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IGCSE and AS Level Trial Examinations

The final examinations for the Cambridge IGCSE and AS Level Trial Examinations were completed on the 2nd March and in the last few weeks teachers have been marking and grading the papers and giving feedback to the students. This has been a major undertaking for both students and their teachers and it hoped that the real-time experience of a full examination will aid the students in completing their final preparation for the examinations which begin on the 17th April, 2018.

The timetable for the final examinations will be given to students this week and a letter outlining the important dates and the procedures during the examination period will be sent to all parents and guardians of students taking these examinations so that all parties are well informed.

Travel and Tourism Otres Beach Field Trip

As part of the AS Travel and Tourism course, students from Year 12 went on a field trip to Otres Beach in Sihanoukville from Saturday 3rd March to Tuesday 6th March, 2018. The entire trip was organised by Year 12 Travel and Tourism student Nadia Tracey under the guidance of her supervisor Ms. Christine Stacey and accompanying teacher Mr. Max Ernest-Jones. The students spent 4 days/3 nights on location and enjoyed a range of outdoor activities including a guided cycle tour to the Kbal Chhay Waterfall, watersports like swimming and snorkeling, ropes courses and zip-lining and nature walks to places like Elephant Rock where they viewed the sunset. All of the students and teachers who went agreed it was a great few days away and it is hoped we can use this location for future trips in the future.





The Fantastic Guitar Ensemble & Choir before the Presentation.

Field Trip Day Year 7-11

Monday 5th March was declared a Field Trip Day for all Year 7-11 students. Field trip days are a chance to expose students to certain aspects of Cambodian culture, history, geography or natural environment. It can also be a time when students are able to investigate the ongoing work of the various NGOs working in and around Siem Reap. Finally they can provide the opportunity for students to extend their learning beyond the classroom by engaging in activities related to their curriculum.

Field Trip!

This year there were three such field trips offered.

Year 7 and 8

Year 7 and 8 students watched 'The Black Panther' movie with the hope that the futuristic setting would inspire their creative writing. Students commented on how they enjoyed the fact that an African-American played the lead superhero role and how the female characters were just as fierce, strong and heroic as their male counterparts. The soundtrack was also particularly powerful and catchy.



After our trip to the cinema, students dined at Viva Restaurant! On returning to school, students had to consider what superpowers they would have should they be a superhero and then had to create their own superhero. On Monday 26th March, Year 7 conducted an assembly to the rest of the school informing students of what they had learnt from the film. They did a fantastic role play to illustrate a summary of the film which involved Daniel playing the role of the protagonist 'T'Challa' and Bunlong playing the role of the evil antagonist 'Erik Killmonger.'



In the beginning.....



The Battle and the rebound.

Year 9

Year nine students went on a field trip to Phnom Kulen the birthplace of the Khmer Empire, which is full of rich history and natural beauty. After the long bus trip the students explored the ancient carvings along and in the river, produced by the first Khmer people. They then visited the giant reclining Buddha perched high on a boulder at the Kraol Romeas Temple. After the walk up to the temple and back students went swimming in the beautiful clear Kulen River and its waterfalls. They then took a walk along the nature trails through the jungle learning about the unique flora and fauna of this distinctive plateau that has fascinated the ancient and modern Khmer alike. On the way home they visited the Banteay Srey Butterfly Centre to learn more about some of the insects that they had seen throughout the day.



Years 10 and 11



On the 5th of March, the Year 10 and year 11 students spent the school day visiting 3 different NGO's to learn about two different demining techniques used in Cambodia and visit the first wheelchair sports center in the country.



An estimated 26 million explosive devices were activated in Cambodia during the 1970s wars; civil and Khmer Rouge. As such there are several organizations still working hard to clear these landmines. However, it's more than landmines alone, there are also **Explosive Remnants of War (ERWs)** from bombings during the America – Vietnam War. It's estimated that there are between 1.9million and 5.8million such remnants in Cambodia. At Key Stage 4, students are encouraged to think about the community they live in and its social problems. Cambodia is one of the most heavily mined areas in the world, thus we spent the day learning about one of Cambodia's biggest problems but also its solutions.

We started our field trip at Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) Explosive detection dogs, a non-profit organisation working on humanitarian disarmament projects globally. Cambodia was the first country in which NPA began removing landmines in 1992. We learned about the abilities and the behavioural psychology of the Belgian Malinois breed, extensively trained by dog experts in Siem Reap to find unexploded bombs.



Our second stop was APOPO – a Belgian non-profit organization working alongside local partner the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) in conducting a humanitarian landmine clearance project in the northern Siem Reap province, targeting the most mine-affected villages. At NPA we learned about detection dogs, and at APOPO about HeroRATs – African giant pouched rats. When deployed alongside standard methods, HeroRATs speed up the clearance process: they can search an area the size of a tennis court in 30 minutes – a human deminer with a metal detector can take up to 4 days.



We concluded our day by visiting the wheelchair sports center, created by 'XLability'- a project of the Soulcial Trust NGO. There the NGO held a one hour educational presentation about: the various forms of disability, the challenges people with disability face on every level and the solutions that exist to help disabled people. Aiming to reduce social exclusion for people with disabilities, the NGO created a wheelchair sports center- but with a difference. It is an all-ability sports center, where people with disabilities and able-bodied people alike come together and play sports. The students participated in a workshop during which they learned how to move, stop and turn in a wheelchair. We ended our field trip with a game of basketball wheelchair!

Education USA Fair

Students in Year 10-12 took part in the Education USA University and College fair which was held at the Somadevi Angkor Resort and Spa on 13th March 2018. This event was organised by the U.S. Embassy and students were able to meet representatives from over 30 institutions from various parts of the United States of America and discuss first-hand with the representatives what courses they offered and what the requirements were to be accepted to these colleges and universities. The experience has given students a much better understanding of the US college and university system and the application process.



Sports Day 2018

The Annual High School Sports Day was held on Friday morning of March 30th, the last day of Term 2. It was once again held at the Chhun Lung Sports Centre. The High School Principal, Mr. Peter, presented the opening address reinforcing with students the ideals of team spirit, full participation and fairness in competition. The games started with both Football and Handball in both the Division A (Under 18) and Division B (Under 14). Both these events were well organized by excellent staff on duty and we were all impressed by the high standard of play in both divisions and the competitive spirit that was evident in the games. The sporting spirit was very much alive with House members cheering on and celebrating the competitions and victories. The impromptu volleyball match proved very popular as well with staff and students enjoying the fun. The novelty event of the day was the Staff versus students 6 a side football game. It ended rightly with a 1-1 tie. This was followed by the House relay which showed all sprinters putting their extreme best effort in to outrun their competition. The final event was the tug of war where we saw every member of the Houses pulling against each other to claim victory. Angkor was the final winner ending another superbly wonderful Sports Day.



Our sportspersons in full “esprit des corps”. In competition and in warm camaraderie.







***Handball, Football, Volleyball, Bring it on !!!!.....
The Staffs hollered....and they went on full on !!!***



The Inter-House Relay



The Big Event



The Tug Of War



THE FINAL SPORTS DAY RESULT



ANGKOR	37
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Year 9 Checkpoint Examination

The Year 9 group at Key Stage level 3 will be sitting for the CAIE Checkpoint examination on the second week of April. They will be taking the Mathematics, Science, English and English as Second Language papers from 10th to the 12th of April. A total of 19 students will attempt the test that will give valuable feedback on their strengths and weaknesses before they progress to the next key stage level of education.

Upcoming Dates

As we turn into the final term of the academic year here are few upcoming dates to take note of. The month starts with Checkpoint exams followed by a well deserving rest in the Khmer New Year holiday after the tests. The IGCSE students will start their study leave on the 12th of April. While the AS level students will commence their study leave on April 23rd. They will then proceed to their CAIE examination in late April. We hope students will study hard for their exams. All the best to Years 9,11&12.

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