



VISION: DISCOVERING POTENTIAL, LEARNING TO CARE, RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

School Year 2011/12 - Term 2, Newsletter 1

Friday 13th January, 2012

Dear Parents and Friends,

Happy New Year to all our families and friends and welcome back to school to all our students; those who are new this term and of course our 'old' students!

Term 2 is going to be jammed packed with exciting and rewarding events for all our students from Sports Day to Mock examinations for our Year 11's. There will never going to be a dull moment. Below is a quick outline of the events due to take place this term. There will of course be others that have yet to be fixed on our calendar.

Before I begin to discuss Term 2 there is an event I would like to mention that took place at the end of Term 1.

One Malaysia Day Celebration

Thursday 8th December 2011 will be a day to remember this year. Students, teachers, support staff and parents all worked together to create a most wonderful day. From the decorations to the food and of course the performances everything was coordinated beautifully. The students who performed on the day did a fabulous job. We certainly have much talent in the school ranging from instrumental, dance and vocal. Well done and thank you to all the students who participated.

This thanks must also be extended to teachers, food and beverage staff, support staff in all areas of the school and the administration for supporting the event. It really is wonderful to work with a group of people who are prepared to put in extra time and effort to create such an event as One Malaysia Day. I look forward to more great events to come in the rest of the year. Below are a few photos of some of the performances given on the day. The photos are displayed at the front of the school and are available for purchase.



Term 2

What is ahead in Term 2? Below is a list of dates for both the senior and junior schools of major events to be held this term. There will be other events during the term, notices will be sent to parents regarding these and information will be posted on the website. There have also been changes to dates for the Year 1, 2 and Reception Assembly performances. This will now be held in Term 3. The changed dates are also below.

January

Mock Examinations Year 11 } 11th - 31st January
IGCSE Mathematics }

Sports Day Practice:

Juniors	Tuesday, Wednesday 2.30-3.45pm
	Thursday - CCA time until 4pm
Seniors	Thursday - CCA time until 4pm
Wizard of Oz Rehearsals	Please refer to the rehearsal schedule posted in school
Chinese New Year	School will be closed on Monday 23 rd January and resume on Thursday 26 th January 2012.

February

Fitness Run	3 rd February - whole school
Prophet Mohammad's Birthday Thaipusam	} School will be closed on Monday 6 th February and resume on 8 th February 2012.
Sports Day Rehearsal	8 th February
Sports Day	9 th February
Council of International School Membership Visit	10 th February

March

World Maths Day Junior School Interschool Maths Quiz	} 6 th March
Exam/Assessment Week	12 th -16 th March
School Production	27 & 28 th March
Parent/Teacher Day	30 th March

Assembly Change of Dates

Changes to the Years 1, 2 and Reception Assembly dates are as follows:

Reception Assembly	6 th July
Year 1 Assembly	18 th May
Year 2 Assembly	4 th May

As you can see it is going to be a very busy term. There are other events planned including school trips and visits and of course more sports tournaments for our students to participate in. I look forward to being able to report back to you in future newsletters.

Speaking of the future, below is an article written by one of our senior school teachers introducing an exciting innovation the school will be introducing for its senior students. Planning for your son's or daughter's future career can be a difficult time for parents and children alike.

What to do? What they are interested in? Below Mr. Michael Bradfield has written to introduce Futurewise – a programme designed to assist you and your children to plan for their future. I will let Michael explain:

Futurewise

The School is delighted to announce that as part of its Careers Programme it is adopting the Futurewise careers advice, guidance and planning service. This will be of enormous benefit for MIGS students not just during their time at the school but in the years after they have left.

It works like this. In Year 10 all students take a series of psychometric tests. Then, during their first term in Year 11 each student will receive a detailed profile report that will, on the basis of the test results, highlight career areas. Every student will then have an hour long interview with a trained Futurewise representative to discuss in detail his/her report. For the rest of the year, each student can call on the services of the Futurewise representative for further support and guidance, be it for example, help with form filling or staging a practice interview.

But the service provided by Futurewise does not end there. Even after they have left MIGS, students will continue to receive regular higher education and careers e-bulletins and will also be able to use Futurewise's extremely useful Information, Guidance and Advice Helpline. Parents have access to their own Futurewise webspace (which is linked to the student) soon after the guidance interview.

Futurewise will continue to support students long after they have left MIGS, until age 23.

The School intends to incorporate the cost in to the fee structure, staggering it as appropriate for Years 7-9. This payment then lasts until age 23.

Futurewise's services represent stand out provision and are relied on by numerous independent schools in the UK and by many international schools worldwide.

If you would like more information you can visit the Futurewise web site at <http://www.myfuturewise.org.uk> or please contact the School. The School has a sample copy of a profile report should you wish to see it.

Michael Bradfield
Pastoral Team Member

MIGS is committed to providing the best help and support to our students and I believe this is another way we can help to ensure a bright and prosperous future for all our students.

Term 2 Curriculum Guides

We always ask our parents to check the website regularly for updates to the calendar and notices. I am pleased to tell you that the Term 2 Curriculum Guides for all subjects in both the Junior and Senior School are now on the website. These guides give an overview of the work to be covered this term.

Parent and Staff Conduct

One of the wonderful aspects of working at MIGS is the friendliness of the staff and parents. MIGS has a community feel about where parents are welcome and staff feel valued. A small reminder to all our parents that our support staff work under the direction of the Head of Operations and the Board of Management and thus carry out the work that has been given to them. We ask all our parents to be respectful of these hard working individuals and to remember that they are not the people who make the policies of the school but are doing their jobs. Please treat everyone at MIGS with respect and courteous. Thank you.

School Caps



We are very pleased to announce the arrival of the new school caps. These baseball style caps are now available for purchase in the School Shop for RM12. I would encourage all students to purchase a cap for sports day practices and for both the fun run and sports day events coming up in February. I have noticed it has been very hot lately and quite sunny. Please ensure you protect your child's skin and eyes from damage by buying and insisting they wear the school cap. Please be reminded that from the 2012/13 academic year, to purchase the school cap will be compulsory. Thank you.

School Drop-off and Pick-up

Just a quick reminder to all parents to be on-time to both drop their children to school in the morning and collect them after school or activities. We do realise that at times the traffic is very heavy; however it is important that students arrive for the first part of the academic day and are collected promptly at the end of the day. If you know you will be late, please contact the school to inform us that you are on your way. Thank you.

Important Dates

Day/Date	Whom does it concern?	Event or Activity
January Monday, Tuesday and Friday	Whole School Wizard of OZ Rehearsals	Rehearsals for School Production Please check rehearsal schedule for exact times.
January 11th-31st	Senior School Mock Exams	IGCSE and Mock Examinations- Year 11
January 19th Thursday	Senior School Year 7 Excursion	Year 7 students excursion to Islamic Art Museum
January 23rd-26th inclusive Monday-Wednesday	Chinese New Year	School will be closed on these dates.

As Chinese New Year is our first major festival for the year I would like to wish all our Chinese parents, students and friends Gong Xi Fa Cai for the Year of the Dragon!



Yours sincerely,

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