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- Semester 1 Reports go home | All day
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- Public Holiday: Thaipusam

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- Open Day @ IGBIS | 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Kopi with the Secondary Principal @ PVO Room 8:00 am – 8:40 am
- Kopi with the Elementary Principal @ PVO Room 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Feb 3, Sat

- Open Day @ IGBIS | 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

## Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

The Secondary School Track and Field Day is scheduled to take place in the morning of Tuesday, 30 January. Students have signed up to participate in a range of track and field events and parents are most welcome to come along to see their children compete.

The new 5-day rotating timetable commenced this last week without any hiccups, probably because it followed a regular Monday to Friday week anyway! But next week, since the Thaipusam holiday is on Wednesday, we will need to remember that Thursday is Day 3 and Friday is Day 4. A reminder also that IGBIS is in Selangor, not Kuala Lumpur, so we do not have a holiday for Federal Territory Day on 1 February.

Our International Day committee met on Thursday this week to kick off discussions for International Day 2018. Information about International Day will be shared with the community in the near future.

We had a taste of student items for the Chinese New Year assembly during the Elementary Assembly today. I suggest that you all mark 13 February in your calendar as it looks like this will be an excellent whole school assembly coming up!

Have a wonderful weekend ahead.

*Anne Fowles*  
Head of School



## News from the Elementary Principal



This week has seen many grade levels starting their new units of inquiry. A technique within the PYP that we use to 'tune' students into the unit is using a provocation. These are designed to provoke thoughts from the children.

The Grade 1 students were introduced to IGBIS' Got Talent. They were the judges of some very talented teachers who had performed. They had the video of one of the performances that they judged, they scored it, discussed it and gave reasons as to why they gave it that particular score. The teachers are now waiting to find out who won! I am unsure how they judged and whether it was fair. The Grade 1 students who I spoke to were very complimentary about my singing performance, they were very caring when they spoke to me as apparently I was nowhere near to winning!



In Kindergarten they are starting a 'Sharing The Planet' unit of inquiry. This week they had a party as part of their provocation. As you can see from the photos, all was not as simple as they first thought. They have a number of troubling issues that they need to work through.

As you come to visit the school for Parent Teacher Conferences please have a look on Level 3 between Grade 1 and Grade 2 as we have created a Writers' Wall to celebrate the authors we have in school. We look forward to rotating these displays often to showcase the creativity of our students.

### Dates for your diaries:

Please refer to the email sent on Thursday 25th January

*Simon Millward*  
Elementary School Principal





## News from the Secondary Principal

Dear Parents,

Our first week with a rotating timetable was pleasingly uneventful, as everyone started to get used to different naming conventions (Today is Day 1, etc). Next week is when we will see a change, as a result of the Thaipusam holiday in the middle of the week. Please keep an eye on your calendar!

Speaking of the calendar, the exciting Secondary Sports Day will take place on Tuesday. This is a new event the PHE department has put forth this year, to add elements of competition into a our House format as students compete in traditional track and field events. I look forward to seeing students (and parents) out in their house t-shirts to support others.

I would like to remind all secondary parents that the booking website for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences is now available.

The link to make a booking is here:

[https://docs.google.com/a/igbis.edu.my/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHDP6ZVruJrbYo8oBTy0EH8NqIX7\\_aoAzbl8Q7B3byJqkS6zsZ6YZXolPpFMSFQG-GeUUQGsR917A4/pub](https://docs.google.com/a/igbis.edu.my/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHDP6ZVruJrbYo8oBTy0EH8NqIX7_aoAzbl8Q7B3byJqkS6zsZ6YZXolPpFMSFQG-GeUUQGsR917A4/pub)

Please make sure you schedule times to see the teachers of your children during these important conferences. These meetings and ensuing support plans will help students to get off to a good start in Semester Two. Lastly, this Friday I will host a regular monthly Kopitiam in the PVO room at 8:00. Please come along for a coffee and a chat!

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Arcidiacono*  
Secondary School Principal

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**You're welcome to attend our Open Days**  
2 & 3 February 2018  
9.00 am - 12.30 pm

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- 43** High score of 43 out of 45
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- 34** Average score of 34 points. Well above global average of 30 points
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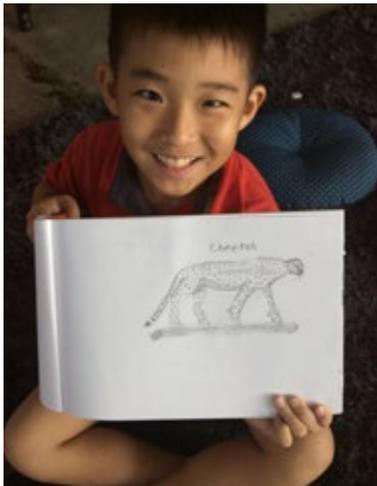
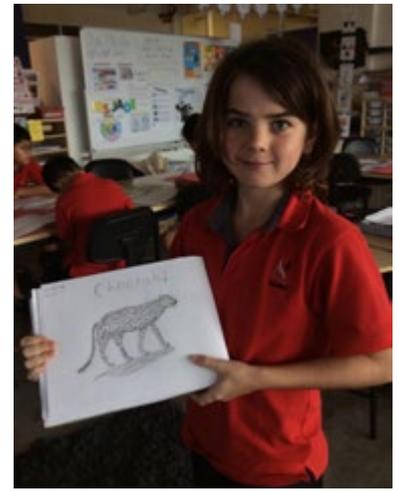
**Elli Lawson and Jade Saba**  
Elementary Art Teachers

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***"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." Pablo Picasso***

As we enter Semester 2, we have been reflecting on the artwork we have created so far and looking at how we can apply our new

skills and knowledge. Many of the first units were independent and research-based, where students explored and experimented. Now, as we all move into the fourth units, we are developing particular skill-building such as observational drawing in the **Grade 4** student's Hide and Seek unit, portraiture in **Kindergarten**, and sculpture in **Early Years**. In **Grade 1**, we are using imagination linked with particular cultural traditions to explore celebrations. **Grade 3** students are learning printing techniques and their association with Pop Art, whilst Grade 2 students are illustrating dreams and stories. Keep up the great work Elementary students!





## Artificial intelligence and the human nervous system

**Naveena Rikhranj**  
Grade 10

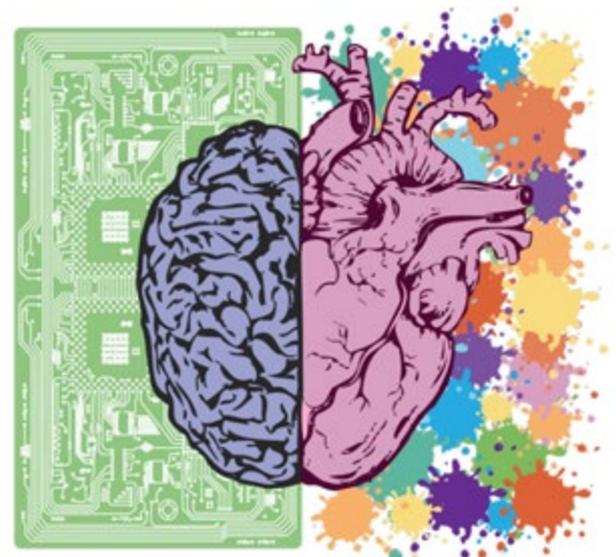
***For her MYP Personal Project, Naveena Rikhranj has investigated the relationship between artificial intelligence and the human nervous system, asking if there is a way we can further advance our current technology. Her article is currently being considered for publication by some of the leading online youth science journals. Below is a condensed summary of Naveena's article.***

The birth of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in 1956 has resulted in the presence of a field of technology that deals with intelligent machines capable of making independent, complex decisions to achieve inconceivable results – striving to replicate the brain's intricate thought process. AI's intelligent self-performing approach to solving problems makes it one of the most complex and technologically advanced systems available in our world today.

The human brain is an organ in the body that contains 100 billion nerve cells, a trillion glial cells (cells surrounding neurons to keep them in place and regulate temperature), and 150,000 miles of blood vessels. The amount of nerve cells in the human brain amount to approximately 15 times the current world population. Every nerve cell, glial cell, and blood vessel work in perfect synchronisation to help the brain carry out, coordinate, and relay all functions of the body.

Understanding that the complexity and intelligence of an AI system has been developed on the framework of the human brain; a correlation can be made between two of the most complex systems prevalent today. This article comes to synthesise the applications of AI – one of the most highly scientifically and technologically-advanced systems in the world of today and of the future.

Please click on this [link](#) if you would like to read the article in its entirety.





**Sasha Fournier**  
Grade 8

Hello Parents!

My name is Sasha Fournier. I'm from Grade 8 and I'm doing a Community Project with a group of other students from my class. The community that we are helping and focusing on is SAR: Search and Rescue Dogs, Malaysia. Their goal is to have dogs trained from a young age to be able to search for victims that are affected by any natural or man-made disasters. The dogs are trained to do different things: some are barkers, which mean when they find a victim they stay with them and bark until help comes; and there are the retrievers who find the victims and then run back for their trainers and bring them back to where the victim or victims are found.

On the 17th of November, we worked with the community. They came to IGBIS and brought their dogs - Tar, Simba, and Chiko - to train with grades 7 and 8. Our goal is to raise awareness about SAR.

Volunteers can contact Birgit at the organisation on +60 17 314 6099. You can volunteer every Sunday.



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## College Counselling News

### 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](#).

- Alexander College
- British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Humber College
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- Concordia University
- Farleigh Dickinson University - Vancouver
- Huron University College
- Lakehead University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Mount Saint Vincent University
- University of Calgary
- University of Manitoba
- University of New Brunswick
- University Prince Edward Island
- University of Waterloo
- High Commission of Canada in Malaysia

Follow the Secondary Calendar or see the College Counselling Events calendar for future visits and events.

[College Counselling Events](#)

#### IGBIS Career Fair - February 28, 2018

Calling 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 Grade

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 years old, and one session will be with students aged 15-18 years old.

#### Kuala Lumpur Events

#### Studying Medicine and Health Science at University of Nottingham

*A public talk by Dr Lorraine Pinnington, Associate Professor in Rehabilitation Medicine.*

The University of Nottingham will be holding a Public Talk on Studying Medicine and Health Science at University of Nottingham in February and we cordially invite you, your students and their parents to join us. We hope that you will be able to share the information for the Public Talk Session with your students and parents.

Date: Saturday, 10 February 2018  
 Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm (Registration starts at 10.45am)  
 Venue: University of Nottingham KL Teaching Centre, Level 2, Chulan Tower, No 3 Jalan Conlay, 50450 Kuala Lumpur.

Among topics that will be covered are:

- Introduction to studying Medicine and Health Science in the UK
- Application processEntry requirements and assessment of application

- Studying Medicine in Nottingham
- Alternative courses to Medicine & Career options

The talk will end with a Question and Answer Session that will allow you to ask any questions you have on studying Medicine and Health Sciences in the UK.

Light lunch will be provided. Please do register early to avoid any disappointment via the link below to reserve a place.

[REGISTER HERE](#)  
 \*Registration will close on 07 February 2018 at 12am (+8 GMT)

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Every Tuesday and Thursday

U.S. University Advising: EducationUSA Advisers provide comprehensive U.S. university advising [Register Here](#).

Preparations for International Day are underway. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, 10 March 2018, from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Thank you to those who submitted the International Day survey earlier this week. If you haven't responded and wish to participate, please email [julie.arcidiacono@igbis.edu.my](mailto:julie.arcidiacono@igbis.edu.my), who will connect you with the relevant country booth. Parents and staff members have signed up to represent the following country booths:

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|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Australia  | 10. Latin America | 19. Global Citizens |
| 2. Bangladesh | 11. Malaysia      | (any country with   |
| 3. Canada     | 12. Maldives      | a small number      |
| 4. China      | 13. New Zealand   | of parents/staff    |
| 5. India      | 14. Poland        | who would like      |
| 6. Indonesia  | 15. Singapore     | to be represented   |
| 7. Italy      | 16. Thailand      | collectively.       |
| 8. Japan      | 17. UK            |                     |
| 9. Korea      | 18. USA           |                     |

## Extension of Winter Clothes Drive for Syrian Refugees

The clothing drive organised by Grade 11 students Nur Shahidah Azmi, Ting Jie Ngo, and Esha Mardikar has been extended. *Duit for the People* will continue to receive donations of clothing of all kinds to be donated to the Syrian refugee camps. Winter clothes, are heartily encouraged, but any and all donations will make a huge difference. If you do not have any items of clothing to donate but you would still like to support the cause, small monetary donations would also be extremely helpful.

If you would like to make any contributions, please put all items or money in a box or envelope labelled with your name and place it in the Secondary School Office, which will be collecting donations until **Tuesday 30 January**.



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