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Happening.

- + **Tuesday 14th February**

Secondary Field Events Friendly Meet @ ISP
~ 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- + **Wednesday 15th February**

~ Grade 4 & 5 Camp *Until 17th
~ Career Exploration Day
(Grades 6-12) ~ 8:00 am – 10:00 am

~ U13 & U15 Girls Basketball
Friendly vs Help
~ 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- + **Thursday 16th February**

PVO Meeting @ PVO Room
~ 8:00 am – 9:00 am

- + **Friday 17th February**

~ KL MUN IX @ Garden
International School
~ ES Assembly (G1) @ L3 ES Music
Classroom ~ 8:00 am – 8:30 am
~ U15 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
@ ISKL ~ 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm



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Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

We are excited to see some of the university places that have already been offered to our Grade 12 students. Several of the universities are in the top world rankings. More places are yet to be offered, but the universities and colleges to date include:

- + University of Cambridge (Magdalene College)
- + Imperial College, London
- + University College, London (2 students)
- + Kings College, London (4 students)
- + University of Bristol
- + University of Warwick (2 students)
- + Durham University (3 students)
- + University of St Andrews
- + Goldsmiths, University of London
- + Queen Mary, University of London
- + University of Exeter
- + University of Edinburgh
- + University of Birmingham
- + University of Leeds
- + University of Leicester
- + University of Dundee
- + University of Derby
- + Royal Holloway, University of London (2 students)

- + University of Brighton
- + Queens University, Belfast
- + University of Essex
- + Aberystwyth University
- + Swansea University
- + Qwest University (Canada)
- + University of Alberta (Canada)
- + University of Arizona (USA)
- + Arizona State University (USA)
- + Global College at Long Island University (USA)
- + Musashino University (Tokyo)
- + Advance Tertiary College (Malaysia)
- + IE University (Spain)

Additionally a Grade 10 student wishing to attend a private boarding school in the UK has been accepted into Seven Oaks School, one of the UK's highest ranked IB schools.

Congratulations to our students!

Mrs. Anne Fowles
Head of School



News from Elementary School



Maths in Grade 3

Making sense of 3D shapes is so much easier when you can build them using spaghetti and BluTack! Students in Grade 3 enjoyed exploring how best to construct 3D shapes, what is required to build robust shapes and how working together and sharing ideas can help.

Informative Presentations

This week we had two informative presentations. Simon Millward guided parents to a better understanding of the IB Learner Profile and an Occupational Therapist from Oasis Place provided teachers with an understanding of Sensory Integration.

On Wednesday 22nd February at 8am, Sheena Cameron, a language consultant from New Zealand will provide ideas on how parents can help their children's reading and writing. All parents are welcome.

Until next time,

Mrs. Claire McLeod
Elementary School Principal





News from Secondary School

Dear parents,

We have returned from the Chinese New Year to new timetables in the second semester in secondary. Things have gone smoothly for students as they have adjusted to their new routines and we resume the usual busyness of our school.

I would like to draw your attention to the parent calendar, that is linked on your Splash page. The link is also here:

<http://igbis.edu.my/news-events/upcoming-events/>

We have several sporting fixtures this week and other events

happening, including our first Career Exploration Day. The Career Exploration Day promises to be an exciting event for our secondary students, as they begin to consider their future pathways. This is timely in light of the wonderful university admissions that Mrs Fowles has shared. Many parents are supporting this event in different ways, including several presenters. We are very thankful for their support and look forward to a very successful event on Wednesday!

Sincerely,

Michael Arcidiacono
Secondary School Principal



Performance Arts

Jon Suffolk

Performing Arts Teacher / IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy Program Coordinator

IGBIS Instrumental Music Ensemble

I want to publicly thank the students and teachers who performed in the Chinese New Year assembly as part of the Instrumental Music Ensemble. It was really exciting to be able to blend the sounds of the traditional Chinese instrument, the guzheng, with traditional Western instruments. The idea was first suggested by Rachel Lim (G 11) and her guzheng teacher Ms Yi Mann. The arrangement featured three traditional Chinese New Year Songs and was a great way to open the assembly and celebrate this annual festival and our school's internationality.

IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy

Semester 2 Fees are due.

Most parents of students enrolled in the Instrumental Music Academy should already have received invoices for Semester 2 fees. Please make your payment to the Finance Office at your earliest convenience or by bank transfer. If paying by bank transfer please provide a copy of the deposit slip to Ms Tiffany in Finance.

Most lessons commenced this week and it was pleasing to see some new enrolments, as well as that most students who were enrolled in Semester 1 choosing to continue. I like to reinforce with parents and carers the need to be really positive in encouraging students to develop a regular practice routine at home. This is best done in short 10 - 15 minute sessions with the younger students. We are seeing the benefits of this at the end of each semester in the concerts.

There is so much research around the benefits of students learning music from a young age. Here is a link to a very interesting article that may be of interest to parents.

<http://www.childrensmusicworkshop.com/twelve-benefits-of-music-education/>





Tim Bartle

Athletics & Activities Coordinator

IGBIS played host to over 120 students from 5 schools for a friendly track meet on Tuesday 7th February. The main goal of the event was to introduce the students to competitive track events in a fun and friendly environment. With the focus mainly on development, the students were able to ask for advice and learn about the various track events from the number of coaches in attendance. The event was a great success and we look forward to hosting similar events in the future.

On Thursday 9th February, our U18 basketball teams made their way down to Singapore for the SEAFA Basketball Tournament. Hosted at the impressive Stamford American International School, the IGBIS Phoenix took to the court against teams from Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam in our school's first venture into international competitions. A full report on the tournament will feature in next week's newsletter.

Looking ahead to next week, the secondary school track and field team will visit ISP on Tuesday 14th February for the field event friendly. Interested students should send me an email as there are still places available for students who would like to attend the competition.

Our U13 and U15 girls basketball teams will host HELP International School for friendly games on Wednesday 15th February. The matches will commence at 4:00pm and it would be great if we could provide a loud and supportive home crowd for the girls.

Have a great week. Go Phoenix!

