



Welcome to Term 3. It is nose to the grindstone for our seniors for the next couple of months, but I hope they still find time to take part in some of the activities on offer. Going to bed at a sensible hour is one of the keys to success in public exams. They won't do well if they overdo it. A well structured revision plan is vital.

We have brought our senior Celebration of Achievement evening forward this year so that leavers can take part. Please support this event so that we can all give them a good send off.

Preparations for Activities Week in the penultimate week of term are well advanced and we are all looking forward it.

JOHN PRICE, Principal and Chief Executive

From the Head of Junior School

Welcome back to all our Junior School families and a warm welcome to our new students this term. Term 3 looks set to be busy with the Pool Party and Bring and Buy Sale already taking place in the first week.

Later in the term we have the House Football and House Athletics competitions and the ever popular Talent Quest to look forward to. Thirty four of our children in Years 3 to 6 will be heading to Kuala Lumpur on Thursday 13 May to represent the school in the Primary FOBISSEA Games 2010. We wish them all the best with this and look forward to celebrating their successes when they return. A big thank you must go to the staff who are working hard to train with the children and who will accompany them on their exciting trip. Next year we will be hosting the Games here at JIS!

The children will be busy as always with their classroom work and the new ASA programme will start in Week 3.

We will be fundraising later in the term for the Special Needs Unit and thank you in advance for your support with this worthy cause. We will hold a special presentation assembly towards the end of term.

All children in the Junior School will receive a written report at the end of the term.

Have a great term.

KAREN LEWIS

From the Head of Middle School

Welcome to Term 3 in the Middle School. As ever, please support us by encouraging your child to work hard in their academic studies and to embrace the wider aspects of school life by engaging in at least one or two ASAs. There is much evidence to show that academic progress is supported by a strong extra curricular life. Students will be examined on the work that they have done this year during the internal exams in Week 8. Further details will be distributed in a parent letter next week.

This year I have contacted parents a couple of times about our concerns over cyberbullying. We have recently participated in a professional development session that focussed on the dangers of children using the internet. We are now confident that we can offer a useful workshop to parents to help raise awareness about the problems associated with children using the internet. We shall be in touch with more details soon but we hope to offer two or three dates around Weeks 5 and 6.

The extended field trips have already been organised for Activity Week. We have just over sixty students involved in trips to Cambodia, Hong Kong, Sabah and Temburong. Should your child have requested a place on one of these

trips and you have not heard from us then please do contact me. Our move to distribution of information through email has been effective and generally well received by parents. However, we are aware that such systems are not perfect. The odd email may not have made it through to its intended recipient. The remaining students of Middle School will need to select a Brunei-based or school-based activity. Next week we will distribute the booklet for these activities along with an activity preference sheet. Please help your child to select an activity that they will find both challenging and enjoyable.

The end of the academic year will be on Friday 9 July. End of Year Reports will be distributed on this day. Please note that we cannot distribute reports early. We can send electronic copies of the report on Friday 9 July to parents who provide a valid email address. The original reports will remain at school ready for collection at the start of the next academic year. For leavers, the reports will be couriered to the forwarding address that you leave with the Admissions Office.

IAN MEHTA

From the Head of Upper School

Many Year 11 students have already begun their GCSE examinations: Art is now finished and the oral component of Modern Foreign Languages is currently being assessed. Syllabuses are complete in many subjects and students are currently revising in class. Tutors have handed out study timetables and it is essential that students draw up a systematic programme of revision. In addition to this, all Year 11 students have received the details of their examinations and this information should be carefully stored. The last day of teaching will be **Wednesday 12 May**. Thereafter students are on study leave. Teachers will be available during normal lesson times to help students, but students should first email their teachers to ensure that they are available.

It has been sad having to say farewell to the Student Council; they have been an enthusiastic and dynamic presence in the Upper School. Their final task will be to organise the Year 11 Prom which takes place on **Friday 25 June**. This is a marvellous event which combines pageantry and celebration with good byes, as some students will be leaving at the end of this year. We sincerely hope that all students in Year 11 can attend – students who have survived the rigours of public examinations deserve a reward and the Prom is a fitting rite of passage for those who will be entering the Sixth Form.

Finally, I wish to remind parents that the Year 12 Information Programme takes place on **Wednesday 30 June and Thursday 1 July**. Students will be given a taste of lessons in the Sixth Form and will also learn a great

deal about life in this part of the school. If your child is attending the Sixth Form in JIS, it is highly desirable for them to attend.

Many Year 10 students are currently campaigning to be elected onto the Student Council; it is remarkable that approximately a third of the year have put themselves forward for election and these students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm. We have spoken to the year about the importance of the internal exams that take place in Week 8 of this term, and tutors will be working with students to ensure that they draw up a proper study timetable and use these sessions effectively.

Similarly, Year 9 students are also aware of the forthcoming internal exams in Week 7. Teachers are preparing students for these and copies of the revision checklist for each subject can be found at <http://www.jis.edu.bn/intranet/secondary/SecondaryStudentindex.htm>

This term is very important for assessment, but there will be much more than examinations on offer. It is essential that students maintain a balanced life; we want everyone to sign up for our ASA programme and take part in as many House activities as possible.

PETER FLYNN

From the Head of Sixth Form

The focus for this term in the Sixth Form will be on the AS Level and A2 Level external examinations, taking place in May and June. Our students have just completed their internal examinations and there will be a Parent-Teacher meeting on Wednesday 21 April to give parents the opportunity to discuss their son or daughter's progress towards their final examinations with their teachers. Naturally, we wish all of our students the best of luck in these examinations.

Sadly, we will say farewell to our Year 13 students at half-term as they start their study leave at this time. We have a special Leavers' Assembly and other activities arranged for them to celebrate the end of their school careers. Many of our Year 13 students are now holding offers from prestigious universities throughout the world. We wish them all every success in their future endeavours.

The Sixth Form Student Council has done a magnificent job organising numerous events throughout the school this year. The highlight for

this term will be the annual Sixth Form Ball that takes place at the Indra Kayangan Ballroom at the Empire Hotel on Saturday 15 May. The Sixth Form Student Council has spent many hours preparing for this major event for all our Sixth Form students. It should be a very special night, particularly for our Year 13 students who leave the Sixth Form after two very busy and fruitful years.

We also have Activities Week to look forward to at the end of the year, and our Gold International Award students will be heading to Kenya for their major expedition. We will also have a two day Year 12 Information Programme for our Year 11 students on Wednesday 30 June and Thursday 1 July to give them a flavour of life in the Sixth Form next year. A large number of our Year 12 students will also be attending Global Young Leaders Conferences in USA and an IGGY Conference at Warwick University in the UK during the long holiday.

DAVID HOBDDAY

Notice of Withdrawal

At least eight (teaching) weeks' written notice is required for any student who is leaving the school or the Boarding House. Notice is also required by those who will no longer use the Boarding House bus. Failure to provide adequate notice will result in a financial penalty.

The final date of notification for students leaving at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year is **Friday 28 May, 2010**. Any Year 11 student who does not expect to continue into the Sixth Form at the school must provide leaving notice. Year 13 graduates are not required to provide notice.

Parents need to collect a Notice of Withdrawal form from the Admissions Office or download this from the Admissions section of the school's website (www.jis.edu.bn/Admissions/download documents). The day that the form is returned to our office is recorded as the official notification date. Leaving documentation is kept in the Admissions Office and can be collected on the student's last day of school.

For further information, contact the Admissions Office on 241 1000 (ext 1206 or 2208).

Musical Variety Concert

On 11-12 June there will be two musical variety concerts in aid of Nepalese and Penan students, one near JIS (venue to be confirmed) and one in Panaga at Hornbill School, British Forces Brunei, Tucker Lines, Seria (not Panaga). Tickets will be \$10.00, \$25.00 for families and many prizes will be on offer. More details will be publicised nearer the date, this will be an event not to be missed! For further information please contact Jacky McLaren on jacky.mclaren@jis.edu.bn.

Careers @ JIS

This term is crucial in the lives of our Upper School and Sixth Form students as events taking place now can influence their future higher education and career success. Not only will most of them be involved in taking public examinations but also they will have the opportunity to sign-up for the JIS work experience programme which takes place during Activities Week and the July/August holiday. Of course, examination grades are important, but in the real world your sons and daughters will be competing with many young people, all of whom will have fantastic grades.

To give themselves that added advantage in the employment market, young people must demonstrate commitment to, and passion for, their chosen career and create a network of professionals within that career. Additionally, work experience is an essential element in the career management process, enabling the student to enhance their CV and personal statement (for their higher education application), identify and develop the work skills necessary for success in all jobs and to work closely with professionals and learn from them.

However, perhaps the most important function of work experience is to allow the young person to experience the *reality check* - what is it really like to work in their chosen career? Far too frequently, young

people have idealised views and unrealistic aspirations, gained from, for example, television programmes and parental pressure. Doing a period of work experience should open their eyes to the realities of that career, assisting them to make informed decisions about their future career and higher education.

At JIS, work experience is seen as an essential part of the career and higher education management process, helping to empower your son or daughter in the vital decision-making processes about their future. It would be greatly appreciated if you could strongly encourage your Years 11, 12 and 13 sons and daughters to take up this marvellous opportunity.

As Careers Adviser, I am constantly seeking quality work placements for our students. If you are in a position to offer a work placement to a JIS student, please contact me on 2411000 ext 1126, or at **ann.lord@jis.edu.bn**.

Finally, a reminder that the ASA Career Matters takes place every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, when students and their parents can drop-in without appointment to discuss career issues.

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Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated annually on Thursday 22 April, and we will be organizing a number of information displays and events across the school and within classrooms. There are many things that parents and families can do to support our efforts this year; please participate in the campaigns listed below. More information will come home about these campaigns closer to Earth Day. We will be having a casual clothes day. As we have just entered the new Year of the Tiger, all money raised will be donated to a WWF tiger conservation project.

Electronic waste recycling - We will collect batteries, old, broken computers, printers, fax machines, and mobile phones.

Bring your own lunch container - Students stop using polystyrene at the canteen! This week, bring a plastic container from home and ask to have your food served into your own container.

Turn off your engine - Parents when you are parked, turn your engine off. This will reduce the amount of harmful pollution in the air.

Switch off your lights - Reduce your energy consumption this week and see how easy it is.

Carpool - Parents arrange to share driving with other parents. It will save you time, money and will result in fewer carbon emissions.

Bring in your recycling - crushed cans, crushed plastic bottles and all paper (separated).

Say NO to open burning! - Never burn your rubbish or garden waste. Use the bin or compost your grass and leaves.

Let's make this the most effective Earth Day yet!

LAURY MCPHERSON



IMPORTANT DATES

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 7 May: Athletics Day
14-19 May: Junior FOBISSEA (Kuala Lumpur)
24-28 May: Fundraising Week
14-18 June: House Football
21-25 June: House T Ball
28 June - 2 July: Talent Quest Week
Friday 2 July: reports distributed
5-9 July: Activity Week

MIDDLE SCHOOL

30 April - 1 May: Year 8-9 Poetry Camp
Thursday 20 May: House Softball
25-28 May: Middle School internal examinations
Thursday 27 May: Cross-country
Wednesday 9 June: Swimming Gala

UPPER SCHOOL

Friday 23 April: MOE Bahasa Melayu oral examination
Tuesday 4 May: Year 11 Drama students study leave
4-5 May: Year 11 Drama examination performances
Sunday 9 May: Celebration of Achievement rehearsal (ICC)
Monday 10 May: Sixth Form and Year 11 Celebration of Achievement evening (ICC)
Friday 14 May: (I)GCSE examinations begin
Tuesday 18 May: GCSE examinations begin
18-21 May: Year 9 internal examinations
24-28 May: Year 10 internal examinations
Wednesday 9 June: Swimming Gala (excluding Year 11)
Friday 25 June: Year 11 Prom
Monday 28 June: Final GCSE examination
Friday 29 June: Year 9 Geography trip to Bukit Patoi
30 June - 1 July: Year 12 Information programme
Friday 9 July: reports distributed

SIXTH FORM

19, 21 and 27 April: A-level Art examination
20, 23 and 29 April: A-level Art examination
Wednesday 21 April: Parent-Teacher meetings (3:30 to 8:00pm)
23-24 April: IELTS testing (CfBT, Kiarong)
30 April - 2 May: Singapore triathlon
3-5 May: AS Level Art examination
7-8 May: IELTS testing (CfBT, Kiarong)
Sunday 9 May: Celebration of Achievement rehearsal (ICC)
Monday 10 May: Sixth Form and Year 11 Celebration of Achievement evening (ICC)
Tuesday 11 May: AS examinations begin (study leave for day of examination only)
Saturday 15 May: Sixth Form Ball
Tuesday 18 May: GCE examinations begin
Thursday 20 May: Year 13 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 28 May: Last day for Year 13 (BBQ lunch). Study leave begins

Monday 7 June: 12J10 students return from study leave

Thursday 14 June: Year 12 return from study leave
Wednesday 29 June: Final GCE examination
30 June - 1 July: Year 12 Information programme
30 June - 14 July: Gold LA expedition (Kenya)

WHOLE SCHOOL

Wednesday 22 April: Earth Day (Tungku beach clean-up and BBQ)
Wednesday 22 April: It's a Knockout! function at the Boarding House
Sunday 25 April: Netball Funday
Tuesday 27 April: ICAS Science Competition
Sunday 2 May: JIS Invitational Swimming Gala
Tuesday 25 May: Trinity Guildhall Practical examinations (8:30am to 5:00pm)
9-13 June: Art, D&T Exhibition
Sunday 13 June: JIS World Cup
Saturday 19 June: JIS Sailing Regatta (Upper School and Middle School at RBYC)
21-22 June: ISI Training at JIS
2-7 July: Activity Week
Friday 9 July: Academic year ends
9-16 July: West Malaysia Malay Cultural Experience
Tuesday 31 August: 2010-2011 academic year begins (Year 12 students commence on Wednesday 1 September)