

House Spirit Day

Seven year groups, four groups, four colours, four temples, four flags, four songs, four dances; four HOUSES! House Spirit Day was held on the 9th September and was the first of the inter-house competitions for the year. All houses were asked to come to Monday’s assembly prepared to promote their respective houses on stage and display their house spirit. The house captains did a great job organising house meetings and informing their houses how to get prepared and the house members worked overtime to be ready to present. We saw some beautiful flags, we heard some great songs, we enjoyed some good dance moves and most students were dressed in their house colours with extra attributes such as ribbons, face paint and scarfs. It wasn’t an easy decision to choose the best spirit amongst the houses, but there was one house that had made an effort to create personal T-shirts and they were chosen as number one. Congratulations to BANTEAY SREI!



First Inter-School Sports Tournament @ ISSR High School

Usually Saturday afternoon is a quiet time at ISSR High School, but on Saturday 14th September things were different. The first inter-school sports tournament was held and we had teams from several schools competing against each other. Students could choose from basketball, football and volleyball. ISSR had more than 40 students participating and we welcomed teams from 10 Makara School, Go Global, Hope School, API and NGO Kids Play International.

For three hours games were played on each court or field and fortunately the weather did not let us down. All teams played each other twice and the best teams made it to the semi-finals and the finals. The games were competitive and our students showed a competitive and respectful attitude towards the other school teams. Our students showed a high level of fair play and ability during the games and if they were not playing they demonstrated responsibility by taking on roles as referees and supporters.

Thanks to Mr. Michael and the Student Council there was a wide range of drinks and food available for sale. Between the games the students could eat, relax and play some table tennis and mingle with students from other schools.

Overall it was a successful day. Well done to all participants and thank you to all students and staff that came out to support!

Miss Claudine



Documentaries ECA



This term the Documentary ECA students watched a documentary film directed by Michael Moore called 'Where To Invade Next'. In the documentary, the American filmmaker addressed major political and social issues in the United States, stressing how much better our lives might be if we raised the question: which policies and social practices would work best in order to reform a harmonious society? American leaders sought Michael's help. In the documentary he visits several European countries to discover social and political ideas that he could bring home. What's ironic is that many of the best and most utopian ideas he encountered were actually borrowed from the US.

Each of the following students were assigned to present a country where Michael has planted the American flag, largely focusing on what ideas were brought back home to the US:

Italy - Ryda, Year 11

"Italians get six weeks of paid leave with a standard working week of 40 hours, plus financial aid for pregnant women."

France - Mahe, Year 10

"French cuisine in school cafeterias is highly nutritious - meals are provided without any payment."

Norway - Kwangjin, Year 10

"A maximum security prison in Norway offers a simulation of life outside prison, supporting the concept of restorative justice without the use of harmful equipment needed for security officers."

Finland - Sotheary, Year 11

"One of the highest ranked school systems in the world with the shortest school days, the shortest school years in Europe. No homework!"

Germany - Lysa, Year 11

"One of the best and most ethical countries to work as an employee. German workers are offered various incentives such as a free doctor prescriptions and 36hrs of work per week."

Portugal - Maliza, Year 11

"Abolition of the death penalty as well as war on drugs has come to an end as a result of legalizing all-drug use."

By: Rosita Winjberg Y12

Year 10 Art and Design – Canvas Painting

The Year 10 Art Design students have completed their premier canvas painting assignment with very good outcomes. The five students painted on stretched and primed canvases using acrylic paint and have made vast improvements with their brush handling, which was evident in the final pieces. Choosing a preferred artists' work, students were required to reproduce it in their own personal and original style. All students have produced outstanding versions of the original paintings and a couple of the paintings have been selected to be exhibited in a Charity Art show on the 27th of October.

Mr. Taliv

Kwang Jin Yoo

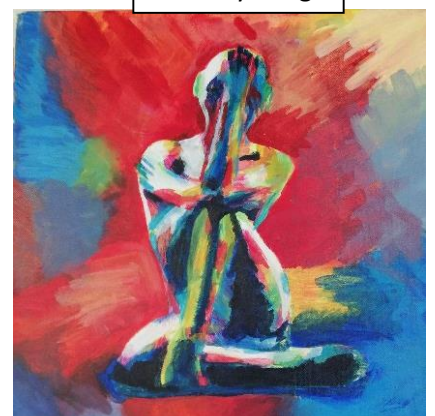
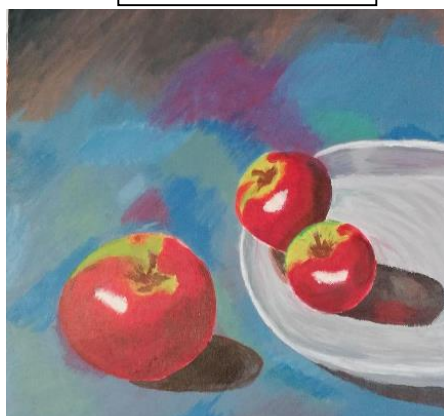


Kimwey Tang

Sophea Turner



Solalu Watanabe



The day we went to Italy for our field trip!

The students of the ECA 'Italian 101: a guide to surviving in Italy', recently went to Italy... well, almost!

After spending the first term of the academic year learning about Italian general knowledge, the students went on a small field trip to an authentic Italian restaurant. Digging into the depths of Italian culture, food occupies a special place in the heart of its people. As the term approached its ending, Ms. Giulia and the students decided to celebrate in a typical Italian way: with a meal! The students travelled to Mamma Shop an Italian restaurant in Siem Reap.

During our lunch at Mamma Shop, with the help of the owner, Mr. Simone and his staff, the students had the opportunity to order their meal in Italian, but also to fully appreciate the real Italian way of eating... from a small starter, to main course(s), ending with dessert! All students enjoyed their meal... but Italian portions were too big for many of them... we left with fully bellies and happy Italian memories!

È stato un piacere!

Ms. Giulia



Band ECA Performance

As part of the ECA, the new High School Band performed for all the students and the staff. After a few rehearsals together, they hit the stage. The band played a tune by Selena Gomez (Wolves) and the famous hit single from Lil Nas X "Old Town Road". It was a big success, with many students singing along with them!

This year's group of musicians has lots of talent. Pauline and Lily sang their hearts out in the front of the band, and also played some ukulele and piano. Sivly provided a steady beat on percussion, together with our talented new drummer Dame. You Jin learned and played all the tricky piano parts of the song. Moni played great ukulele and piano, depending on the song. Peace and Aoi strummed the electric and acoustic guitars very tight, keeping the whole band together.

This band will continue to practice and learn different songs. They will now prepare for the big Christmas show at the end of the year, so you will all be able to see them perform then.

Greetings,

Mr Ray

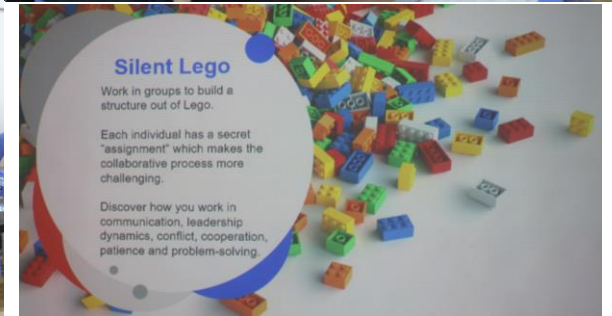
University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Workshop



On the 25th September 25 parents and students attended a collaborative workshop presented by a representative from University of Technology Sydney Insearch. The workshop was presented by Chanchai Teachapanich, Regional Partner Manager, UTS Insearch, Australia.

He gave a series of presentations on the pathways available for students (both full-time and part-time), support programs that are available, academic requirements for entry and scholarships and many other important points about education in Australia.

This was followed by a series of activities which gave the participants an insight into applying creative thinking, using communication and problem-solving skills. The workshop promoted the development of different ways of thinking that equip students with strategies for learning and working in the 21st century.



We look forward to the next visit from Chanchai and it is hoped that more of the high school community will join in the next workshop.

Mr. Peter

Pchum Benh Assembly



On the last day of term before we took a break for Pchum Benh the Khmer section gave the students a brief explanation of the meaning and traditions of Pchum Benh. The assembly was introduced by Mr. Sopheap the Khmer Principal who gave a brief introduction which was translated by Yang Sanya Y12. Sanya then went on to give a brief overview of the meaning and significance of Pchum Benh and described the various rituals which take place throughout the festival.



Pchum Ben (Khmer: បុណ្យភ្ជុំបិណ្ឌ, also known as “Ancestors’ Day”, “Festival of the Dead” or “Hungry Ghosts Festival”, is a 15-day Cambodian religious festival and marks the end of Buddhist Lent.

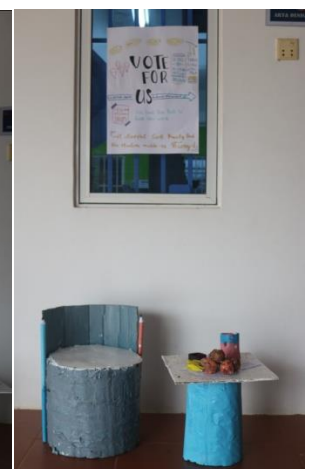


The Pchum Ben festival begins on the first day of the waning moon in the month of Putrobut. The first 14 days of the festival are called Kan Ban (observing festival). Pchum Ben on the 15th day is the beginning of a three-day official holiday in Cambodia.

Art and Design Department

The Design Department annual Functional Paper Furniture project was undertaken by the Year 7 group with great enthusiasm. The task was to create functional paper furniture products that could survive the strength test given by Mr. Michael. Six groups of four students planned, sketched and rolled recycled paper to form the base of their creations. After assembling the rolled paper they painted and presented their finished designs.

All of the students put in a commendable effort to create functional paper furniture products and along the way they’ve learned both about recycling and the starting steps to sustainable design processes. The teaching and administrative staff voted for the best design and the winning group were Yul-ha, Dahee, Dawit and Elisa.



Left to right: Mr Michael the weight tester. The six final products. The winning design.

Key Stage 4 Art Trip – Tribe Gallery

As part of the Cambridge program coursework requirement, the IGCSE Art & Design students went to visit a gallery. Five Year 11 students along with Ms Jane were greeted and guided by the Tribe Gallery owners, Messrs. Nat Di Maggio and Terry McIlkenny.

The visit started at the back alley where murals done by local artists were expertly explained by the owners. The talk that followed in the gallery was very well delivered and students absorbed the information diligently. Mr. Terry took them to the attic studio where some printmaking works in progress were shown. Paintings and prints were comprehensively explained by the owners.

At the end of the visit we were very grateful for the kindness and cooperation given by the Tribe Gallery owners. It was a good learning journey and experience for the students as they prepare for their final coursework exams.



House Competition – Recycling

Student Council member You Jin Choi gave a brief introduction to the House Recycling event. All house members are to put their plastic recyclables in their house bin to earn house points.



Art in the Open

The Art in the Open members have been busy with the walls working with their individual style and designs. It'll be loaded with more murals and contemporary art works in the coming months. Each work was researched and painted by each student independently.



Key Dates

Oct 11	Term 1 Progress Report
Nov 11-12	Water Festival Holiday
Nov 25-28	End of Semester Examinations (Y7-11)
Nov 29	Staff In-service (no school)
Dec 2-6	End of Semester Examinations (Y12-13)
Dec 13	End of Semester Report Issued (Y7-13)
Dec 17-18	Parent Meetings
Dec 20	Christmas Show. End of Semester 1.

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