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## The High School NEWSLETTER

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Visit by Austin Heights International School



ISSR welcomes the students and staff of Austin Heights International School, Johor, Malaysia  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016



*The Chair and Vice-Chair of Council receive the commemorative plaque from Mr Suresh, Deputy Principal of Austin Heights International School.*



**Football Results**

ISSR Y7-9	2	0	Austin Heights 'A'
ISSR Y10-13	2	0	Austin Heights 'B'

*Congratulations to our teams, and many thanks to Mr Rob and Student Councillors Phalla and Felix for their excellent organisation.*

The visit from the Principal's former school was a very special and memorable occasion. With speeches, exchanges of gifts, songs, dances and sport, two schools greeted one another, friendships soon being made. Our Chair of Council expressed his hope that Austin Heights had benefitted educationally and culturally from their visit to Cambodia, and the Malaysian students entertained us with a piano recital, superb vocalists and both modern and traditional dancing. Our Year 5 sang the School's song with great passion, and both schools cheered on their respective teams during the football competitions while enjoying an excellent buffet.

Meetings such as this should not merely be symbolic; the schools can benefit mutually from well-planned cooperation; both ISSR and AHIS have expressed their commitment to strengthening this newly established link.

The Principal expresses his thanks to all those here who worked so well as a team to ensure that this visit was a resounding success, in particular to Ms Sinead, Mr Shally, Mr Rob and our Directors who gave us such great support in this initiative.

We have already received an invitation to visit Malaysia and so we will be considering the feasibility of this project in the forthcoming months.

## House System



All the students are now allocated to Houses with appointed House staff, and – with the considerable assistance of the High School Council – a specific event was used to revitalise the House system, namely the Halloween celebration held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm, and we were delighted that both full-time and part-time students were able to participate. The Principal tested the House teachers on their knowledge of themes of classic scary movies, and the students performed songs and gave imaginative “fashion parades” of their costume designs. Each House was allocated a part of the school to decorate, and a whole range of games were held including apple bobbing, musical chairs and paper dancing. Houses were awarded points for every activity, the running total being:

Angkor Wat	86 points (first)
Banteay Srei	76 points (second equal)
Bayon	76 points (second equal)
Ta Prohm	62 points (fourth)

We thank the adjudicators for the competition: Ms Phallin, Mr Neville and Ms Sinead. The preparations for this event were outstanding; students collaborated superbly and the level of creativity was of the highest order. We look forward to organising a variety of House events as the academic year progresses.



Staff face tough questioning from the quizmaster



The adjudicators



The winning House: Angkor



Getting ready for the games



## Appointments of House Leaders and Deputy House Leaders

The following students have accepted the offers by the Principal of Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the Houses.

House	Angkor	Banteay Srei	Bayon	Ta Prohm
Leader	Gaeul Kim (Y11)	Watchray Yin (Y11)	Maylis Benoit (Y11)	Koki Yoshimoto (Y11)
Deputy Leader	Chavelli Caboor (Y7)	Soekmoeurn Pha (Y8)	Yuvan Theo Dumas (Y9)	Danesh Mariapan (Y10)

These positions demand considerable leadership and motivational skills. The Principal congratulates all the students and wishes them every success in developing the Houses.

The Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the Houses received their certificates of appointment on October 28<sup>th</sup>. One of the House leaders is currently not at school and so we will wait until the next newsletter for the formal photograph to be published.

## Attainment and Progress Awards

This academic year we have introduced a system of mid-term assessments in addition to the reports issued to parents. These assessments are used by the Tutors to identify any student who is not reaching his/her potential in a subject or subjects, and to work with the teachers concerned to establish strategies by which matters can be successfully addressed. Students will be required to set themselves targets which will be monitored as the year progresses. Equally, these internal assessments identify students who are achieving very well academically, and those who have made marked progress through their own determination. These students' successes and endeavours are recognised and awarded by their teachers, their Tutors and the Principal. We are pleased to announce the first recipients of the attainment and progress awards for August – October 2016:

### Attainment

Kalyane Gabrielle Dumas (Y7)  
Chavelli Caboor (Y7)  
So Theary Seng (Y8)  
Sok Heng Sreng (Y8)  
Sokcheathong Yem (Y9)  
Yuvan Theo Dumas (Y9)  
Koki Yoshimoto (Y11)  
Watchray Yin (Y11)  
Heerim Han (Y11)

### Progress

Leaksmey Chea Mon (Y7)  
Ryda Soung (Y8)  
Christine Minjoo Bae (Y8)  
Niwater San (Y9)  
Vireakbodh Yay (Y9)  
Lucas Purnell (Y10)  
Sereyvathana Sarin (Y11)



The Principal presents the attainment award to the world's tallest Year 9 student.



Recipients of the attainment and progress awards for August to October 2016

## Library Week: Matilda

In order to celebrate World Library Week, Year 8 performed the story of 'Matilda' to The Primary School. We chose this story because it is one of our favourites and because 2016 celebrates 100 years since Roald Dahl was born, and so it was very topical. The characters auditioned for parts, created their own lines and directed scenes among themselves.

### The Lead Performers

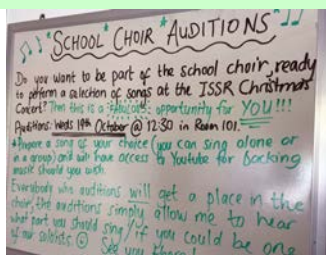
Matilda	Christine Bae	Michael Wormwood	James Peace
Miss Honey	Olivia Kang	Spelling bee #1	Pauline Ferry
Miss Trunchbull	Felix Wijnberg	Spelling bee #2	Maliza Kung
Mrs Wormwood	Elsa Bourdonneau	Spelling bee #3	Ryda Soung
Mr Wormwood	Pha Sokmoeurn		

Their live performance was absolutely fantastic. All characters articulated their lines clearly and confidently and the primary students loved it. They were laughing and clapping in all the right places - and were particularly terrified of Felix!



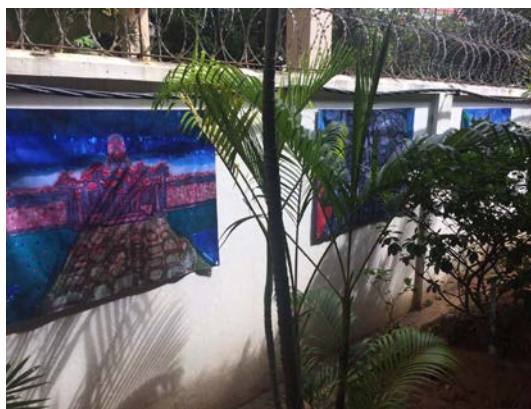
A huge well done to everybody involved. I could not have felt prouder of you. (HH)

## School Choir



The school choir auditions were a great success. 20 students auditioned which consisted of soloists, duets, a girl group, a beat-boxer and a pianist. Mr Max and Miss Hannah were delighted by the talent from the students. All students have made it into the choir but the individual auditions allowed for Mr Max and Miss Hannah to find suitable soloists. Rehearsals start on Wednesday 26th October and the choir will be working towards a selection of songs to be performed at the Christmas Concert. Watch this space! (HH)

## Art Displays



As mentioned in the last newsletter, students' art work will be used to enhance the learning environment by transferring their paintings onto large waterproof canvasses so that they can be displayed outside as temporary exhibitions for everybody to enjoy.

## Careers Event for Years 9 to 13: November 23rd



The Principal is delighted to have secured the services of **Catherine and John Broadbent** as part of a major careers event for Years 9 – 13 scheduled for Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 0800. Catherine and John are the Principal's former colleagues at the Alice Smith School, Kuala Lumpur. However, they have been working for many years as international career consultants and have a wide knowledge of all forms of tertiary education, university applications and employment options. Many of our students require a far greater global perspective, and are unsure as to what subjects to pursue beyond school, which universities to attend and the steps to be taken in order to make applications.



The knowledge and experience that Catherine and John can bring is invaluable for our students and, of course, will contribute enormously to the development of ISSR's AS and A2 level programme. They have assisted the Principal in previous schools in this way, and the feedback has been extremely positive.

The event will comprise presentations on various aspects of IGCSE, AS and A2 level examinations, careers research and university applications, as well as activities designed to help students select the best pathways based on their knowledge, skills, styles of learning and personal interests. We will also be inviting parents to attend parts of this event as it is of great importance. When the programme has been finalized we will be in contact with you again. The Principal takes this opportunity to thank Catherine and John for their support.



## Inter-schools fixtures

To broaden the experience that many of the students will enjoy at ISSR, we have been working hard to create a wide variety of competitive fixtures against other schools so that every student in the school has the opportunity to participate in some level of competition against other schools. To achieve this, we have created competitive opportunities in a range of activities such as Cross Country, Volleyball, Chess and Debating.

Our first fixture was a Year 7 and 8 football tournament where we played against Hope School and Next Step FC. Captained by Elsa, the girls' team got off to a nervous start against a very impressive Next Step team and, despite many heroic defensive performances, they were unable to prevent the persistent wave after wave of pressure from the opposition. The first game was a big learning experience for many of our students and this showed as we progressed in our second match to beat Hope School.

Captained by Felix, the boys got off to a very strong start as they created chance after chance against Hope School. However, despite going 1-0 up early in the game due to a well worked goal, they were unable to turn this pressure into more goals due to an impressive performance from Hope School's goalkeeper, and Hope School equalised right at the end. The boys also experienced a strong Next Step team who tested ISSR defensively throughout the match which led to some very well worked goals.

Students from years 7-11 also took part in a badminton tournament at Ch'long Sports Club. Students were involved in singles and doubles matches against a variety of local and International schools, and put in some very impressive performances. ISSR students were able to hold their heads up high as they managed to beat many of the competitors. (RN)

The following fixtures still remain for this term. Students should contact Mr Rob if they wish to participate:

- Cross Country at Hope School: 23<sup>rd</sup> November (Primary and High School students).
- Debating at ISSR: 30<sup>th</sup> November (High School students)



*The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.*

**Robert M. Hutchins**



Y10 Science: Chromatography / Filtering sand and salt



Extensive preparations by all the students for the Halloween inter-House Competition



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