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NUFYP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program

STUDENT REMINDERS

SPRAVKAS

This week we would like to wish everyone continued health, but also to remind you what you need to do if you do become ill this semester and have to visit the doctor.

Please see the second file attached to this email for a reminder about the process for obtaining and submitting a spravka.

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

WEEK 5

February 8th, Monday

EAP Zoom: Regular tutorials

Math Deadline by 9:00 am

Homework

Business Plan Part I

February 9th, Tuesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW1: Reading Skills 5- Review

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW2: Improving Cohesion: Reference Words

February 10th, Wednesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: LS1: Listening and Speaking- Organization

Math Exam at 3:00

February 11th, Thursday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW3: Synthesis Review

EAP Zoom: RW4: Recap and Questions

February 12th, Friday

EAP: Regular tutorials

PDM: Week 5: Your Strengths, Values, and Interests

Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor.

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 5

Welcome to your weekly reminder of ALC activities.

There are no new activities this week but there are still plenty of activities to get involved with.

The details are below.

I hope you can find something to excite your imagination as well as give you a chance to improve your professional skills.

John Seely
ALC Manager

Personal Consultations

Personal Consultations are available from 9am–7pm Monday to Friday.
Sign up on Moodle from this [link](#).

1. Choose a free time that is convenient.
2. Add a comment if you wish. **You may now also upload a file.**
3. The tutor will email you a Zoom invitation just before your meeting.
4. **Because we had problems with late bookings not always registering in time for Zoom invitation to be sent, we have imposed a 30 minute “moat”. This means you will be unable to make or amend a booking later than 30 minutes before a session begins. This should reduce the likelihood of you not receiving a Zoom invitation.**
5. The system will email you a reminder on the morning of your booking.

Please cancel your booking if you change your mind or cannot attend.

This means someone else can attend and means you can make another booking that same week.

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Current Affairs Circle Mark Houghtaling	Mon 17:00		This week we will discuss: Enthusiasm over COVID-19 vaccines tempered by talk of protectionism and hoarding. The related news article is here .
Debate Forum Huw Cumming	Tues 12:30		The next topic for this semester is The Internet is a beneficial environment. Come along and argue your point of view.
Literature & Spoken Word Claudia Kiburz	Tues 17:00		The poem for February 10th is: On Children & Defeat By Khalil Gibran "Khalil Gibran was a Lebanese artist, poet, and writer. Gibran is the third best-selling poet of all time, behind Shakespeare and Lao-Tzu. His best-known work, The Prophet (1923), has been translated into more than forty languages."
Talking about Films What are YOU watching? James Arthurs	Wed 17:00		Next Week we will use clips from recent films and documentaries to allow you to develop your confidence in discussion in a range of topics beyond your current academic tasks. We will spend some time building up the skills which will be assessed in the Viva: how to make clear and confident responses to questions about challenging topics. You are welcome to propose a particular film or genre for consideration by the group.
Discussion Circle Andrew Fox	Thurs 12:00		This week, our topic is: 'Can we trust Science?
Travel Circle Natasha Sinclair	Thurs 17:00		In Week 5, take your chance on the wheel of travel! Curious? Come along and see.

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Mon 18:00	Advanced Research Skills	This week in Advanced Research Skills you will learn about managing source lists, emailing, and printing summaries. There is also a dedicated Moodle page for this course.	Anne Stander
Tues 18:00	Drama Workshops	Introduction to Drama: Working with Texts In this week's workshop you will analyze dramatic texts and perform them in class. This will enhance your language skills and build up confidence.	Lala Movsesian
Wed 18:00	Academic Communication - Writing Effective Emails	This week in Academic Communication we look at writing persuasive emails.	Dinara Seitova
Thurs 18:00	Paraphrasing & Summarising Workshops	Lesson 3 Introduction to successful summarizing and practice. The focus will be on condensing source material into a short summary. Integration of paraphrasing and summarizing.	Alisa Neufeldt
Fri 18:00	Critical Thinking and the Philosophy of Science	Week 4 continues our exploration of science method and critical thinking.	Phillip Bell

Links for materials can be found here or on the ALC Moodle page.

- [On Children & Defeat By Khalil Gibran](#)
- Enthusiasm over COVID-19 vaccines tempered by talk of protectionism and hoarding. The related news article is [here](#).
- There is also a dedicated Moodle page for [Advanced Research Skills](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

WEEK 5: FEBRUARY 8TH - 12TH

BUSINESS: BUSINESS PLAN PART 1

FEBRUARY 10TH, WEDNESDAY AT 3:00 PM

Math Exam

WEEK 6: FEBRUARY 15TH - 19TH

FEBRUARY 15TH, MONDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 2 Due

WEEK 7: FEBRUARY 22ND - 26TH

FEBRUARY 24TH, WEDNESDAY AT 3:00 PM

Chemistry Mid-Term Test

FEBRUARY 24TH, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: Research Project First Draft Due

MARCH

WEEK 8: MARCH 1ST - 5TH

BIOLOGY: MIDTERM EXAM

MARCH 3RD, WEDNESDAY

Physics Midterm

MARCH 3RD, WEDNESDAY

Geology: Essay Outline (Online)

WEEK 9: MARCH 8TH - 12TH

MARCH 8TH, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: International Woman's Day

Business: Business Plan Part II

Humanities: Mid-Term Exam

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 10: MARCH 15TH - 19TH

MARCH 17TH, WEDNESDAY

Math Exam

MARCH 19TH, FRIDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 3 Due, Physics Video Project Due

SPRING BREAK: MARCH 22ND - 26TH

WEEK 11: MARCH 29TH - APRIL 2ND

MARCH 31ST, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: Research Project Final Draft Due

APRIL

WEEK 12: APRIL 5TH - 9TH

APRIL 7TH, WEDNESDAY

Geography: Essay (Online)

WEEK 13: APRIL 12TH - 16TH

CHEMISTRY: TEAM PROJECT DURING SEMINARS

APRIL 12TH, MONDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 4 Due

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 14: APRIL 19TH - 23RD

EAP: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT VIVA

BIOLOGY: POSTER DURING SEMINARS

BUSINESS: BUSINESS PLAN PART III

WEEK 15: APRIL 26TH - 30TH

EAP: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT VIVA

BUSINESS: PROJECT PRESENTATION

MAY

MAY 3RD, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: Kazakhstan People's Unity Day Observed

**MAY 4TH - 12TH
FINAL EXAMS**

MAY 7TH, FRIDAY

Defender of the Fatherland Day

MAY 10TH, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: Victory Day