanti

Tues 25: IGCSE 10th Std final exams begin (*Env Management, morning session*)

Wed 26: Diwali

November 2011

Mon 14: Children's Day

Fri 18: IGCSE 10th Std final exams finish (*Biology, afternoon session*)

December 2011

Sun 25 - Sun 1 January 2012: Winter holiday (*No school*)

January 2012

Mon 2: School re-opens

Sat 14: Uttarayan

Mon 23: IGCSE (Oct/Nov 2011) exam results released

Thurs 26: Republic Day

IGCSE STUDYING, REVISION HINTS AND TIPS

With the summer holidays here, it is difficult sometimes to focus on studies and reading books only for revision.

There are many good online revision sites available to help with studying, especially for IGCSE subjects. Students in 10th Standard should continue to revise during the summer as they work towards their mock exams which will begin around the middle of August.

One useful site is 'S-cool' (<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse>). This site is designed for GCSE but has a lot of useful material as well as quizzes and practice questions.

Another great site is BBC GCSE Bitesize (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize>). This site has many good revision points and questions which students can use to practice.

Finally, CambridgeStudents website (<http://www.cambridgestudents.org.uk>) is a site set up by CIE with a good range of checklists and other valuable points.

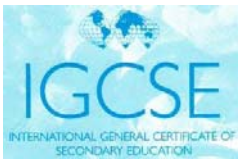
The final October/November 2011 IGCSE exam schedule for 10th Standard students is now available - the first exam will take place on Tuesday 25th October. Full details of all these exams will be distributed when

school resumes in the new academic year in June.

Finally, we wish all the IGCSE 10th Standard students sitting for their final IGCSE Hindi exams this May good wishes and all the very best of luck!

Exam results of this May's Hindi IGCSE exam will be released by CIE on Thursday 11th August.

CAMBRIDGE IGCSE RESULTS



As all the November 2010 IGCSE results are released and students receive their final certificates, CIE

publishes the worldwide statistical figures for all the IGCSE subjects.

At NIS we always look to these statistics to see how we performed as an accredited Cambridge exam centre with the worldwide standards.

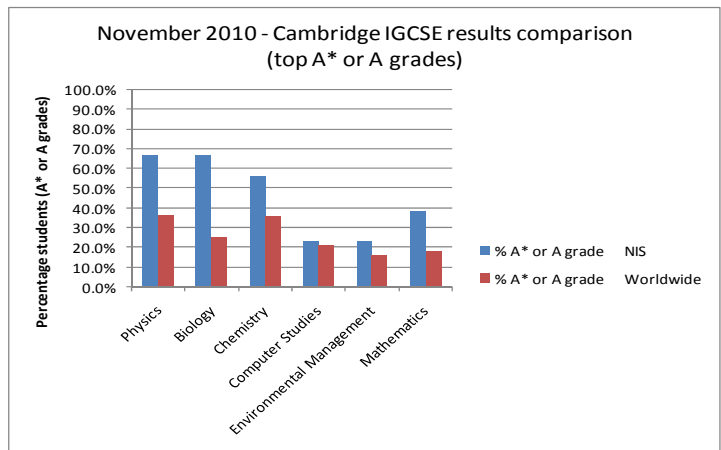
Examining the latest batch of results from 10th Std students, it is very heartening to see 100% of our students scoring in the 'main bands' of A* to E grades. These passes cover the main extended, or more difficult grades to achieve.

Breaking the results down further, it is even more gratifying to see that we have many students doing extremely well and scoring

the top two grades of A* or A compared with the worldwide standards.

It is surely a tribute to the hard work and dedication of students and teachers working so well together that we can achieve what are a fantastic set of results!

We hope to build on these great results with the current 10th Std and we would encourage them to maintain their studies over the summer vacation as they begin their final preparations, begin some revision



and organize themselves for the final examinations beginning in October of this year.

PUZZLE CORNER... SOLUTIONS FROM LAST ISSUE

1. Three people try to crowd under one small umbrella, but nobody gets wet.

How is this possible?

- it is not raining!

2. You are a bus driver. At the first stop of the day, eight people get on board. At the second stop, four get off, and eleven get on. At the third stop, two get off, and six get on. At the fourth stop, thirteen get off, and one gets on. At the fifth stop, five get off, and three get on. At the sixth stop, three get off, and two get on.

What color are the bus driver's eyes?

- YOU are the bus driver!

Sudoku solution:

5	9	2	6	1	4	3	8	7
8	7	6	5	9	3	2	1	4
1	3	4	7	8	2	9	6	5
7	5	9	8	3	1	4	2	6
2	4	8	9	5	6	1	7	3
6	1	3	4	2	7	8	5	9
3	8	7	1	4	5	6	9	2
4	6	1	2	7	9	5	3	8
9	2	5	3	6	8	7	4	1

For 'How can this be true' tricky triangles puzzle - solutions can be found on the web at:

<http://www.moillusions.com/2006/03/possible-triangle-illusion-no2.html>

http://joe-ks.com/archives_feb2005/HowCanThisBeTrueAnswer.htm

The large triangle is not an 'exact' triangle. Moving the smaller triangles around changes the slope of the larger single shape slightly.

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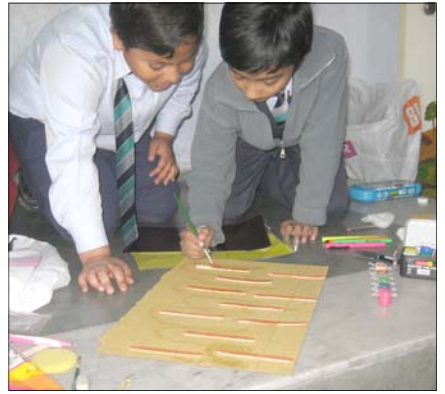
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TEACHER/TEACHING ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES

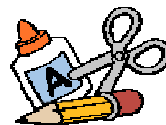
If you are interested in working as a teaching assistant (TA) at Nelson's International School, or as a teacher—please contact the school office directly with your bio-data.



If you know of anyone interested in becoming a teach-

ing assistant or teacher—please also pass this information along to them.

We are particularly keen to find people with a good level of understanding of English who enjoy working with children.



There may be the possibility of gaining a teaching qualification through working at Nelson's International School and studying with us for the Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers.

PUZZLE CORNER...

Our 'puzzle corner' will return in the first

edition of the new school year in June!