



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce the appointment of two Year 13 students as Internationalism Leaders for the school – congratulations to Kiesha-Marie Chong and Gabriel Sehwan Jang! Many thanks also to the other students who applied for these posts – the field was extremely strong and Mr Scrymgeour and I were presented with a very difficult decision in choosing two leaders from seven excellent candidates. Kiesha-Marie and Gabriel will join the existing student leadership team – Sports Leaders (Lucy Sapsford and Adriano Arguedas), Service Leaders (Nils Scholten and Hilary Lee) and Arts & Culture Leaders (Aimée Wolff and Emiliano D’Angio). Developing student leadership is a real passion of mine, and now that we have the team in place I am looking forward to working with them to raise the profile of student leadership, and as partners in developing leadership opportunities for students right across the school.

We are currently also looking at ways of further strengthening our Houses across the school, and have already launched a new house points system which appears to be working effectively. To help lead this we are looking for four House Leaders from amongst our IB students, who will also join our student leadership team when appointed, and will be instrumental in developing House activities as well as acting as role models and leaders of the students in their House.

Yesterday evening we held our first Academic Review Evening for students in years 11 and 13 and their parents, and tomorrow all Secondary students will be receiving their settling-in reports. We are changing the format of our reports this year, with a view to giving parents information in a more useful format. As always, we will welcome feedback on the changes we are making as the year progresses.

As we head into the mid-term break, I wish you all a happy holiday, and look forward to welcoming all the students back to school on Wednesday 7 October.

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Head of Secondary