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New Year Greetings

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year vacation, and I wish everybody in our community a successful 2017. The School has been very active during this period and we are delighted with the conversion of Room 305 into a large ICT suite with connecting door to Room 304 which has now become an International School classroom with reference section.



Room 305 can accommodate in excess of twenty ICT students with still sufficient room for students from other classes to engage in independent research. Rooms 304 and Room 305 now connect thereby allowing the same class to be doing separate activities simultaneously. Complete with overhead power point projectors, screens and other necessary resources, both rooms are conducive to good learning. Year 8 can be seen using the new interactive reference suite in 304 for a Citizenship project. They had to present on a particular community affected by the Amazon Rainforest being 'developed'.

Students have adjusted smoothly both to the new timetable and to the introduction of new subjects as well as Games, class assemblies and extra-curricular activities. Year 9, Year 11 and Year 13 are now preparing for their Checkpoint, IGCSE and AS/A2 examinations respectively, and trial examinations for Y11/13 will be taking place in early February. Consequently, the need for focus on subjects and preparing a revision programme is of the utmost priority.

New Staff

We welcome to the staff Mr Taliv Mo (Art, Design Technology), Mr Rob Knable (Business Studies) and Mr Raphael Plocque (ESL and English Language support). We hope that our three new teachers have a long and productive association with the school. We are particularly pleased that we can add a new dimension to English by assisting students who, while not part of the ESL programme, still require some additional support in terms of, for example, specialised subject vocabulary.



Mr Taliv Mo



Mr Rob Knable



Mr Raphael Plocque

Christmas Concert

The Principal expresses his gratitude for the tremendous effort of the teachers and students in preparing for and performing in the Christmas Concert held on December 16th. The first-rate performances and smooth organisation bore testimony to the industriousness of all concerned.



Comedy drama, strong vocal performance and energetic dancing performed by the High School had been rehearsed intensively and deservedly received highly appreciative applause.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The new ECA programme for every student in the High School has had an excellent start with students participating in one of Performing Arts, an introduction to Psychology, Communication Skills, an open air art project, Primary School service and the creation of the High School Year Book.



Preparing the Art in the Open Project



The Committee for the mammoth task of the School Year Book



Performing Arts



Communication and Presentation



Psychology: students in Y10 and 11 who are pursuing additional courses in not only Psychology but also Communication and Presentation skills are adding a highly valuable dimension to their IGCSE programme.



Primary School Service

Games Programme



All full-time students in Years 7-9 are now attending a Games session on Monday afternoons in the Primary School.



Debating Competition

In December, students from HOPE School came to ISSR for a debating competition. There were 2 separate debates - a lower school and an upper school debate.

ISSR lower school debaters: Oggy Chang, Sophia Himm and Pauline Ferry.

ISSR upper school debaters: Felix Wijnberg, Niwatey San, Thong Yem

ISSR Chairperson: Pei Shan Taing

Both teams were unaware of what the topic of debate was until it was formally announced by our chairperson.

Lower School Debate: The first moot was 'Stray dogs in Cambodia should be euthanised.' Oggy, Sophia and Pauline were on the affirmative team and, therefore, had to argue in favour of this motion, while HOPE school had to argue against it. All students had to speak for 3 minutes until a bell rang which signaled them to stop. All students spoke clearly, confidently and fluently. After the judges had counted up their scores, Team ISSR were declared winners! This was a well-deserved win; well done guys!

Upper School Debate: The second moot was 'School uniform should be banned.' Felix, Niwatey and Thong were on the affirmative team and, therefore, had to argue in favour of this motion, while HOPE school had to argue against it. This proved to be a particularly tricky debate as ISSR have a school

uniform while HOPE School do not. All students spoke for 3 minutes. They did this with confidence and ease, and even managed to incorporate humour which really made the audience and judges laugh. Once again, the scores from the judges were counted, and Team ISSR were declared winners.

An excellent victory from ISSR in our first ever debating competition.

Next debate.....coming soon! (HH)



ISSR Upper School Debating Team



Adjudicators from Hope School, ISSR High School and ISSR Primary School



Students from HOPE School argue their case!



ISSR Lower School Debating Team

Chess Competition

On Wednesday 19th January we hosted a chess tournament between Eli International, Hope International and ISSR Schools. Students had the opportunity to meet and play with students from other schools and see how their skills measure up! All the students played at least four games and only one player was undefeated! We had fun meeting each other in friendly matches, and hope to be able to play each other again (possibly more competitively) soon! (RK)



Cross-Country

On the 26th November, ISSR students from both the High School and Primary School rallied together early in the morning to take part in an inter-school cross country event held at Hope International School. High School students were set the challenge of running 4km; a challenge that was achieved by all participants with great success. Out of the 30 students that ISSR entered in the 6 different categories based on age and gender, ISSR were placed first in 3 of them. The High School Girls event was won by Watchray (Y11) Well done to all participants. (RN)



Geography Field Trip

The Year 8s visited the Old Market to conduct a tourism survey that they had created in class time. The two groups split into pairs and interviewed a variety of tourists who came from many different countries including Israel, Germany and France. Questions that were asked included the tourist's nationality, age, where they were staying and how long they would be in Siem Reap.

Once back in class they had to collate their information and use graphs and pictograms to represent the data that they had collected. They also had to analyse the information and formulate a conclusion. Lastly they had to give a talk to the rest of the class on their findings. (CC)



Assemblies

The revised timetable for this term allows for full school assemblies led both by teachers and by the students themselves, allowing the latter to develop their communicative and presentational skills.



A short assembly was made by the year 11 and 13 students on Monday the 16th of January. The assembly was about Martin Luther King's Day and was meant to explain to the younger classes the importance of the achievements of Martin Luther King and why, even after his death, he is still remembered today. The assembly also highlighted important points such as the legal segregation of African Americans and how it was ended in the United States during that time. (VB)



On January 23rd and 24th the Principal delivered a presentation on the causes and effects of bullying, identifying different types of bullying and explaining the means by which such antisocial behaviour can be prevented. The presentation also included some role play and a very powerful video on cyberbullying used in the UK by the childnet international organisation.

Year 11 and Year 13 trial examinations

The trial examinations for Year 11 and Year 13 will take place from **Monday, February 6th to Wednesday, February 15th inclusive**. Students have been issued with timetables in order that they can prepare their revision schedule. All examinations, with the exception of ICT practical tests, will take place in the same room (303) and will be conducted strictly according to the Cambridge International regulations. Students are expected to report to school at the usual time of 0750 and will be in school for the entire day. Examinations will begin promptly at 0830. When examinations are not taking place, students will be engaged in targeted revision sessions.

Students have already been advised that the lunch times will vary during this period, and they should consult the examination timetable in order to make the appropriate arrangements.

The School at Work: January 2017



Psychology



Performance



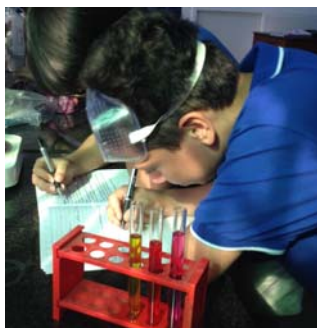
Year Book



Art and Design project



Primary service



Y7s making an indicator out of red cabbage. They then tested the pH levels of coke, milk, sprite, vinegar and other acids and alkalis found in the lab. (MEJ)



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