



“Stay close to anything that makes you glad you are alive.” -Hafez
“You yourself are your own obstacle, rise above yourself.” -Hafez

Message from the **Principal**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I begin with two quotations, the first I believe very applicable to this holiday season when we will all have the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends; and the second will hopefully act as a small motivation for everyone to challenge their own ability, strive to improve and attempt tasks that often may initially appear somewhat insurmountable.

As I take some time to reflect on this first term, we should be proud of the notable attempts, achievements and progress we have made; indeed I believe we have much to celebrate.

From the very first Professional Development day our faculty were treated to the wise words of Professor Jamaliah Abdul Hamid an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Educational Studies, Universiti Putra Malaysia. An enjoyable presentation reminding all our staff of the noble profession that teaching really is.

Throughout Term two and the rest of the year many more events and opportunities will form part of our school calendar. I continue to urge your sons and daughters to be as active as possible and join these events.

Allow me to share some thoughts, reflections and pictures from term one.



Mr John Paul Birch
Principal

Curriculum Evenings

I was very pleased to see some many parents at both our curriculum evenings at the start of the year. This year will also see the introduction of Cambridge Checkpoint examinations for Year 6 and Year 9. Further details will be available at a coffee and checkpoint morning in January. Staff have already registered for Cambridge based training in the coming months as Cambridge introduce further developments in the following subjects for the Junior School:

Art & Design

Cambridge Primary Art & Design enables learners to express themselves whilst experiencing, making and reflecting on art, enabling our students to begin to think like artists.

Digital Literacy

This curriculum area will continue to develop our students' understanding of the digital world as well as developing the skills they need to use digital tools in an informed and effective way.



Music

Students will continue to explore music as performers, composers and informed listeners. Additional opportunities to discover music from different cultures, times and places. This curriculum will help learners to cultivate a joy of music as well as developing confidence and leadership and collaboration skills.

Physical Education

Although again this is not a new curriculum area, it will continue to focus on the development of students' movement skills, establishing healthy patterns for life and create a framework to deliver the PE lessons.

Mid-Autumn Festival

We started the school year with a celebration, the Mid-Autumn festival was originally a time to enjoy the successful reaping of rice and wheat with food offerings made in honour of the moon. Today, it is still an occasion for outdoor reunions among friends and relatives to eat mooncakes and watch the moon, a symbol of harmony and unity. Our Senior School students were treated to mooncakes and everyone enjoyed the lanterns and decorations at our school entrance.



Awareness Week

Our students took part in many activities developing an enhanced understanding of 'Being a Better person. All students participated in activities focusing on the five values: Being caring, responsible, a positive contributor, being honest and being fair.

Following this initiative we launched the 'Lead by Example Award' given each week to the most deserving class. An additional class reward has been initiated as each Junior class competes for the 'Class of the Month' trophy!



Humanities Trail

Extending classroom learning experiences is always something I am keen to support. The students thoroughly enjoyed each trip as you can see from the pictures!



Reception Students



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Deepavali

This celebration and festival is firm favourite of the students who impressed us all with their elegant costumes and performances, I will let the pictures give you an insight into the festival with mullu murukku and assembly performances.



Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition

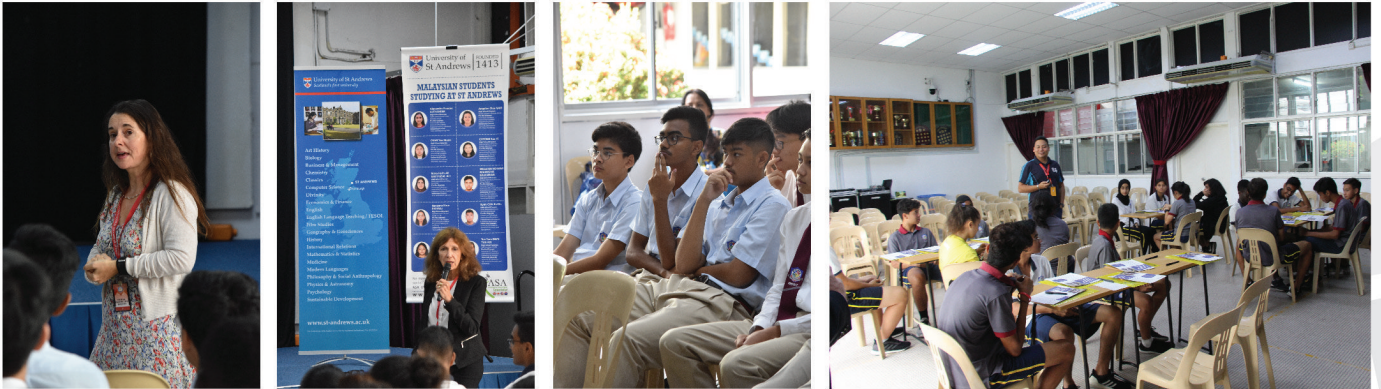
I was extremely pleased to see the level of enthusiasm for this competition! The theme for both the Junior and Senior category was Commonwealth Connections aiming to: - celebrate young writers, recognise achievement, develop literacy skills and inspire creative thinking.

MIGS celebrated 20 winners and participants in the competition. A truly significant success as the number of participants totalled 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!



University Matters

We kept the momentum in the Senior school with three informative presentations from Universities from the UK and Australia. The University of Kent and St Andrews represented the UK with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) representing Australia, and facilitated by the Excel Education group who assist with study solutions and are based here in Malaysia.



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Senior School Debate

A highlight of the term was our Senior School House Debate, and tangible atmosphere of excitement could be felt in the hall as students demonstrated many skills, not only to prepare an opening statement or coherent argument, but to adapt and respond to the opposition. A thoroughly enjoyable event, with the Emerald House being crowned as overall winners.



World Children's Day

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Camps & Day Trips

Alongside all the wonderful things happening in school, we also provide opportunities to challenge oneself to overcome various obstacles in our outdoor activity days and Senior School Camp. Year 7-10 visited the Outbac Broga centra and took part in activities such as flying fox, team building challenges and leadership games. During the second half of the week our Yr. 11 students took a welcome break from study and explored Pangkor Island.



Maths Day

Our junior school students explored our campus and took part in activities within the 'Maths Day' theme. Allowing great opportunities to look at spatial awareness, maths day was a great success.



AIMS Language Competition at Sri KDU

As a member of The Association of International Malaysian Schools (AIMS), we can enter various competitions across the whole of Malaysia. We were delighted to be invited to the Languages competition and absolutely thrilled to gain the following results:

Gold winner of KS2 French Foreign Language category: **Marissa Halim**

Gold winner of KS3 French Foreign Language category: **Yasmine Benayad**

Bronze winner of KS3 French Foreign Language category: **Aaish Abdullah Didi**

I am sure you have seen the pictures of our winners around the school...here they are once more!



Sports Leagues

Our school Teams were part of our International Schools Sports Competition in the KL Sports League and the AIMS Sports Association this term. The teams were well supported by our Staff allowing them to leave school early as some venues were a long distance to travel. We were also well supported by our parents in all our games cheering and encouraging our players.

KL Sports League at IGIS

Under 11 Basketball Tournament:

We would have liked to reach the finals but to be a 2nd runner up as a Bronze medals recipients was as satisfying achievement for these young players.

KL Sports League at IGIS

Participated for Under 11 Boys.

KL Sports League at TISKL

Participated for Under 11 Girls.

Our girls team were caught by surprise with strong attack and defence from the other school teams in our tournaments, Although we settled into fifth place this time around, all our teams have shown great improvement in their approach to their games.

BMW Futsal Tournament at German International School

Four teams participated in this event with some commendable performances from all our teams. This annual event is organised by the German International School and this year it was held on Saturday November 2nd.

All our School Futsal teams participated in this Tournament from Under 11Boys Under 13, under 15 to Over 15 Team. We will return to the training pitch and hope to better our results next year.



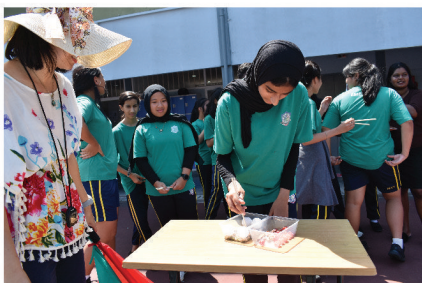
IDL Learning Celebration

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the recent learning celebration, and performances...thinking and dancing and praying like a Roman.... Avendo vissuto e lavorato a Roma, ho ascoltato la canzone con un sorriso. Focused on developing confidence in presentation skills and working collaboratively the IDL project certainly caught the imagination of the students.



Chopsticks Competition

Our second cultural celebration inspired by China, came in the form of a house chopstick competition. What is often regarded as an easy skill by some was put to the test under pressure with other teams in a relay style competition. A great atmosphere from the supporters in the MIGS grandstand created a competitive event.



Tasputra Perkim

Our Year 10 students visited the centre recently to donate funds to a very worthy project. Funds that were raised during wellness week, contributions from the talent show and a number of personal donations were all pooled together as we were delighted to present a cheque to the group. For over 30 years they have catered for special needs children aged between 2 and 32.



Sports Day

Congratulations to all our competitors and participants in our Annual School Sports Day! Whether a run, a jump, a throw, a dance performance or even a march past; it is always pleasing to see so many competitors enjoying the day. I have introduced school records this year and our athletes have certainly set the standard for the next group of students. It is also a time for the teachers relay team to strategize and prepare fully for the event next year ...congratulations to the victorious parents relay team! Topaz House came out as overall winners on the day, so congratulations once again to the winners.



Future events

As we look towards Term Two, allow me to share some new and some revised additions to the calendar and some additional items.

Many students have performed well over the term and their report cards reflect potential and some clear progress. I am pleased with the success of the **class of the month** and **Lead by example** awards in the Junior school. It has encouraged me to create a new set of academically focussed awards for the Senior school. Traditionally we have presented these awards at the end of the year, however; when we return in January a select few awards will be given based on the students' performance in the reporting cycle. These will be announced in the assembly during the first week back. In addition to new items:-

- Coffee and Checkpoint

I cordially invite all parents whose sons and daughters are taking checkpoint this year (Year 6 and Year 9) to join me on the 9th of January for a coffee and checkpoint morning in the school hall.

- Year 11 PTC

As our most Senior students approach their examinations January sees the start of their Mock Examinations. Following analysis of the results I welcome year 11 parents to join myself and their teachers for an IGCSE Preparation evening on the 10th of February.

- Senior Code of Conduct

Our Senior school students will also receive a student code of conduct in the New Year, dispelling some myths and outlining our expectations for the Senior school.

- Scholarship launch

I am also pleased to report some new Academic Scholarship opportunities on the horizon. Look out for the information on our website in the coming months.

- Recent Developments

I am also very pleased to announce that we have completed the process of approval from the Ministry of Education for both Early Years Education and an A level Programme! Further detailed information will be available in the New Year and we welcome any enquiries via our MIGS info email.

Finally from the Physical Education Department I can also confirm the MIGS X Country event will now take place on the 21st of February and the Senior school camps (Years 7-10) will take place from the 18th to the 20th of March. More details of both these events will follow.

All that is left is to wish you a safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you all again on the 7th of January as keen and enthused as always!

Warm regards.



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