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Guest Speaker: Curt Anderson



Recently the ISSR High School students were addressed by international recording artist Curt Anderson from Nashville in the United States. Curt never panned to be a recording artist and he shared with the students a brief outline of his approach to life and the way he ended up doing what he does. He has played his songs in 6 continents and travelled to over 50 countries and he is one of the most travelled musicians.

As part of his presentation he performed his latest hit songs: "Love like you Love" and "Keep it Beating" from his album "Every Moment". All of the students enjoyed the performance and Curt stayed at the school during lunch break and talked informally to many of the students. Our thanks to Curt for giving his time to come and visit us and we look forward to seeing him again in the near future.



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ECA: International Cookery - Cook-Off Competition

As a part of ECA- International Cookery program, students were asked to select their own recipe, cook it within a set time period and present it before judges on the day of competition.

Kalayane and Sokheng decided to cook salmon fish and they presented the dish with smashed creamy potato and spinach sauce. Jaemin and Philos decided to go for Cambodian authentic food, so they chose chicken fried rice. They selected all ingredients very carefully and made wonderful aromatic food presented in an authentic way. Gregory and Mongkul chose to make burger with bacon strip, guacamole and beef. They presented it with fries around the burger and put a sauce smile on it. Visa, Ethan and Isaac also decided to make burger, but the way they made their burger made it look even more delicious, with the beef covered by a good quantity of cheese and lot of salad inside.

When the time came for the decision making from the judges it was clear they were really confused about which one to select as all the dishes were excellent. Whilst the burgers made by both teams were very popular with the judges it was the fried rice and salmon touched that eventually won over their taste buds. They liked both dishes so much that they decided to give a first prize for both teams. Mrs Phalin and Mr. Nev gave prizes to the winners Kalayane, Sokheng, Jaemin and Philos.

Mr. Joseph



RUN ISSR RUN!!

It was an early and rainy morning when on Saturday 8th of December Sonita, Gregory, Noheul, Meng, Yuvan, Philos, Mahé, Felix, Peace, Yin Mon, Hayden and Haneul heard their alarm go off. But this did not stop them from putting on their running shoes and heading out to Hope School for a 3km run.

**"IF YOU RUN, YOU
ARE A RUNNER.
IT DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW FAST OR
HOW FAR."**

They competed against Hope School, Go Global and API in three different age groups. Although it wasn't easy with the sun coming out and cows crossing the streets, but they all did a wonderful job and collected house points for their houses!

Felix, Yuvan and Noheul managed to finish within the top 3 runners of their category and Sonita came first in hers! Well done to them and well done to all the other runners! And thank you to the teachers, parents and students who came out to support these brave runners. It was a great start of the weekend to see these students running in the countryside!

Ms. Claudine

CROSS COUNTRY RUN



**@Hope
School**

Christmas Show

The highlight of December was the annual Christmas Show which was held on 21st December. It was great to see the large number of parents who came to support the students of ISSR at the Christmas Concert. This year the event took place in the new auditorium at the primary school campus. This provided a perfect opportunity for the high school students and parents to take a look around the newly built campus and for the primary students to mingle with the high school students.

The show kicked off with a warm and humorous welcome from the event's MCs, the High School Student Council Co-captains: Gaia Giani and Vireakbodh Yay. This was followed by the singing of the ISSR anthem. As is tradition, the opening performance was the Khmer Blessing Dance, performed by the Khmer students of the primary school. Each class performed either a dance or song that they'd been rehearsing for a few long weeks prior to the show. It was evidently clear how much effort all the students and teachers put into the performances. The High School Dance Crew did two outstanding numbers after practicing both during their ECA period and outside school-hours. Their dedication and hard work shone through in their superb coordination throughout the entire performance. Another two stunning performances were put on by the High School Band which received an immense positive response from the audience. Well done to everyone.



NGO Club Visit to Rehash Trash

On Friday 14th December the Year 8 & 9 NGO ECA had their first outing this academic year at Rehash Trash. Rehash Trash turns roadside rubbish into beautiful stylish items while providing a steady income for disadvantaged women in Siem Reap. It not only makes great products and cleans up the environment, but it also changes and empowers the lives of struggling mothers and their families. There, they participated in a workshop where they worked hard in making bracelets and key rings in less than two hours. Furthermore, they were amazed by the quality of the products and by how the items made out of plastic bags looked like they have been made out of wood in their final form. I'm extremely proud of all the students who joined the NGO ECA this semester and look forward to the other trips. You have showed a lot of efforts these terms! Special thanks to Ms Coral for accompanying us on that day.



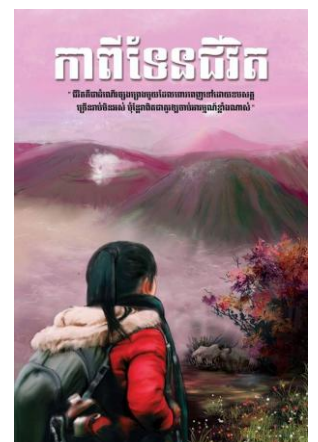
Thavry Thon Visit



In December, students had a passionate and highly-successful Author from Phnom Penh come and share about following dreams and passions. Recently Thavry Thon published her new, inspiring book entitled 'Captain of Life', which seeks to show how life experiences, whether good or bad, sculpt who we become. The book teaches that it is how we react to these challenges that determines who we become. The dark sky returns to the blue sky, the big storm soon to be over, and in the end we still remain the captain of our own life.

Thavry shared how dreams can become a reality, sharing that being an Author started with her dream of being one, a dream she never turned her back on. She encouraged students to follow their passions and to dream big, to have a strong commitment to something and follow it! Thavry and authors such as 'The Golden Bird' were here in Siem Reap for a 3 day book-exhibition at 'The University of South East Asia'. After her short speech, students came to speak to Thavry and find out more about her books.

"Thavry's stories are at times poignant, at times funny, but always enlightening and inspiring. She maps the path for many of this new Cambodian generation to follow and to see that while many traditions are important and should be preserved, others belong only in the past. Thavry has had an interesting life journey so far, and something tells me that she has many more adventures to come."





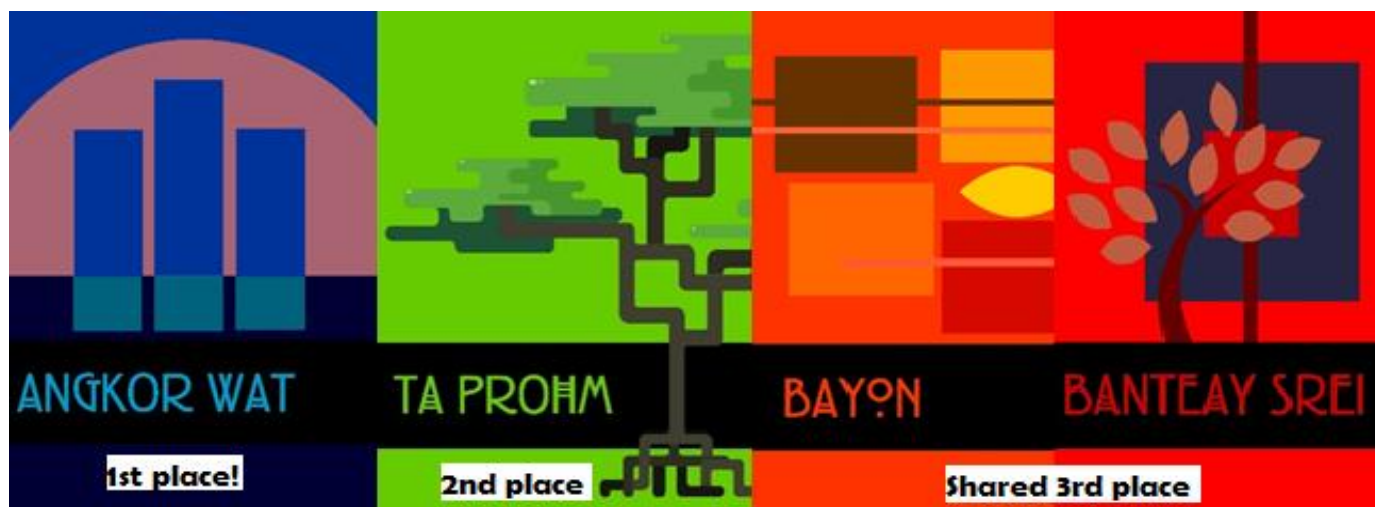
INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

Four houses, four yells, four flags, but only one can be the winner...

All students competed during sports hour in a variety of games. They could earn house points by winning games such as; basketball/handball, football, volleyball and ping pong. But kicking a ball in a goal or shooting a ball in a hoop was not the only way to collect house points. Beautiful flags appeared during the event and students came up with original and funny yells. This allowed them to gather 'spirit' points. All houses played with a good spirit and played respectful with each other which was lovely to see.

Angkor Wat stood out during the house competition. They won most of their games and they had the most spirit points. Congratulations Angkor Wat!

***Four houses, four yells, four flags, but only one winner;
ANGKOR WAT!***



Cambridge Assessment International Education News

Examination Results for November 2018

In October and November 2018 a group of our students sat for the Cambridge exams. The results for the Cambridge November 2018 series examinations were released early January. There were big improvements in their grades and that has helped those applying to enrol in British universities. We thank the teachers who worked so hard to raise the achievements of the students.

Next month in February we will be putting the IGCSE, AS and A-Level students on their trial examinations. The Year 11 will experience their first full exams conditions during the two weeks. The teachers have worked tremendously hard in setting papers that will test their students' skills and knowledge. The outcome of the trial will also prepare the students for the final exams in May/June series. We wish the students well.

Mr. Taliv – Cambridge Curriculum Coordinator

Reflections on Work Experience

During the Christmas Break 3 of our AS/A-Level students undertook a work experience at businesses in Siem Reap. Here are some reflections on their experiences.

Work experience at SRPS – Junmin Kim Y13

I first started working at SRPS on 14th of October thanks to Ms. Gemma's recommendation. The main reason for me to start working for SRPS was to improve my resume for my university application and hopefully to gain some IT-related skills. However, I gained many other things from this work experience other than just a certificate.

After a simple interview with the boss of the organisation, I had a day of job training. My working hours were from 8am to 12pm every Saturday and I was allocated to do mainly two jobs: editing the photos of the new properties and posting them onto various websites.

Editing the photos was not hard at all except that I had to apply the exact style of adjustments that would satisfy my manager. It was quite hard and annoying at first due to the differences in ideas between the two of us, but I gradually understood and got used to the sorts of output that he wanted. I was also able to get out of the office quite often to follow one of my co-workers and take pictures of the new properties. I really enjoyed this part of the work routine because it almost felt like I am travelling around Siem Reap. We went to different parts of Siem Reap (often where I have never been before) and took pictures of so many different kinds of houses. From this, I also learned the names and locations of communes in Siem Reap some of which I have never heard before.

Although SRPS was a small organisation, it taught me not only the job-related skills like editing photos, but also the valuable knowledge of what it is like to be working in an office environment and some good memories with the co-workers.



Working in a local architectural firm (CONCEPT Architecture) – Koki Yoshimoto Y13



My work experience began in the middle of our Christmas break. I was privileged to be introduced to a young successful Cambodian entrepreneur by Ms. Gemma over the holidays. After exchanging a few emails with the owner of the BioLAB cafe and CONCEPT architecture, I was offered a vague position - nevertheless, still a position to work in his office, and for that I am indebted to both the owner and Ms. Gemma. With four hours a day, 2 days a week dedicated to work experience, I was given ample time to observe and provoke my curiosity in this new environment, I found myself in.

I was given various tasks ranging from summing up company expenses to measuring dimensions of apartment complexes requested by clients, desperate to reopen a hospitality business; a very familiar industry in Siem Reap. The office workers were often on their computers drawing 2D and 3D models of buildings using softwares such as AutoCAD, Sketchup and Revit. They are hardworking people and it takes a special amount of effort to be do a full time job while still going to university.



Discussing construction plans at the new site



Drawing 2D map of the client's building

Work Experience is not always teeming with delight. There will be days where you will be given interesting tasks to do, but other days where you have no work at all. However, as someone who has already spent 52 hours doing work experience, I have come to a realisation and conclusion that this will inevitably be the reality of work. Whether you perceive this to be good or bad is not of concern but the sole purpose of work experience is to open your eyes and see how the world doesn't revolve around you anymore. It is a significant point in life where one explores the theme of self-relevance.

During my time in work experience, I have gained the habit to observe. Not necessarily to question, but to observe and form my own thoughts in my mind. This, I believe, is of paramount significance especially when students embark on a new journey to fulfil their future careers as not only do you learn more things, but you recognise the enormity of the world. What this entails is that in a sense, you have become mature.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Year 9 Humanities



On the 21st January assembly Chavelli Caboor and Sophia Himm from Year 9 presented the collective work of the Year 9 Humanities class who have been studying a unit on Black America.

Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday in the US held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.



Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement from 1954 until his assassination in 1968. Born in Atlanta, King is best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience, tactics his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi helped inspire.

Well done to all the Year 9 students who contributed.

New Teachers

SHELLEY MCGLASHAN

BA (CJA), GDipGast, DipBus, Cert V TEFL, Cert IV TAE



Teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) Year 7, 9 and 10.

Shelley has joined ISSR as a part-time teacher of English as a Second Language while Ms. Gemma is on maternity leave. She also works at Learn for Life so she has a busy schedule. Shelley is a dedicated and passionate educator and she has been providing structured and informal education for both clients and employees over a number of years. She holds a TQUK Level 5 certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, as well as Diplomas in Business and Gastronomy. Ms. Shelley is deeply committed to empowering others, and firmly believes that education is fundamental in helping learners secure a better future for themselves and their families.

PAWEŁ CWIK

Cert V TEFL, Dip. Digital Marketing, Cert. of Higher Education: International Business Management, Cert. Business English.



**Year 7 English as a First Language
Year 8 English as a Second Language**

Mr Paweł studied International Business Management at the University of Wolverhampton Business School before undertaking a Cambridge TEFL Certificate. It is his first time in Asia and he is thrilled to work at ISSR. Paweł will be working with us on a part-time basis, taking over Year 7 English and Year 8 ESL classes. Paweł will also coach football during Wednesday's sport hour.

Key Dates

Feb 4-15 IGCSE, AS/A-Level Trial Examinations
Feb 18-22 Mid-Term Break – Holiday (no school)

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