

# SRI LANKAN SCHOOL – MUSCAT

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNIQUE 10 – (2013/2014)

### ICT TEACHING PROGRAMME

I am pleased to inform the parents that NCC Education has introduced a new, improved teaching programme in ICT. The Board of Directors in consultation with the Academic Advisory Council and the Parents' Committee, decided to introduce the **Digi Suite** of ICT Teaching in Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 with effect from the Academic Year 2014/2015.

This programme is developed and delivered by NCC Education, United Kingdom and regulated by Ofqual (Office of Qualifications and Examination Regulation)

**NCC Education** ([www.nccedu.com](http://www.nccedu.com)) is a UK awarding body, active in the UK and internationally. NCC started offering IT qualifications in 1976 and is considered to be one of the largest ICT teaching organisations in the world.

**Ofqual** is the statutory **education authority** in UK ([www.ofqual.gov.uk](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk)), which is the highest body that regulates all aspects of the **English National Curriculum (ENC)**.

The courses are newly designed by NCC, to cater to the vast changes that were introduced in the English National Curriculum in ICT by Ofqual in September 2012. Interested parents may search for 'Changes to the National Framework' on the internet. The Digi Suite consists of three stages:

Digi **Explorers** for KS 1

Digi **Navigators** for KS 2

Digi **Trail Blazers** for KS 3

A presenter from NCC - UK visited the school and conducted an impressive presentation for the Board of Directors, Academic Advisory Council, Parent's Committee and staff. The course promises to be very interesting and modern in its approach with a vast online resource base available to the teachers and students. Parents are requested to visit the NCC website and acquaint themselves with the Digi Suite.

At the end of each Digi Course, final answer scripts of students will be sent to NCC -UK for external paper marking, like in the case of Edexcel Examinations. Students studying the course, will receive authentic NCC certificates at the conclusion of each Key Stage. NCC certificates are highly recognised internationally and the new Digi certificates too, are expected to gain the same prestige and recognition.

The Board of Directors is studying the overall cost of the programme, before deciding on the amount to be charged from the parents, for ICT education of their children. However, I am pleased to inform you at this stage, that it is expected to be very much less than what the school has been charging for this service at all three Key Stages.

*Somabandhu Kodikara* - Principal

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