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**Mon, Jan 15**

**ES Splashdown**

8:00 am – 11:00 am

**Tue, Jan 16**

• **U13 Boys Football Finals – KLISS @ Tenby |**

3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

• **U13 Girls Basketball – Friendly @ IGBIS**

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

• **U9 Boys and Girls Football Friendly @ IGBIS**

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Wed, Jan 17**

• **Grade 10 to Grade 11 Transition Information**

**Evening @ PVO Room**

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

**Thu, Jan 18**

• **PYP Parenting Workshop: Grade 3 – Grade 5**

**Technology @ PVO Room**

8:00 am – 9:15 am

• **PRA Test – Princeton Review @ Classroom**

**7-21/23**

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

• **U13 Boys Basketball @ BSKL**

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

• **U13 Girls Basketball @ IGBIS**

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**Fri, Jan 19**

• **ES Assembly: Shareathon @ L3 ES Music Room**

8:00 am – 8:40 am

• **End of Semester 1**

## Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

The large skylight roofing built over the school was completed just in time! We have enjoyed having all of the stairwells, verandas and play areas dry and safe for our students. Sincere thanks are extended to our School Board and facilities staff for the successful completion of this project.

Next Monday the Elementary School Splashdown will take place in the morning. Parents are welcome to come along and see their children participating and share in the fun.

We have received news that another IGBIS student has been given an offer by the University of Cambridge. We look forward to sharing more about this as details come to hand.

Have a wonderful weekend ahead.

*Anne Fowles*  
Head of School



## News from the Secondary Principal

Dear Parents,

It was great to be back in school and I am very thankful for all the well wishes my family has received for the birth of our baby, the newest member of the IGBIS community!

It has been a very busy week with exams happening as well as the beginning of the second season of activities. There are a few weeks until our next round of Parent Teacher Conferences, so now is always a good time to check on your child's progress via Managebac. Please see Mr Clark's note in today's newsletter about the upcoming reports that will be issued electronically to students.

Several parents came to our Kopitiam to learn more about our timetable change for the second semester. A rotating timetable is a

trial first step as we think about how else we can work innovatively with our learning time. Students had discussions in homeroom this week about what a change in timetable would mean for their routines. More information will be forthcoming next week about the calendar for semester two and how we will communicate the rotating timetable to students and parents.

We start with several sporting fixtures next week and I hope you can come out to cheer on our sporting teams!

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Arcidiacono*  
Secondary School Principal



## Assessment in the Primary Years Programme

**Aga Chojnacka**  
Primary Years Programme Coordinator

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January is a time of intensive reflection in the PYP when both students and teachers go over the first semester's work and evaluate progress and plan ahead. PYP report cards will be sent to parents in less than three weeks time and will provide parents with great insight into, and a summary of, their children's learning, progress and areas for improvement.

Each report card will give parents an overview of Unit of Inquiry work that has been covered over the past 6 months (2-3 units, depending on the grade level). What is more, the report card will

include extensive comments from homeroom teachers and single subject specialists, that will help the parents understand where their child is in their development of skills, concept and knowledge within each of the subject areas (Language, Mathematics, Music etc.). The report comments will be complemented by a selection of assessment indicator statements and visual feedback showing parents whether their child is able to work independently, with support or perhaps exceeds expectations. To make sure parents and students fully understand and benefit from the information in the report card, there will be parent-teacher conferences organised in the first week of February to give parents an opportunity to consult with the teachers. Specific times and dates will be sent out by the homeroom teachers in the following week.





## Reporting Student Achievement in the Middle Years Programme

**Phil Clark**  
*Middle Years Programme Coordinator*

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As we move through the school year, students in grades 6-10 complete a series of summative assessment tasks which are evaluated against four criteria in each subject. The four criteria are broadly similar across all subjects, although they vary slightly according to the specific requirements of individual subjects. In general terms, the criteria are used to assess the following areas:

- **Criterion A:** a student's knowledge, understanding and ability to analyse ideas in a subject.
- **Criterion B:** a student's ability to investigate, organise and develop ideas in a subject.
- **Criterion C:** a student's ability to effectively communicate ideas in a subject.
- **Criterion D:** a student's ability to use, apply, evaluate and reflect upon ideas in a subject.

After each summative assessment task has been evaluated by teachers, students and parents can login to ManageBac to access personalised feedback from the teachers, including levels of achievement for each of the four criteria.

In addition to providing ongoing feedback to students and parents after each summative assessment task, the school also issues semester achievement reports. The school year is divided into two semesters. A full written achievement report is issued to parents and students at the end of each semester. The report is distributed in digital pdf format through ManageBac.

Teachers review evidence from a range of assessment tasks to determine final achievement levels in each of the criteria for semester reports. They analyse student levels of achievement during the semester, paying particular attention to patterns in the data (such as an increasing level of performance), consistency and any mitigating circumstances. Teachers do not calculate an average result for the semester. The judgments reflect the teacher's professional opinion on each student's levels of achievement at the end of the semester. Semester reports include:

- student levels of achievement for each MYP assessment criterion in every subject;
- written descriptions of student achievement for each MYP assessment criterion in every subject;
- evaluation of student Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills in every subject;
- student self-reflection and goal-setting in terms of Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills and IB Learner Profile;
- homeroom teacher comments in terms of Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills and IB Learner Profile;
- record of attendance.

Semester 1 ends next week on Friday 19 January. Semester 1 Achievement Reports will be issued on ManageBac on Tuesday 30 January. They provide parents and students with an indication of academic progress and achievement during the first half of the school year. The semester reports also provide a focus for the 3-Way Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences in the week beginning Monday 5 February (further details to follow) when parents can schedule meetings with teachers to discuss their child's progress.



## Performing Arts news IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy

**Jon Suffolk**  
*Instrumental Music Academy Coordinator*

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### Semester 2 registration is now OPEN

A registration form was sent to all elementary and most secondary school parents this week. There are a number of new enrolments. Once the registration form is completed I will organise the scheduling and inform Ms Tiffany in Finance who will email the invoices to you.

### Students continuing from Semester 1

Thank you to the parents who have already responded to my email

confirming that their child/children will continue into Semester 2. If you have not replied to the email please do so as soon as possible or email me with your intention and I can automatically complete this Semester 2 registration.

### SEMESTER 2 LESSONS BEGIN THE WEEK OF THE 31st JANUARY.

End of Semester 1 concerts are coming up and I encourage parents to support their children in their preparations.

- **Monday 29th January: Students of Ms Wong (piano) and Mr Adil (guitar)**
- **Tuesday 30th January: Students of Ms Irma (voice) and Ms Iko (piano and strings)**



## Bill Mitchell

Grades 9-12 School Counsellor

### IGBIS Events

Upcoming University visits

#### EduCanada University Fair @ IGBIS

February 7, 2018

8:40am to 9:20am, 6th Floor MPR

Further information on this event, and all the schools attending can be found on [this SlideShow](#).

Follow the Secondary Calendar or see the College Counselling Events calendar for future visits and events. [College Counselling Events](#)

### Princeton Review Assessment

January 18, 2018

3:30pm to 5:30pm

Room 7-21/7-23

I have arranged for The Princeton Review to run their Princeton Review Assessment (PRA) at IGBIS. The PRA is a free, 2-hour test that measures/predicts which of the ACT or SAT works to your strengths.

#### Princeton Review - SAT/ACT Prep Classes

Princeton Review is a renowned test preparation agency. They have a facility in Kuala Lumpur, but have also offered to have test preparation sessions after school at IGBIS if we can get enough students interested. The schedule for the test preparation classes at IGBIS is below. If you would like further details, or if you have any questions about the PRA or test-preparation, please don't hesitate to contact me at [bill.mitchell@igbis.edu.my](mailto:bill.mitchell@igbis.edu.my)



Sara Beattie MDC Sdn. Bhd.

## SAT Group Class Schedule

### IGB International School

24-Feb, Sat	Practice Test 1	2pm to 6.07pm
27-Feb, Tues	Class 1	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
28-Feb, Wed	Class 2	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
1-Mar, Thurs	Class 3	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
3-Mar, Sat	Practice Test 2	2pm to 6.07pm
6-Mar, Tues	Class 4	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
7-Mar, Wed	Class 5	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
8-Mar, Thurs	Class 6	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
10-Mar, Sat	Practice Test 3	2pm to 6.07pm
13-Mar, Tues	Class 6	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
14-Mar, Wed	Class 7	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
15-Mar, Thurs	Class 8	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)
17-Mar, Sat	Practice Test 4	2pm to 6.07pm
21-Mar, Wed	Class 10	3.15pm—6.00pm (Break : 15 mins)

B-11-02, Level 11, Block B East,  
PJB, No 23, Jalan Barat,  
Section 8, 46050  
Petaling Jaya, Selangor.



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**Upcoming SAT Test Dates**

March 10, 2018

May 5, 2018

**Course Structure :**

- 25 Class hours
- 4 Full length Practice Tests (16+ Hours)
- Online Student Center
- \*Total 23 Online Full Length Practice Test
- \*140+ Lesson Tutorial Videos

**Princeton Review Materials**

- 9 Practice Tests for the SAT
- Course Workbook
- Math Workbook
- Verbal Workbook

03- 7960 2922

### IGBIS Career Fair - February 28, 2018

#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Secondary School will once again be hosting a Career Fair for the first half of the morning on February 28, 2018. If you are able to assist with informing and inspiring our Grade 6 to 11 students in finding their career pathway, please let us know.

The 20-minute motivational and informative presentations are aimed at providing detail about yourself and how you entered your field, a "day in the life" in that area, the educational pathway required and then open the floor to questions. One session will be aimed at 11-14 year olds, and one session will be with students

aged 15-18 years old.

#### Kuala Lumpur Events

**The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies of The University of Edinburgh would like to extend an invitation to attend an information session on Veterinary Medicine.**

#### The University of Edinburgh, School of Veterinary Studies

Date: Saturday 20th January 2018

Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am

Location: Renaissance Hotel Kuala Lumpur

The University of Edinburgh is a study destination of growing interest for independently-minded students who are seeking a high quality education. Veterinary Medicine at Edinburgh mixes the best of tradition with award winning, progressive teaching. Clinical and professional skills are taught from the earliest stages. Our approach is to ensure optimum integration of the core subjects throughout the curriculum. While many of our graduates enter and remain within the veterinary profession, many others find that training at Edinburgh enables them to succeed in a wide range of careers in research, government, private enterprise and academia.

This session is an opportunity to understand what veterinary studies is like at the University of Edinburgh, how to apply and resulting career paths that exist within Veterinary Medicine. Distinguished academics and alumni will share their personal career experiences and provide a real insight into Edinburgh city and studying abroad.

Our Vet School is Number 1 in the UK in terms of research excellence and is in the top 20 worldwide, QS ranking. The School is accredited by both the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the Hong Kong Veterinary Association, the Malaysian Veterinary Council and Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (Singapore), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), and the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), allowing our graduates to practice veterinary medicine throughout the UK, Europe, North America, Australasia and beyond.

This session is aimed at:

- Prospective students thinking about studying Veterinary Medicine; and
- Parents - to ensure that you have all the relevant information regarding Veterinary Medicine.

Please confirm your attendance by 17th January 2018

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**The University of Edinburgh, Global Academy of Agriculture & Food Security**

Date: Saturday 20th January 2018

Time: 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Location: Renaissance Hotel Kuala Lumpur

The University of Edinburgh is a study destination of growing interest for independently minded students who are seeking a high quality education. Agricultural Sciences at Edinburgh mixes the best of tradition with progressive teaching, bringing together academic expertise from across life, natural and social sciences to offer a truly interdisciplinary learning experience.

Agricultural Science brings together the study of plants and animals with the scientific study of human society to develop systems to produce food and fuel. It is of global importance to have highly-skilled strategic leaders in this field who will influence the future farming practises and policies of tomorrow and career options are rich and varied.

This session is an opportunity to understand what studying Agricultural Science will be like at the University of Edinburgh, how to apply and varied career paths that exist within Agricultural Science. Distinguished academics, industry professionals and staff will share their career experiences and provide an insight into Edinburgh city and studying abroad.

Our joint submission with Scotland's Rural Agricultural College (SRUC) was ranked top in the UK for research power and £35million has been invested in the Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Security to enhance our teaching, research and innovation. The University of Edinburgh is consistently ranked in the top 20 Universities in the world, according to the QS World Rankings.

This session is aimed at:

- Prospective students thinking about studying Agricultural Science; and
- Parents - to ensure that you have all the relevant information.

Speakers:

Dr Fiona Borthwick – Programme Director, MSc Food Security, Fiona's biog: <https://www.sruc.ac.uk/fborthwick>

Please confirm your attendance by 17th January 2018

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# Grade 10 to Grade 11 Transition Information Evening

Come and speak to Mr Bill Mitchell, College Counsellor, and Ms Mary Boyd, DP and CP Coordinator, about the process of transitioning from Grade 10 to Grade 11 at IGBIS.

Wednesday 17th January  
6.00 - 7.30pm  
PVO Room

This invitation is open to:

- Grade 10 - 12 students new to IGBIS
- Grade 10 - 12 students considering a move to IGBIS
- Parents of any of the above-mentioned students

Contact [enquiries@igbis.edu.my](mailto:enquiries@igbis.edu.my) to register your interest in attending.

