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THE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

As the academic year of 2019-20 draws to a close I would like to personally thank all of the parents who have made the commitment to support the high school during the year and especially during the challenging period from March to June. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MoEYS) has announced the suspension of education services in Siem Reap in both public and private schools from kindergarten to higher education until further notice. ISSR High School will therefore be starting the

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academic year on August 10th 2020 via online lessons until the end of October or until advised otherwise by MoEYS.

Since the school closed in March teachers have continued to offer online classes in all of the subjects. We have been offering education quality using Google Classrooms as a virtual classroom for students to access work. ask questions and for teachers to mark and return work. We have also been using Zoom to teach live lessons and have one to one meetings with students as and when required. During Term 4 we have looked at additional ways in which we can make



the classes more interactive through the use of Google Applications for students to complete work, Kahoot for online quizzes and Quizlet for revision. It is important that your child attend online lessons and follow the teachers' instructions on the work set and meet all deadlines. Failure to do this may result in your child falling behind in their learning and not completing the necessary work to progress to the next year level.

Covid-19 has made the process of continuing your child's education very demanding on both teachers and students and we are mindful of the key role played by parents in this process. It is important that your child keeps continuity in their education as it is the foundation to their future success.

Curriculum

The High School will continue to offer a quality educational programme to our students following the British National Curriculum and the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) for Year 7 to Year 9 (KS3) – Checkpoint, Year 10 to Year 11 (IGCSE) and Year 12 to Year 13 (AS/A Level).

Key Stage 3: All students study the Core Curriculum: English Language and Literature, Mathematics and Science. All full-time students study the Core Curriculum plus: Humanities (History / Geography) + Business Studies (Y9), Art and Design, French, Mandarin or Additional ESL, Computer Science, PSHE.

* Physical Education and Music will not be offered until the school is reopened.

Cambridge Lower Secondary			
Students develop skills and understanding in English, maths, science, English as a second language, ICT and Cambridge Global Perspectives. Progression tests help teachers check their progress.	Three years	11–14 years	
Cambridge IGCSE			
Students build a broad learning programme from a range of over 70 subjects. In each subject, they work towards Cambridge IGCSE, the world's most popular international qualification, for 14 to 16 year olds.	Two years	14–16 years	
Cambridge International AS & A Level			
Students develop the deep understanding and thinking skills they need for university. They work towards Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications – giving them the choice to specialise, or study from a range of 50 diverse subjects.	Two years	16–19 years	

* Private lessons in music can still be arranged through the administration.

IGCSE: Full-time students will study **eight** subjects for the IGCSE whilst part-time students only study **5 subjects** from the following list:

English First Language, English Second Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, MFL French or Chinese, Additional ESL, History, Geography, Business, Computer Science, Art and Design.

AS/A2 Level:

English Language, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, Business, Mandarin Chinese, Art and Design.

Year Level Intake

Based on a survey conducted by the management team about parents who confirmed their decision for their child to continue next academic year **we will only be offering one class in Year 7, 8 and 9** up to a **maximum of 24**. Places for these year levels can be confirmed by paying the fees for Term 1. Once the number of confirmed students reaches 24 any other applications will be put on a waitlist.

All students wanting to join the IGCSE and AS/A2 programs must enrol before the start of the academic year in August 2020. Late enrolments will not be accepted.

For further information about this please contact the Office at the High School <u>accountshs@issr.edu.kh</u> adminhs@issr.edu.kh or 098878782.

Cambridge International News

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Test 2020

In May when we received the release of the Cambridge Checkpoint Tests 2020 resource pack from Cambridge we contacted the Year 9 students about the tests. From the 1st - 3rd of June we conducted the Mathematics, English, ESL and Science tests. All the Year 9 groups were readied by their teachers for the 2020 tests. The parents and guardians of the students were informed of the health and safety measures ISSR took in conducting the tests during these difficult times. Every necessary health and safety precautions was taken seriously to protect the students and staff during the three days. 5 students were seated at 2 metres apart in each of the 3 rooms prepared. They were provided with masks and disposable plastic gloves during the tests. Hand sanitizer wasused at the entrance of each room.

On the afternoon of 3rd June the final papers were completed and all 15 students felt relieved as they left the campus after officially completing their KS3 academic studies.

IGCSE and International GCE News

Cambridge recently announced the dates for submissions of the predicted grades. Prior to this all our responsible subject teachers spent months preparing the evidence for Cambridge. With 28 subjects from IGCSE

to A level, it was a daunting task for some as we arrived, prepared with the predicted grades for submission when the window opened. CIAE will release the provisional results on **11th of August 2020.**

For students who wish to retake their exams in November 2020 please contact Mr. Taliv Mo for more information on the Cambridge requirements. Please note that the November exam series preparation and revision will be conducted online and by HBL (home base learning) due to the Government notice of closure till November 2020.

Mr Taliv Mo taliv.mo@issr.edu.kh

Graduation

On Friday 12th June 20 students completed their studies of Cambridge Assessment International GCE A Level and IGCSE. This is an important achievement and provides students with an internationally recognized qualification which will enable them to gain entry to colleges and universities anywhere in the world.

Congratulations to: A Level



Centina Caboor, Danesh Carmel Domingo Mariapan, Gaia Giani, Pei Shan Taing

IGCSE:



Chin Kungmaliz, Pauline Ferry, Yunseo Choi, Hor Moyurith, Huot Panha, Luy Leaksmy, Nou Lysa, Oum Sekreyoudam, Joomee Park, Seng So Theary, Siv Nann, Soung Ryda, Sreng Sokheng, Peace Todd, Felix Wijnberg, Melissa You.

Staffing

As you will no doubt be aware we have had 5 teachers already leave ISSR and on the 19th of June we will also be saying farewell to:



Mr. Joseph



Ms. Giulia



Mr. Jonathan



Ms. Claudine



Mr. Aurore



Mr. Peter

I will also be leaving to return to my family in Indonesia. We have been blessed to have such a great team for the last two years and during that time ISSR High School established itself as the only school to offer a viable pre-university international and national education program to students in Siem Reap. We have recruited and retained a full team of quality teachers ready for the next academic year.

Key Dates

June 12 Reports issued (Y7 - 10)

June 19 End of the academic year

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