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## ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### ***ISG Initiates Application Process for Possible IB Programme***

International Schools Group is proud to announce the unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees in January 2010 to seek applicant status for the possible implementation of an IB Programme. The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) application and approval process has a 1 ½ year timeline. If approved by IBO, the ***Dhahran Baccalaureate Centre*** will offer the first IB classes beginning in fall of 2011. Deputy Headteacher of Dhahran British Grammar School (DBGS), **John Power**, has been appointed Interim IB Coordinator for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

ISG has appointed **Erin Rutherford** and **Elizabeth Vallejo** to serve as IB Co-Coordinators beginning in August 2010. The decision to appoint Co-Coordinators draws upon their distinct leadership skills and in-depth IB programme knowledge as current staff members for DBGS and Dhahran High School (DHS) respectively. This shared leadership approach aims to establish a foundation for collaboration and clear communication between DBGS and DHS and their respective stakeholders.

An IB Diploma is a rigorous college preparatory curriculum accepted at universities globally. Once the IB Programme is approved, our students will have the opportunity to select from a wide variety of IB and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, gaining greater flexibility to meet their individual academic goals.

The move to establish an IB Programme is in direct response to stakeholder needs as designated by macro-analysis for DBGS, DHS and ISG Jubail. Survey participants expressed the desire to help our students remain in the Kingdom as they prepare for university through ISG’s rigorous and world-class educational programmes.

ISG will provide updates to parents, students, and staff as we continue the application and planning process. In anticipation of a positive response from the IBO, we look forward to working in partnership to realize the creation of the ***Dhahran Baccalaureate Centre***.