



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL

DISTANCE COLLEGE

OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

ACADEMIC MATTERS:

Foundation Exams

If you have chosen to write the College exams please note that these will be sent to you via email. The College Checkpoint exams are the Math, English and Combined Science exams.

Please ensure that College Checkpoint scripts are returned to BIDC by Monday the 8th of November, and the remaining subjects by Wednesday the 1st of December. Kindly fax (086 602 9799), e-mail (academicmanager@bidc.co.za) or hand deliver the scripts to our offices and address them to: GERRIT BLOM

Cambridge Exams

All students are wished a calm and productive period of preparation for their final exams of 2010. Cambridge exams entries are now closed. No entries or amendment to entries will be accepted by Cambridge. Withdrawals are permitted if the Exams Office is informed in writing. Students entered for Cambridge exams have been notified by Cambridge of their examination timetable in the form of a **Statement of Entry**.

All Exams

During examinations students must have their student cards with them. They are not allowed to have cell phones, iPods or any other electronic equipment in the examination venue, even if they are switched off.

Students are advised to be at the examination venue at least 15 minutes before the start of an examination.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION AS WELL AS THE VENUE:

Students registered to write at

Bryanston, Swellendam, Bloemfontein, Durban, Pretoria, Nelspruit, Vaalpark, Piet Retief, East London and Kimberley:

CIE has enforced a new regulation with effect from the 2010 examination sessions. All candidates sitting examinations are required to be retained in supervised isolation until set times of the day, referred to by CIE as Keytimes.

Candidates will be required therefore to be retained in isolation in the morning session until 11:00 am. To somewhat assist with this requirement, all our examinations will commence at 9:30 am to minimise possible time in isolation. Afternoon papers will commence at 1:30pm and candidates will be required to be in isolation until 3:00pm.

Candidates will be allowed to study, read and talk to one another while in supervised isolation.

You will be required to hand in cell phones, iPods and any other electronic equipment prior to the exam and will not get them back until Keytime expires, so it is advised that you leave these at home.

Students registered to write at

Pietermaritzburg:

CIE has enforced a new regulation with effect from the 2010 examination sessions. All candidates sitting examinations are required to be retained in supervised isolation until set times of the day, referred to by CIE as Keytimes.

Candidates will be required, therefore to be retained in isolation in the morning session until 11:00 am. To somewhat assist with this requirement, all examinations at the Pietermaritzburg venue will commence at 10:00 am to minimise possible time in isolation. Afternoon papers will commence at 3:00pm. Please note that you will be required to report to the exam venue at **9:00 am for the Practical examinations.**

Candidates will be allowed to study, read and talk to one another while in supervised isolation.

You will be required to hand in cell phones, iPods and any other electronic equipment prior to the exam and will not get them back until Keytime expires, so it is advised that you leave these at home.

Students registered to write at

Cape Town:

CIE has enforced a new regulation with effect from the 2010 examination sessions. All candidates sitting examinations are required to be retained in supervised isolation until set times of the day, referred to by CIE as Keytimes.

Candidates will be required therefore to be retained in isolation in the morning session until 11:00 am. To somewhat assist with this requirement, all examinations at our Cape Town Sub Centre will commence at 10:10 am to minimise possible time in isolation. (Candidates are required to be seated by 10:00am) Afternoon papers will commence at 15:00pm (Candidates will be required to be seated by 14:50), unless otherwise indicated on the timetable that was emailed along with the letter from the attached centre.

Candidates will be allowed to study, read and talk to one another while in supervise isolation.

You will be required to hand in cell phones, iPods and any other electronic equipment prior to the exam and will not get them back until Keytime expires, so it is advised that you leave these at home.

Students registered to write at

Knysna:

CIE has enforced a new regulation with effect from the 2010 examination sessions. All candidates sitting examinations are required to be retained in supervised isolation for a minimum of 1 hour 30 minutes from the start of the examination, referred to by CIE as Keytimes.

Candidates will be required therefore to be retained in isolation in the morning session until 11:00 am to minimise possible time in isolation. To somewhat assist with this requirement, all our examinations will commence at 8:30 am. Afternoon papers will commence at 1:00pm and candidates will be required to be in isolation until 3:00pm.

Candidates will be allowed to study, read and talk to one another after the exam, during this time.

You will be required to hand in cell phones, iPods and any other electronic equipment prior to the exam and will not get them back until Keytime expires, so it is advised that you leave these at home.

Student cards

Students are urgently reminded that they must have a valid student card in order to sit their exams. Cambridge does NOT permit students to write these exams without their cards. A photograph is needed for the card. These can be taken by the Reception staff. If you are writing at an alternative venue, contact your student advisor for assistance.

OTHER MATTERS:

College cell phones

Please store the following two cell phone numbers in your cell phones, so that you know that it is the College calling you.

- 082 332 7260
- 082 827 75 99
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Book Fair

The second hand BOOK FAIR will be held on Thursday, 26th November, 2010 from 11h00 to 15h00 at the College.

ACTIVITY REPORT:

Tutorials

We hosted tutorials from the 13th to the 24th of September. We trust that all students who attended found the tutorials beneficial as well as motivating. It was a wonderful opportunity for Tutors and students to put faces to names as well as interact with one another. We would like to thank students for their participation.

Formal Dinner

The formal dinner was hosted on the 15th of September at Rodizio, numerous students attended and a good time was had by all. Photos will be available shortly on the Facebook page. We would like to thank all the students who attended and made the night enjoyable.

New Registrations

2011 Registrations have commenced and numbers are increasing rapidly. We would like to remind you of the Early Bird special which is available until 31 October. Contact your Student Advisor for additional information.

Student Advisors work according to surnames, below is the allocation of you Student Advisor and their contact details:

Marise- **A,B,C,D,N,O,P,Q,V,W,X,Y,Z** – studentadvisor2@bidc.co.ca

Dan – **E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,T,U** – studentadvisor1@bidc.co.za

Gerrit – **R, S** – academicmanager@bidc.co.za



As this is the final Newsletter of 2010, we wish all our students and their families' happy and safe holidays.

