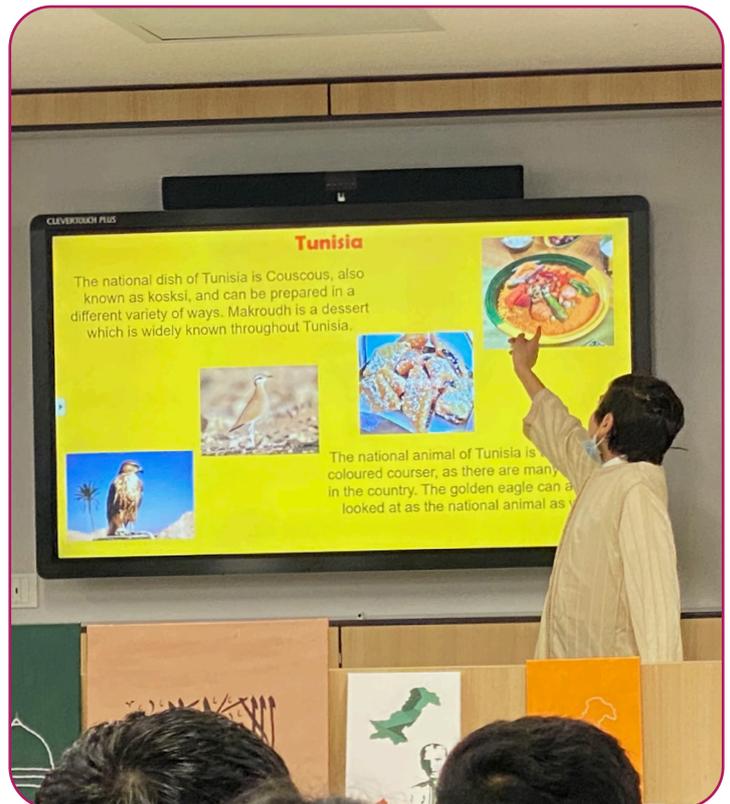


De Salis Day of Culture

On Monday 13th December, De Salis held its annual Day of Culture. The students celebrated and explored a myriad of cultures represented in the De Salis family. The assembly was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn from their peers as well as to interact and see visual representation of each culture at De Salis. The presentation was interactive, asking the audience to guess which country was next via a pin on a map. Students indulged in the challenge and even volunteered to be dressed in a fellow classmate's cultural wear in a bid to represent cultural equality and diversity.





MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We would like to wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please access our Christmas letter via (<http://bit.do/trhat-christmasletter21-ds>)

Academic Tutoring

Academic Tutoring appointments are currently being organised for students in Post 16 on Tuesday 4th and for Key Stage 4 on Wednesday 5th January. A separate communication to confirm these appointments will be sent out to parents, guardians and carers in due course.

Start of Term

College commences for the Spring Term on Thursday 6th January 2022. Lateral Flow Testing will be carried out on the first day of term, therefore, the College will operate a staggered start as follows:

Year 11 - 9:00am

Year 10 - 10:00am

Year 9 - 11:30am

Post 16 - 12:30pm

Lessons will begin promptly after, so please ensure that your child arrives on time in full college uniform. It is extremely important that every student makes a positive start to the new term.

Update on Face Masks

We have reviewed the current circumstances regarding face masks in line with the recent government guidelines and will be proceeding with the approach informed by the government and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The health and safety of our students and staff are of paramount importance. Thus, we would like to reiterate the importance of all students being highly recommended to wear face masks in all communal areas of the College campus as well as on public transport and the minibuses. This measure has been implemented to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission and will provide yet another layer of reassurance to students, families and staff, and build on the stringent measures already implemented around the site. Further information can be found on the letter that was distributed in November or via (<https://bit.ly/2ZDHCWx>). **Please note that face coverings do not replace social distancing or hand washing, however, combining these measures gives us the best chance of preventing COVID-19. Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated.**

Adolescent Development Services

- Targeted Winter Offer

Adolescent Development Services continues to provide support, advice and interventions for children and young people who live, learn or earn in Hillingdon. Across the Christmas Holiday period, children and young people will have the opportunity to maximise the programme's targeted winter offer **#DoSomethingThisHoliday** through a selection of positive, fun, free online and IRL (in real life) activities designed to engage, entertain and educate. The sessions and workshops are provided on a referral basis and will run from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd December and Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st December with a plethora of activities from games and sports, crafts, quizzes, to a thrilling online escape room! Please visit (<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/targeted-programmes>) for more information.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 3rd January 2022</i>
MENU 4	

THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Mexican Chilli Mince Wraps	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Cheese and Onion Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Peas and White Cabbage	
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Cakes with Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers with Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Roast Carrots and Cauliflower	
Dessert Choice	Custard Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day, Homemade Soup of the Day and Baked Jacket Potato with Filling, are available daily</i>		

Keeping Children Safe – Christmas Facebook Live

Online Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at college. In an ever-changing world, ensuring students' safety online has never been more important.

As we continue to promote positive use of technology to ensure the safety of all our students, they need strict guidance to positively and safely access information on the internet, communicate via social networks, use applications and play games.

On Monday 20th December at 7:00pm, The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) DigiSafe will be hosting a Facebook Live Question and Answer drop-in for all parents, guardians and carers whose children have access to any internet-enabled devices via @LGfLDigiSafe. Special guests and leading experts including Common Sense Media will attend to share advice on applications, games and the latest trends. There will also be a discussion about various topics including bullying, relationships and criminal/sexual exploitation. Sign up now at (facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe/posts) to confirm your attendance.

Quote of the Week

"Our real blessings often appear to us in the shape of pains, losses and disappointments; but let us have patience and we soon shall see them in their proper figures." - Joseph Addison



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JANUARY		
Tuesday 4th	1:30 to 6:00pm	Parent Consultation - Post 16
Wednesday 5th	1:30 to 6:00pm	Parent Consultation - Key Stage 4
Thursday 6th	Staggered Start	Start of Term