



Secondary Spotlight

14th September 2018
Term 1, Edition 4

Secondary Notices

Monday 17 th September	Deadline for House Captain Applications
Tuesday 18 th September	House Day – English Theme. Students to wear House t-shirts to school
Friday 21 st September	Extended deadline for ISIC card application – application form available on the parent portal (For Year 8 and above only)

TTT Deadlines: w/c 17th September

- Year 7 - Art and DT and French
- Year 8 – Music and Computing, and Science
- Year 9 – History and Mandarin

Student Wellbeing

As parents we all want our children to be happy. An important component of happiness is self-esteem and the conversation at the end of a school day can help build your child's self-esteem. Instead of asking your child "how was your day at school", try asking "Tell me 3 things that went well today and 1 challenge". This type of family dinner conversation helps to build self-esteem by focusing on the positive events of the day.

Sports Report

The U14s rugby team played games against Tanglin 2s and Tanglin 3s winning both, 33-19, 52-5 respectively. The boys U16 football team played their first fixture this week as did the U12 rugby team.

Our subject in the Spotlight this week is...Geography

Year 7: Year 7 began the year with challenge tasks based around natural disaster relief, using the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, 2011, as the case study example. Following this we are now beginning a unit of work on Map Skills.

Year 8: Year 8 have worked hard to develop their understanding of physical processes relating to river environments. Students are now working towards their first assessment about the formation of waterfalls and ox-bow lakes. Following this unit we will explore the interactions between people and river environments.

Year 9: Year 9 began the year looking at the causes of the development gap between the richest and poorest countries of the world. Students have since begun to analyse the ways we measure development and are looking at how to reduce the growing gap in development.

Year 10: Year 10 have made a positive start to their iGCSE course. Our first unit is 'River Environments' and students have studied processes of river erosion, transport and deposition. Students have begun to look at their first case study of the River Tees in the UK, explaining how the features of the river change between source and mouth.

Year 11: Year 11 have continued to show excellent passion for the subject at the start of their final year of the iGCSE course. The year started with an assessment of prior knowledge and understanding. We have since moved forward by starting our 'Urban Environments' unit of work. Students have looked at the changing nature of urban environments across the world and are currently working on the causes and impacts of rapid urbanisation in MIC and LIC countries.

Update from IB Coordinator:

Year 13 have carried on their excellent start to the year, and have been making great use of the library for study time. Several of our Year 12s applied for the posts of Head Boy and Head Girl, and the results of the interview process will be revealed soon. Well done to all who applied!

