



The Kuala Lumpur 24 Hour Race at IGBIS

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, 21st November 2015**  
Open Day, 10.00am - 1.00pm

**Wednesday, 25th November 2015**  
A Morning of Mathematics, 8.00am - 9.00am

**Tuesday, 1st December 2015**  
MYP Assesment Workshop, 8.15am - 9.15am

**Wednesday, 9th December 2015**  
Christmas Assembly

**Thursday, 10th December 2015**  
Final Day of School

**Friday, 11th December 2015**  
Public Holiday - Sultan Selangor's Birthday

## Message from Head of School

**Mrs. Anne Fowles**  
*Head of School*



Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,



The Kuala Lumpur 24 Hour Race to Stop Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery that took place at IGBIS over last weekend was an amazing example of a youth-led organization really making a difference in the world today. I am sure that all of the students that took part in the 24 Hour Race now have a personal connection to the cause and to the other students that they ran with. Kudos goes to the organizing group, staff, parents and all of the students who took part.



IGBIS is holding an Open Day tomorrow, Saturday November 21st from 10.00am to 1.00pm. The Open Day is for new families who may be interested to find out more about our school. If you know of friends or neighbours that would like to tour the school and meet our staff, please ask them to register at: <http://openday.igbis.edu.my> or otherwise come to visit us. Special promotions will apply on Open Day.

The school board held it's meeting recently. Two points of discussion related to the temperature of the Learn to Swim Pool and the open areas on Level 6. The board has agreed to the heating of the Learn to Swim Pool and also to the closing in of the open areas on Level 6 to prevent mosquitos and haze from entering these areas in the future.

## News from Elementary School

**Mrs. Claire McLeod**  
*Elementary School Principal*



This semester Ms Lizzie Hudson has been leading the Tinkering Club for Elementary students after school. I have visited this activity a number of times and been thrilled to see such commitment and enthusiasm displayed by the students. Ms Lizzie recalls how easily the students initially gave up school initially when they could not work out how to pull apart the many donated items. This has slowly changed as they have learned new skills by watching their friends, asking for help and persevering.

### What is Tinkering?

*Tinkering is about hands-on experiences, learning from failures, and unstructured time to explore and invent. And through the processes of exploration and invention lies the potential for innovation. (Quote from Tinkerlab.com)*

What does this look like in our club? Multi-age groups working together on a project, students persevering on a task, discussions about the different parts and their purposes, and everyone celebrating when they accomplish small

goals. Students are collaborating, sharing, asking questions, negotiating and problem solving.

Next semester we will become the Makers Club as we take all of the pieces that we have dismantled and we begin to create - robots, art, sculptures, whatever sparks their imagination!

*Ms Lizzie Hudson*

### Swim Meet

Last Friday the IGBIS swim squad swam in their first gala. Elementary School students swam against their own times and Secondary School students competed against HELP International School. All the swim coaches were very proud of the students commitment and enthusiasm. Elementary School students swam the length of the 50m pool; it was a long way! They tried their best to reach their target and when they touched the end of the pool they were simply thrilled. Their huge smiles said it all!



Thank you to our swim team coaches Ms Deb King and Mr Dean Watters.

## 1st School Team Soccer Clinic & Development Programme

In conjunction with the launch of our Soccer Academy, Sunarize Soccer Academy is pleased to announce its 1st School Team Soccer Clinic & Development Program and we would like to offer selected International Schoolsfree entry to this program. It will be running for 6 weekends in the month of November till December, on the IGB International School field. The Clinic & Development Program will be conducted by professional FIFA Pro License A Coaches. We are delighted to extend an invitation to IGBIS students.



### Who are we inviting?

- **School Teams that compete in FOBISIA or other inter-school tournaments**
- **Age Categories: Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14**
- **Numbers: 15 students only per category, total of 60 students per school**

### Where & When

Dates: 28th, 29th of November. 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th December  
Time: Saturday, 4.00pm to 6.00 pm. Sunday, 8.30am to 11.00am  
Venue: IGB International School's Football Field

All the school team players will be taken care of by two specialist coaches and will be observed by our coaching panels. For more information on the program schedules and enrollment kindly contact our program Director, Vivegan at 012 258 4658.

**Vivegan Danapalan**

*Program Director, Sunarize Soccer Academy*

**Come along to:**

For parents in **EY and KG**  
Wednesday 25th November  
8am-9am  
Room 2-15  
Opposite the clinic

**A Morning of Mathematics**

How do children learn maths in the early years?  
How can I help my child at home?

Presented by Shireen Blakeway, Elementary Maths Coordinator

## News from Secondary School

**Mr. Lennox Meldrum**  
Secondary School Principal



This week has been time for us to reflect on the leadership opportunities for our students at IGBIS. The photos here are from the thousands taken last weekend during the very successful 24 Hour Race. Our student leaders running the event faced a number of choices across the weekend, from weather safety concerns that lead to a few hours in the sports hall at "Camp IGBIS" to how to handle teams not abiding to race rules through to ensuring all students and visitors stayed safe, healthy, and happy. I cannot be more proud of all of the IGBIS students involved as leaders, marshals, participants, and supporters. A deep thank you to all of our staff and parent body who assisted throughout the entire event.



As one event ends, other events start to come to the fore. Our Model United Nations (MUN) organisers are preparing for events in 2016, including attending our first international conference in Singapore in January and

hosting our second MUN conference. Our Global Issues Network (GIN) students are continuing to focus the student body on areas they promote, such as awareness of organisations supporting children in Nepal and the work of the local SPCA in helping animals in need. Their initiative of holding lip sync battles were a fun way to raise funds while also getting their message across. The GIN group are also working towards attending the Asia-Pacific conference in Bali in March 2016. Our new Student Council are preparing for their first event next Friday, communicating with our student body via ManageBac as well as parents through the newsletter. It is fantastic to see so many opportunities for students to learn leadership skills from their peers and through guidance from their teacher supervisors.



Have a great weekend.



### Parent Workshop - MYP Assessment, Keys to Success

Date: Tuesday, 1st December 2015  
Time: 8.15am - 9.15am  
Venue: MultiPurpose Room (opposite Clinic), Level 2

#### A parent workshop - led by Phil Clark, MYP Coordinator

Assessment in MYP schools is distinctly different from assessment in many other types of school. How is your child being assessed in MYP? How does MYP assessment help your child to understand their areas of strength and identify areas for improvement? How can you, as a parent, understand your child's areas of strength and identify areas for improvement? How can you, as a parent, guide and support your child to success?

Come along to this practical workshop to find out more.

Please use this link to sign up for the session: <http://bit.ly/mypkeys2success>

## Secondary School Student Council

### Sports & Activities, Friday, 27th November, 3.30pm - 6.00pm

On Friday, 27th November, Secondary School Student Council will be holding a sports and activities event from 3.30pm to 6.00pm for students in Grades 6 - 12. We will be sending out sign ups for the students soon informing them about the activity choices. If they choose to stay back for the event please arrange transport home for them at 6.00pm. Thank you.

**Ms. Tien Xzi**  
*Student Council Secretary*

## IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy

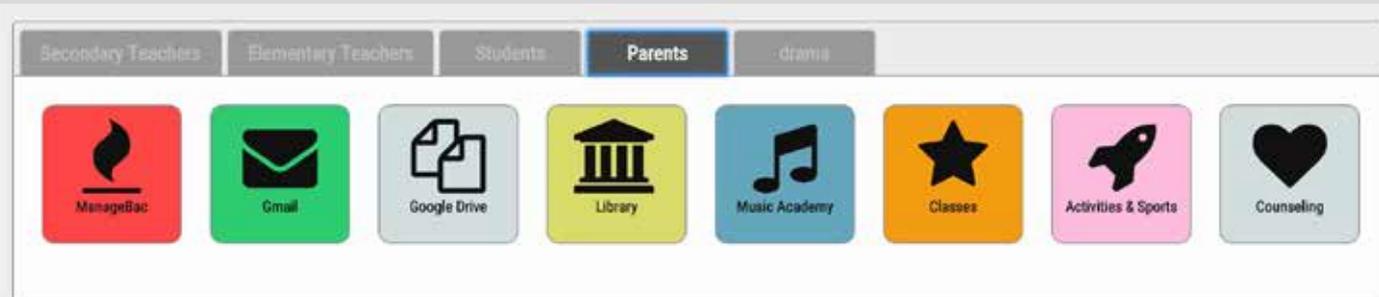
I mentioned in previous newsletters that with the many disruptions to the school calendar this semester our tutors are working to replace missed lessons. I want to thank the tutors for their diligence in supporting students at IGBIS.

Mr Chew Yew Chee, our violin tutor, is preparing an ensemble of students from the Elementary School to perform at the Christmas Assembly on 9th December. This is a great opportunity for these students to perform in public as part of an ensemble.



### Semester 2 Registrations

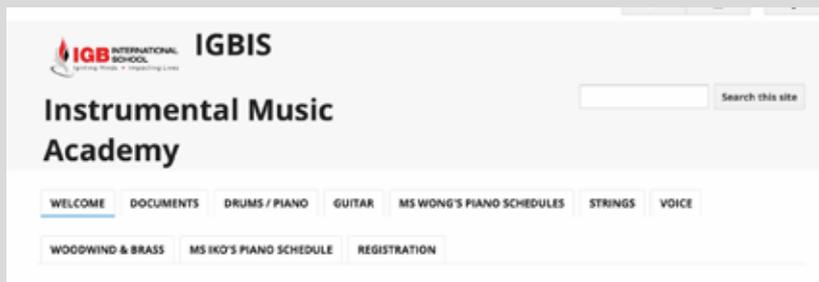
Semester 2 registrations will open before the Christmas Holiday break. All registrations will be completed through the Music Academy link on the school's Flash page.



Parents will be able to go to the Music Academy link and then to the registration tab. Once the registration is received parents receive an email confirmation and an invoice for payment via their IGBIS email accounts. This usually takes a couple of days.

### New Registrations

New students are always welcome to register at the beginning of each semester. All the academic research strongly suggests that learning a musical instrument is beneficial to student learning, particularly if they start at a young age. Learning an instrument has benefits in developing numeracy and literacy skills, resilience, creativity and communication skills. Parents who are interested in having their child join the Academy can read the information booklet which is also under the documents tab in the Music Academy link.



### Instrument Hire

IGBIS has a number of instruments for students to hire for a one semester trial. The instruments available for hire are Violins, Violas, Cellos, Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpets, Trombones and Saxophones. As some of these instruments are expensive to purchase it provides students the opportunity to test out their interest before parents invest in an instrument. Please contact me if you are interested in hiring an instrument at [jon.suffolk@igbis.edu.my](mailto:jon.suffolk@igbis.edu.my).

**Mr. Jon Suffolk,**  
*Performing Arts Teacher*

## Activities Highlights

### Ultimate Frisbee

“Everyone is so enthusiastic, its energising,” says Mr. Cameron. That was the response given when asked about frisbee, and how the hour on Wednesdays are spent every week. The non-contact field sport has evidently proven itself through the roughly 20 students that show up every week, enthusiastic to play. This enthusiasm continues to be manifested through gameplay. “I love the energy there is to the sport. The running, the catching and the random bursts of sprinting as well.” says Mr. Cameron, who himself has had years of frisbee experience.

Frisbee proves to mean more to the students than ever. “I mean, frisbee can be a great catch,” says Zoe Teh, with any and all puns intended.

“It’s amazing to see so many kids so agile and active, it’s refreshing.” said Mr. Cameron. “I want the kids to have fun. I want myself to have fun. Everyone has fun. That’s the goal, because frisbee is fun.”

**Hamizah Sukiman, Grade 11**



### This Week in Athletics

Our football teams continue to get many games within and outside of our league schedule. Seasons will be wrapping up in the next few weeks. Our Bench Ball Team will play it’s final game of the year this week at home versus HELP International School and our Cross Country Team will get to have their day in the sun at Nexus on Saturday at the KLISS Cross Country Championships. It’s been a great season so far.

Wednesday, 25th November	Under 18 Boys & Under 15 Boys / Girls Football vs MIGS	IGBIS
Wednesday, 25th November	Under 9 Girls / Boys Bench Ball vs HELP	IGBIS
Saturday, 28th November	KLISS Cross Country Championships	NEXUS

**Ms. Jasmine Brawn,**  
*Athletics & Activities Director*

## School Events - November / December 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16	17	18	19	20	21 Open Day 10.00am – 1.00pm	22
23	24	25 A Morning of Mathematics, 8.00am - 9.00am	26	27	28	29
30	1 MYP Assesment Workshop, 8.15am - 9.15am	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Christmas Assembly	10 Final Day of School	11 Sultan Selangor’s Birthday	12	13