

International Schools Volleyball Competition in Phnom Penh

No expectations lead to 3rd place for the ISSR volleyball team!



Saturday 12th October was the first time the ISSR volleyball team competed against schools outside Siem Reap. The team travelled to Phnom Penh and participated in a volleyball tournament where they played against teams from much larger schools in Phnom Penh. All games were 3 setters and the students worked incredibly hard, stepping up their game throughout the day. They ended up third, but most importantly they went home with a better set of skills and memories of a wonderful experience. They can be very proud of what they achieved!

Thanks to Miss. Claudine for coaching the students and Miss.Claudine and Mr. Samnang for accompanying them on the trip to the competition. Well done!



The Cambridge November exam session started early this month. Six students are attempting the IGCSE, AS & A Level exams. The last paper will be in mid-November. We wish our students all their best in their academic pursuits. We have entered our estimated numbers for next June 2020 exams. Our teachers are already getting the students started on the diet for the Checkpoint and June series exams.

Mr. Taliv Mo

Humanities Year 7

The disability awareness initiative focuses on teaching children about the challenges and triumphs for people living with disabilities. Our classroom curriculum instills an understanding of the difficulties people with disabilities face and ways for all of us to be part of the solution to overcome disability's social stigma.

Three amazing visitors from the NGO Soulcial Trust came to teach us about what disabilities mean. We learned about many types of disabilities, and that some are not visible to other people.

We also learned that people who have physical disabilities can still play sports. We did a quiz on disabilities in Cambodia.

Did you know that only 1 in 10 of the disabled children in Cambodia goes to school?

And that the most common disability is visual impairment?

We all learned many things and enjoyed this special visit.

Joo Ha Park and Yulha Sin, Y7



Ritangle
2019

An integral maths competition

25 questions. One final challenge. One winning team

ISSR is taking part in Ritangle, an international team competition for A-level mathematics students. Over a period of 8 weeks students will work together to answer 25 Maths questions, the answers to these 25 questions will be used to solve a final challenge.

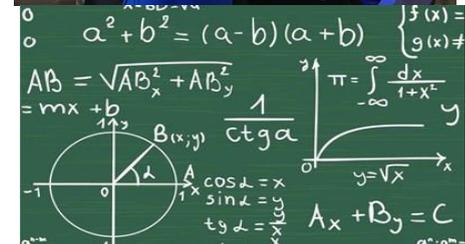
A Maths hamper and trophy will be awarded to the school of the winning team. Y12 and Y13 students have formed two teams to take part in the competition.



The first team's members are: Gaia, Danesh, Noheul, Pauline and Peishan and the second team's members are: You Jin, Yuvan, Yin Mon, Sanya and Bodh.

Have fun and good luck to you all!

Ms. Li Wei



World Mental Health Day Assembly



On Monday 14th October, there was a presentation about **World Mental Health Day** by Ms. Giulia and Ms. Evelien. It was about mental health and suicide awareness.

The message that they were trying to give us was, "speak up, and don't keep depression a secret!" They spoke about risk factors and what to do if you recognise any of the signs.

Pheanuk Suor and Yanin Seng Y7



Year 7 Dance Crew Assembly Performance

It was a great opportunity to teach the crew the choreography from Youtube and because they followed everything so well these past two terms, there weren't many difficulties.

I felt very proud when I saw them performing. They followed the dance steps and although they were nervous and scared, they were prepared and worked hard for the dance assembly. We are now preparing to show an even better performance for the Christmas concert.

Well done Dance crew!

Haneul Kim Year 10

Model United Nations Conference

On January, 18th & 19th, ISSR will be holding its first ever Model United Nations Conference, SRMUN 2020. Delegates from schools all over Siem Reap will attend. Students are aged between 12 and 18, from year 7 to year 13. It is a format of discussion and resolution that simulates the real United Nations General Assembly and Committees.

The SRMUN will entertain 3 committees for approximately 100 delegates representing over 85 countries:

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

Many of our own students will be delegates and volunteers.

The venue will be at our well-resourced primary campus. Keep in mind, MUN is run and managed by students. It's a great platform for young people to build character, confidence and a global mind. Applications for volunteers and delegates are open NOW! Applications close at the end of November after which delegates will receive their assigned country to represent at the conference.



Mr. Michael Tait

School Debating



On Tuesday, October 29th, 6 intrepid students from years 8 to 12 engaged in a heated debate. The style was British Parliamentary. The motion was; The internet is a better teacher for the future. This was our model debate and first of the 2019 / 2020 school year. We hope to raise awareness of the benefits of quality debate to support academic goals.

We also hope to kick off an inter-school series to give more opportunities for students to speak and connect with issues that relate to our ever changing global society. Thanks to Mr. Steven, our adjudicator who gave the debate's decision to side opposition (Opposition Govt.).

Well Done Noheul, Yuvan, Maiya, Lily, Nam and Sharlyn.

Austin Heights International School Visit



On 25th October, 32 students and 3 staff from the Austin Heights International School arrived during the morning session. Being their third visit to ISSR High School, we were gracious to host them and watched their students showcased their talents in dancing and musical rendition. The Austin Heights girls in Indian costumes danced and got our students to join in at the end. Mr Joseph also contributed with a talk about Diwali. He ended it with a festive Indian song to welcome the celebration.

After the performances they joined in the ECA and had fun in some sports activities with our students. It made their visit enjoyable and memorable as many new friends were made while they shared their lunch time together.

Mr Suresh, Austin Heights Deputy Principal, presented a special souvenir, which was designed and made by their teacher, to our Director, Mr. Neville Turner as part of the Cultural Exchange Programme. We hope to reciprocate their visit in the future so as to continue our bond and ties with Austin Heights International School.



Drama News



Key Stage 3: This term Key Stage 3 students have been reading and responding to playscripts. Year 7: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde adapted from the classic Victorian horror story by Robert Louis Stevenson, Year 8: Stone Cold, adapted from Robert Swindell's young adult novel about a serial killer stalking young homeless people on the streets of 1980s London, and Year 9: Frankenstein, adapted by Philip Pullman from Mary Shelley's classic and revolutionary novel, which invented the genres of both Gothic horror and science-fiction.

All three texts are very rich in historical context and serious and mature themes concerning scientific responsibility, ethics, social justice and the place of the outsider and the marginalized in society. They are also full of rich, vivid characters, dramatic situations and scenarios, and opportunities for using design, sound effects and lighting. We have also looked at various different interpretations of the stories; Frankenstein has been turned into a ballet for example, Jekyll and Hyde into a Broadway musical, and Stone Cold into a BBC television adaptation to look at the many possibilities these stories offer for drama.



IGCSE

IGCSE Drama students have been studying *Antigone* and *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. We have also looked at the work of various important theatre practitioners, such as Julie Taymor. Students have looked at different interpretations of the texts, such as productions of *Antigone* featuring Juliet Stevenson and Juliette Binoche, and comparing the movie version of *The Crucible* with Winona Ryder with *The Old Vic's* award-winning 2014 in-the-round production, directed by South African director Yael Farber. We have also looked at the social and political background of Miller's classic play, written during the McCarthy trials of the 1950s and set in Salem in 1692 during the Massachusetts Bay witch trials.

Mr. Steven Hirst



Key Dates

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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