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Teambuilding Games

The 12th August was the start of a new school year and it was great to see many familiar faces. Whist there have been some students move on at the end of last academic year there have also been a number of new enrollments during the summer vacation so the numbers in High School have stayed about the same. This year we are welcoming a large number of Year 7 students as well so to make them feel at home and get to get to know the other students we started the year off with teambuilding games including: ping pong around the table, rope twister relay, cross the river, no arms but legs, dodge ball and twin football.

The students were put into teams where they had to work with students from other year groups. The games involved physical challenges but also intellectual challenges and the students demonstrated being real team players. Before the game they would discuss their strategy and during the game they worked hard to compete against the other team. Fair play, sportsmanship and team spirit are important values in team sports at ISSR and the students have shown that they respect these values. It is lovely to see that the students still mingle during lunch time and out on the court playing sports together.

Ms. Claudine



June 2019 IGCSE and A Level Results

The results for the Cambridge International examinations were issued on August 13th 2019. Our Year 13 students performed extremely well, attaining 85 % passes A* - C.

The following students in particular are to be congratulated: Koki Yoshimoto, Gaeul Kim, Junmin Kim, Amandine Bopha Rossier and Jaemin Kim each scored at least an A^*/A grade .The qualification can be a valuable asset especially when the student further their tertiary studies in universities around the world.

As for our Year 11 IGCSE candidates, they've garnered a 90% pass in all their subjects. 72 % of them earned A* and A grades.





The IGCSE students were presented with Certificates of Academic Achievement during the assembly which our Director, Mr. Nev Turner presented.



We thank the teachers who worked so hard to raise the achievements of the students throughout the academic year; those efforts have certainly reaped rewards.

Taliv Mo: Cambridge Curriclum Coordinator

Presidential International Scholarship – Koki Yoshimoto



Congratulations to Year 13 graduate Koki Yoshimoto who was awarded a Presidential International Scholarship to attend King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi to do a Bachelor of Architecture in the School of Architecture and Design.

The School of Architecture and Design was established in 1994 to provide a complete program of architecture and design studies in English and is recognized as a center of architecture and design in the Asia Pacific region.



Careers and University Application Counselling

As part of the Year 10 and 11 PSHE classes there will be a section which looks at future careers and university and college courses. For Year 12 and 13 students counselling and assistance with college and university applications is provided on a case by case basis. Information is also provided on scholarships and university and college events. Parents can also make an appointment to discuss any questions they may have regarding subject selection and future career choices principal.secondary@issr.edu.kh

Renovations Completed

During the summer vacation the secondary campus underwent a major renovation of classrooms, equipment and playing fields. All classrooms now have tiled floors, new paint and upgraded tables and chairs. The basketball court has been extended and includes 3 playing areas and the volleyball court area has been expanded into a multi-purpose area. The field has been top-dressed and the runoff controlled to make it more playable in the wet. The whole area has been netted off to ensure the safety of non-participants as well as ensuring that valuable equipment is not lost when it goes over the fence.

Students now have a lot more space for their Physical Education lessons and they are able to participate in social sport activities during their breaks.



New Staff

Fortunately, all of the teachers we hired last year will be with us for another year. We only have one new teacher and two old teachers but in new roles.



Steven Hirst will be joining the English Department as a specialist teacher of Drama, English and English Literature. (See his bio below).

Shelley McGlashan will continue to teach our ESL support programme and will also teach our expanded ESL programme to Year 7-11 including IGCSE ESL for Year 10 and 11 students.



Evelien Rutten is moving from primary to secondary school where she will teach KS3 English, Humanities and PSHE. We welcome them and hope that they will have a long and successful association with the High School.

University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Free Workshop (25th September at 4:30 pm in Room 309)

Your way to Australia's number 1 young university

Collaborative workshop for high school students and parents Through the High School Workshops, students and parents will gain hands-on experience to give them an insight into applying creative thinking, using communication and problem-solving skills.

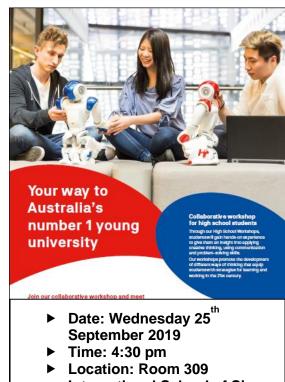
The workshop promotes the development of different ways of thinking that equip students with strategies for learning and working in the 21st century.

Join our workshop and meet **Chanchai Teachapanich**, **Regional Partner Manager**, **UTS Insearch**, Australia Learn about the important skills in collaboration, imagination and teamwork that are adaptable for the future.

Learn about student life in Sydney and hear about the cuttingedge programs at UTS.

If you would like to attend the workshop please contact the High School administration the secure your place.

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Location: Room 309International School of SiemReap High School Campus



Steven Hirst

I was born and brought up in The UK, in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, I am a qualified secondary teacher with an MA in English Language and Literature from Wadham College, Oxford University and a PGCE in English and Drama from the Institute of Education, University of London.

I am an experienced theatre director and educator with many years of experience in theatre and education work in multicultural settings both in the UK and overseas, particularly China, in Beijing, Chengdu, Ningbo and Shanghai and many years in Hong Kong. I have worked in the UK with directors including Alan Ayckbourn and Malcolm Hebden whom I worked with at the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough and actors including Brenda Blethyn and Judd Hirsch, and in Asia I have taught the film actors Sun Hong Lei, Chang Chen, Gong Li and Tony Leung and worked with directors including the legendary Wong Kar-Wai.

I have written and directed theatre shows in various locations and settings, including on many occasions the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, most recently in 2015, and in 2016 I wrote and directed ten shows with multicultural casts of young performers in Shanghai, China. I am very happy to join the friendly and professional team here and look forward to exciting literary and dramatic adventures at ISSR!

Book Amnesty

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Fiction and non-fiction appreciated





THANK YOU!

ISSR Student Representative Council 2019-20

The 2019 / 2020 Student Representative Council season has well and truly kicked off. Students were given the first week to decide upon which role they might want to accept. New role statements meant that students could clearly see what they were about to face and were aware of the responsibility that would come with their new power. What power? The power to be part of something bigger than ever before.

Our first elections were for our House Captains. Our houses, Banteay Srei, Angkor, Ta Prohm and Bayon split into their teams to elect Junior and Senior House Captains. From many willing nominees came 8 fantastic choices to lead their houses to victory.

We are proud to introduce:

Senior - Chin Kungmaliz Year 11 Junior - Ga Eun Lee Year 9 Angkor Ta Prohm Senior - Yang Sanya Year 12 Junior - Sharlyn Dior Year 9

Banteay Srei Senior - Felix Wijnberg Year 11 Junior - Ngem Long Monineath Year 8

Senior - Peace Todd Year 11 Bavon Junior - Yem Sokunthea Year 9

Following this, submissions were called to take on the newly created posts of Heads of Committee (HOCs) for the Student Representative Council (SRC). There are 5 committees dedicated to enriching our school environment and creating opportunities.

S.E.E. – Sustainability, Earth and Environment – You Jin Choi Year 12 S.W.C. – Student Welfare Committee – Melissa You Year 11

Legacy Committee - Chavelli Caboor and Chiara Giani Year 10

M. U.N. - Model United Nations / Khmer Liaison - Rosita Wijnberg Year 12

R.F.C. - Revenue and Fundraising Committee – Leaksmy Luy and Lysa Nou Year 11

Then individual homeroom classes selected their Class Representatives. Elected amongst only the members of each class/year level. They will be the voice and critical eye of the students who will assist and ensure every student is heard and nobody is ignored.

Emily Chang 7J, Yulha Chin 7E Seoyoung Choi - Year 8 Sharlyn Dior - Year 9 Juwon Lee, Chavelli Caboor - Year 10 Seng So Theary, Joo Mee Park - Year 11 Thway Yin Mon - Year 12/13

Finally, saving the most distinguished for last, our new School Captains were elected by the greater body of students as well as staff. All votes considered equal. Congratulations to Noheul Kim and Yuvan Dumas both from year 12.

Special thanks to our specially selected Support Team; Sour Pheanuk, Yoshitaro Watanabe (Y7), Lilly Kremer, Maiya Jancloes (Y8), Say Tep Kongkea, Tang Bunlong, Yang Chhing Ann (Y9) and Namyoung Kim, Kalyane Dumas (Y10). Our support team are students who have been identified as quiet achievers who are always willing to participate in school life.

Lastly, special thanks also to our past Captains, Gaia Giani (Y13) and Yeh Vireak Bodh (Y12) who were also involved in the selection, election and leadership process.

We are proud of all our students and especially those who have undertaken the challenges of representation, management and leadership of their peers.



SRC Leadership Training



On Wednesday 28th August all of the newly elected members of the Student Representative Council took part in a Leadership Training Day which was organized by Mr. Michael Tait the Student Representative Council Advisor. Here is a perspective on the program from Mr. Michael.

Leaders of Change

When we enter the grown up world, we soon realize the challenging realities of making our mark and establishing how we fit together in the puzzle that is life. Young men and women emerging into the world can be better prepared to move forward if they have the skills and experience to do so. That's the age old problem. Potential employers often feel they need an experienced employee and universities are wary of applicants who haven't demonstrated a willingness to broaden their lives.

On Wednesday 28th August, 36 students accepted an invitation to be trained in some of the arts of teamwork, leadership, motivation and the vision to imagine something greater than themselves. They were part of a group who had just been through elections, selections and processes to identify leaders of change. We held the training here at our wonderful high school campus. It wasn't a day designed to put another pen and piece of paper in their hands, but a day for them to do something, take control, share ideas, work together and build their faith and trust in each other.

We asked them to identify the leader they believed they wanted to be. We asked them to cognitively buy into positivity, innovation, motivation and change. All students took up that offer and performed positively and patiently through a range of physical, symbolic and holistic challenges designed to center their thinking and create opportunity for change. We asked a lot. That's exactly what they gave. We saw potential young minds develop the belief that they could lead change, get involved and make their learning environment a far more interesting place. We even constructed a Viking shield wall and stood strong together, parallel with our beliefs.







So where do we go from there? Is that it? Simply, the answer is, forward. Since the 28th of August, students have ramped up their involvement throughout the school. Our school Captains, Student Representative Council members, House Captains. There is a changing vibe about what students want to achieve and how they can do it. Our leadership program is all about giving our students powerful tools to affect change and gain the valuable experience and broader recognition for their efforts. The school has become a testing ground, a workshop, a laboratory for our students to test their willingness to make a difference.

We are very proud of our students and their rapid evolution. We aim to support and acknowledge them through every step of their journey and build a bigger better team of young men and women, the leaders of change.

Michael Tait - Student Representative Council Advisor

Meet and Greet Event

There was an informal meeting with all parents and staff on the evening of **Friday, August 23**rd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It provided an opportunity for parents to meet the new teachers, reflect upon the developments in 2018-19 and to have overview of the aims and objectives for this academic year. Newly elected members of the Student Representative Council conducted guided tours of the school prior to the start of the formal proceedings.

There were then presentations from the High School Principal (Mr. Peter Greener), Cambridge Curriculum Coordinator and Assistant Principal (Mr. Taliv Mo) and Khmer Principal (Mr. Sopheap). This was followed by snacks and drinks in the newly renovated basketball court.

It was great to see parents taking and interest in their child's education and I encourage more parents to take up these opportunities in the future.

HS Principal



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