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Dear Parent

I am delighted to send you with this letter the report by the Independent Schools Inspectorate on Jerudong International School. ISI is an independent body that inspects all independent schools in the UK and certain international schools which are members of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC). Inspections are generally conducted every six years. ISI inspections are rigorous and the findings and recommendations are expressed frankly, so that schools know what they need to do to improve.

You will see that the report concludes that JIS has no major weaknesses, that it provides outstanding educational provision in many areas and that it generally achieves the objectives laid out in the prospectus. For a school that is only ten years old, this is a major achievement. The standards of the ISI are exacting and we are proud that the school is meeting almost all of them.

We have just three main areas for development: we may not always meet the needs of the most able children in the school; we would do well to review the quality of our planning and monitoring; and we should do more to identify pockets of underachievement by means of effective use of available data. In addition, we should focus on the quality of the educational provision in the Middle School, which is deemed satisfactory, but which could be improved. One inspector worried that we did not make history and geography compulsory for all in year 9. (Many pupils of course do choose these subjects.) There were also reservations about the coordination of homework and coursework in the Upper School. Over the coming term we will be discussing how to respond to these issues and all the points raised in the report. Please do write to me with your views when you have read it.

It is vital for a school to go through a rigorous inspection from time to time. I believe that we found the experience overwhelmingly positive and we are delighted with the report we have received. Enormous effort from teachers, board members, support staff, parents and students goes into making JIS the dynamic school it is and there is no doubt that the inspectors have recognised that in their report.

I hope you enjoying reading it.

Yours sincerely

John Price  
Principal and Chief Executive