

26 June 2024

Dear New Students and Parents,

It is a pleasure to warmly welcome you, and your family to our school community, and we are excited about your child beginning their Discovery College (DC) journey. We hope you have a safe and lovely summer break.

Below are some details for two key days at the start of term – **Friday, 9 August 2024 (Induction for all new Secondary admissions)** and **Wednesday, 14 August, 2024 (first day of term for all DC students)**.

Laptop Configuration Schedule: August 5-8

The ICT (Information and Communications Technology) office will be open from August 5th to 8th for configuration.

If your child is bringing a personal laptop to use at school, and you did not purchase it through our recommended vendor, please bring it to the reception at 9:30 am during the period of August 5th to 8th.

The ICT Manager, Mr. Lui, will be available to collect your laptop and configure it for use on the Discovery College network. Your laptop will be ready for you to collect from the ICT office at 10:30 am on Friday, August 9th.

For parents who purchased laptops through our vendor, you can collect the new laptops from the ICT office between 10:30 am - 1:00 pm on Friday, August 9th.

Should you have any questions, please contact the ICT office at ict@dc.edu.hk.

Friday, 9 August - Induction for new admissions

On this day, we will give our newly-admitted students some information and resources they will need for being successful at Discovery College. The schedule is as follows:

11:00 am All newly-admitted Secondary students congregate in the Ground Floor Primary Gym; (signage and staff/student guides will direct you from the school entrance). You will be asked to sit in your year level groups.

11:00 – 11.10 am Welcome from the Principal, Mr James Smith and the Interim Head of Secondary, Mr Jonny Tate.

11.15 – 12:00 pm Meeting with Year level Deans and student tour guides; Photographs for School ID taken (Ground Floor Primary Gym).



12:00 – 1:00 pm (at the latest) Language Acquisition (Chinese) Written Test and short discussion (Level 2 C classrooms). There is no test for any student admitted to the Spanish programme. The test itself takes between 5-10 minutes (for a non-native speaker) and up to 30 minutes (for a native speaker), and no study is required prior. This is to place your child in the correct phase.

Students will depart from the school's main entrance – parents are welcome to wait in the main entrance/foyer, from 12:10 pm if picking your child up.

Students joining DC in Years 7 - 11 should, if possible, bring or wear a DC uniform shirt for the Student ID/Photograph Session. Otherwise, your child can wear smart/casual clothes. Students should also bring with them some basic stationery (at minimum, a pen) for the Language Acquisition session, and a school bag into which their new laptop can be placed if you have ordered it from the school.

Parents are not required to attend the various sessions, which are designed specifically for a student audience. The only option to purchase new uniforms is through the online website. (schooluniform.hk).

Wednesday, 14 August - First day of Term

This day runs largely as a normal school day, and students will be briefed during their induction day about what to expect. Main details:

- Newly-admitted Secondary Students should arrive and be in the Primary Gym (signage will be available) at 8.00am, to be met by their Deans and student buddies. Escorted up to the Gymnasium to sit in their Learning Teams.
- The morning will consist of assemblies and working with the Learning Team. Regular lessons will then occur.
- Students will be issued with their pre-purchased notebook packs during the Learning time.
- The school day ends 'as normal' at 3.30pm.
- Students will wear full school uniforms from this day onwards.

We hope these details are helpful and if you have any further enquiries about what is happening on these days, please do get in touch with the Admissions Manager, Ms Lorena Heath, via heathi2@dc.edu.hk from 9 August 2024.

We look forward to welcoming all our new students in person.

Best wishes,

Jonny Tate
Interim Head of Secondary

Annette Garnett
Deputy Head of Secondary