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## "I wish pancake day was everyday!"

What a scrumptious way to start the month!

We celebrated La Chandeleur (Pancake Day in France) and in order to celebrate, the marvelous Year 8 French students made 10 crêpes each to share with the other MFL French students to enjoy! There were plenty of toppings to choose from and some of the crêpes ended up being very creative. We all had to speak and ask for seconds in French. Merci encore Year 8!





#### **IGCSE/GCE AS & A Level Trial Examinations**

The Cambridge IGCSE and GCE A/AS Level Trial Examinations for the June 2020 series were completed on the 13<sup>th</sup> February. It was the first time for the current Year 11s attempting the iGCSE trial exams. Teachers who set the papers have been marking and grading the papers and giving feedback to the all students in preparation for the examinations which will begin on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April with the AS Level English papers.

The timetable for the final examinations will be given to students around Term 4 in March. Following that a letter outlining the important dates and the procedures during the examination period will be sent to all affected so that all parties are well informed.

#### **CIE CHECKPOINT 2020 News.**

The responsible subject teachers for the Year 9 Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint tests are preparing students and will conduct a trial Checkpoint exam with Year 9 prior to the actual Checkpoint Test in April. The students will be taking either First Language or Second Language English, Mathematics and Science mock tests in early March.

Note: The 2020 Cambridge Checkpoint Tests will commence on the 7th April and ends on the 9th April.

## Reports

6<sup>th</sup> March Trial Examination Report (Year 11-13).

20th March Progress Report CA3 (Year 7-10).

### **KS 3 House Competition**

And once again a big thank you to our 4 junior house captains; Sharlyn, Monineath, Sokunthea and Shotaro for organising a well-planned and fun inter-house tournament for the KS 3 students! They did an incredibly good job and used their knowledge from the previous tournament to improve this one. And they definitely did!

The activities basketball, handball, musical chairs and football were received well by all the students and some good and competitive games were played. The competition ended with a full house tug of war competition whereby the students could add more points to their total score.

It was again Bayon who won the most games and came first, well done! Angkor Wat came second and Banteay Srei and Ta Prohm shared a third place. I am looking forward to the next house event!

Ms. Claudine











## KS3 Art & Design

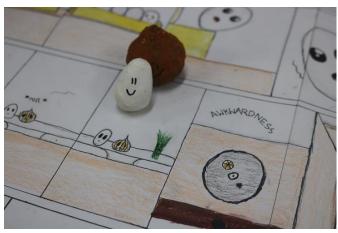
This term, Year 9 Design Studies class was briefly introduced to basic of Fashion Designing. Using the scale models they designed a top for them to cut and stitch. They cut fabrics according to the measurements and sewed with needle and thread. It was a captivating experience for them and pleased with their products.



# Year 9 Design

For Art, the Year 8 worked in groups learning about animation drawing and stop motion techniques. Working with white clay they created miniatures and painted the background on A2 cardboards for the back drop.







In Design Studies for the Year 7 group they learned about working with wood, the tools, equipment and techniques. Using the tools with safety first as priority they designed, cut, drilled and assembled their wooden toy cars. Powered by rubber band they raced their cars for bragging rights as winners.

The Yr 7 designed, cut, drilled and assembled their wooden toy cars. Working individually they produced an array of interesting range of cars fit for the ISSR garage.









## Interschool Tournament Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

It was another busy, sporty, fun afternoon at ISSR high school on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. ISSR competed against NGO Kids Play International and API. We had a total of more than 60 students participating in a variety of sports.

The students played volleyball, football and basketball. The basketball teams ISSR played against were of a decent level and our students really stepped up their game and managed to win several games. Football was very hot in the blazing sun, but this didn't stop our younger years from running around. And in volleyball it was lovely to see how our students mixed up with the other teams. Overall it was a successful day with a high level of sportsmanship and fair play. Thank you to the student council for selling snacks and drinks, to all teachers who helped out and to parents who helped referee.

## Ms. Claudine



#### **Humanities Year 8**

One of the topics in Humanities this year is 'terrorism'. We've been discussing why some people are considered to be freedom fighters while others are called terrorists. Who are the IRA and what is happening in the Middle East? Is violence ever considered reasonable? And when is it extreme? To what extent are countries allowed to defend themselves? During the lessons the students were challenged to form opinions on these matters and support them with arguments.

Two of these moral questions where elicited for a formal debate. Students were split into 4 teams (2 affirmative and 2 negative) and had to research one of the following resolutions:

Resolution 1: "Protecting the public from terrorism should come before privacy";

Resolution 2: "Torture is justified when interrogating terrorists."

Year 8 had clearly put a lot of time and effort into their research and I was very impressed with the quality of the arguments and the high level of vocabulary they used. It isn't easy to defend a point of view that you personally don't support, however, the debate showed that if someone has strong arguments, it can really change your perspective.



#### **Cambridge November Session Academic Achievement Awards**



Pauline Ferry A\* in IGCSE Mathematics



Centina Caboor A in AS English



Pei Shan Taing A in A Level Mandarin Chinese

# ISSR's Got Talent!

Below is a selection of the musical performances from the Year 7 and 8 students in the month of February.

# Year 7



Year 8



## **Key Dates**

Mar 6	Trial Examination Reports Issued (	Y11 - 13	)
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Mar 7 School Fair

Mar 13 Staff Inset Day (no school)

Mar 20 Progress Reports Issued (Y7-10)

Term 3 Ends

Mar 23 Term 4 Begins

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