



“In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision.”

The Dalai Lama

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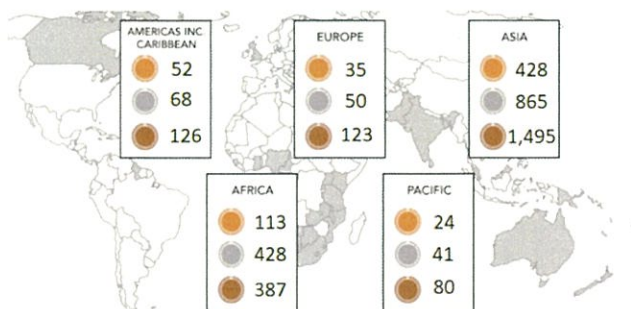
Dear Parents/Guardians,

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

I am a firm advocate of celebrating student success and rewarding positivity! This week we focused on this theme of *Being a Better Human*, through the awareness week. You may well have seen posters around the school, walls of graffiti where students made dozens of positive comments about caring and respect for others and themselves and many students proudly wearing a rosette when they have demonstrated positivity. Junior and Senior school students embraced this week with interviews, posters, speeches and presentations. A review of this week will feature soon.

I was also very pleased and proud to present the winners of the Videography competition from last term in both the Junior and Senior sections. Some very worthy winners were presented during assemblies, we certainly have some budding directors and filmmakers in our school. First prize winners for the Junior School are Ahmed Adam Abdel karim and Jaden John from Year 6 and for the Senior School is Phuong Nam Dinh from Year 10.

Staying with the theme of success, this week we also presented the certificates from the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition. The Commonwealth remains a voluntary network of 53 countries, based on shared English language and the key values of democracy, equality and human rights. For the 2019 competition, a connected Commonwealth called upon young people to consider how they can work to use cultural, technological and environmental connections for positive change. It asked young people to consider the potential of the Commonwealth in strengthening the vast and varied links between citizens. The theme for both the Junior and Senior category was *Commonwealth Connections* aiming to:- celebrate young writers, recognise achievement, develop literacy skills and inspire creative thinking.



MIGS celebrates 20 winners and participants in the competition. A truly significant success as the number of participants totaled over 11,000 student entries from all over the globe. MIGS achieved amazing results, 4 golds (of which 2 were finalists), 4 silvers, 3 bronzes and 9 participation certificates. Sincere congratulations to all who entered! I must also take a moment to thank the English Department for their encouragement of our young writers!

SCHOOL DISMISSAL AND PICK UP

I am very pleased our school arrival continues to run very well. As we review our collection arrangement at the end of the school day, I have planned for an additional walkway to cross the internal road from the school. I notice when some students enter the hatched box to cross the road and the 'second lane' traffic becomes a concern. Once painted, students will no longer be able to cross by walking through the 'hatched' box and must use one of the designated crossings. Additionally as student safety remains a priority here at the school, I have asked teachers, and I am asking all parents to remind all our community to use the covered footbridge should they wish to cross the main road outside of school. It is a little further, but I would like to be confident that everyone is safe and does not risk crossing the busy highway.

JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATES

A brief update about caps. Thank you to those parents who expressed their concerns over the school caps. As I review the issue, please continue to utilise your own caps and update you with any new information before the end of term one. I am communicating with the supplier and looking at an alternative style of cap that is perhaps more secure and also the option of house coloured caps.

May I also remind our Junior School children to ensure they bring their learner books for their subjects. Ms Joanna and the Junior team have informed those who have yet to purchase or those who are forgetting to bring them to school this week. Please do take a moment to check that your son/daughter has all the items they need for school.

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATES

University Matters

Our Year 11 students were invited to join a presentation by two representatives from the University of Kent in the UK. The University offers over 400 Undergraduate courses to overseas students. Access courses also include a university foundation programme for pre-university entrance. Our two guests were:-

Ms Sue Hopkinson - Assistant Director of International; recruitment; and
Ms Tan Sook Bee - University of Kent associate located at Sunway College

For more information on courses, admissions, scholarships and tuition fees, please visit <https://www.kent.ac.uk/>

We will continue these discussions in the coming weeks, with a visit already planned from St. Andrews University. Later on in the term we will also planning several visits to local Universities and higher education providers with our Year 11 students.

Senior School Camp

Thank you to parents who were able to attend the recent presentation from Wilderness Malaysia, we are now in the final stages of preparation. I am very pleased that Mr Megat has managed to secure flights from Subang Airport and all transport arrangements are finalised. Senior School students received a letter today during the assembly with all the relevant information including medical forms, packing and kit lists will be sent via email shortly. Please return the completed forms along with the payments at your earliest convenience. If your son/daughter has lost the forms on the way, the Senior School PE team and the office have additional copies.

If you were unable to attend the recent meeting, please find the provider details at of the providers at:-

<http://wildernessmalaysia.com/>

Dates for your Diary

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| ● Junior Deepavali Assembly | 21 st October |
| ● Junior School Humanities Trail | 22 nd & 23 rd October |
| ● Deepavali & Term Break | 27 th -30 th October |
| ● Senior School Inter House Debate | 13 th November |
| ● Senior School Camp - Langkawi | 20 th -22 nd November |

Please also do follow us @migskl #migskl on our social media platforms on IG, FB, Youtube to see the teaching and learning updates happening within our school campus and community this year.

Best regards,



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Principal