



Happy New Year. Here are all the dates for the term. Please do come to the parents' evenings and discuss your child's progress with the teachers. Parents in Year 9 and 10 have received a letter asking about their interest in the International Baccalaureate. If there is sufficient support, we would introduce the IB from August 2011 in addition to A-levels. I should be very pleased to receive your comments on this proposal. Have an excellent term.

**JOHN PRICE, Principal and Chief Executive**

### From the Head of Junior School

Happy New Year from the Junior School and a warm welcome back. Welcome also to our new families who have joined us this term. Term 2 looks set to be busy and lots of fun. All the year groups will be starting their latest IPC topic this week, Year 5 are learning about 'Black Gold' while Year 1 are jetting off to Hawaii. A number of trips have been planned for this term to support the IPC topics and your continued support and encouragement from home is greatly appreciated.

This term we have a number of House events including the Swimming Gala on Friday 5 February. We have elected our Term 2 Deputy House Captains. The new school council will be organising the ever popular Junior Disco later in the term. The theme is yet to be decided!

Year 5 will be heading off into the jungle on their three day residential trip to the Borneo Rainforest Lodge outside Miri and many children will be training hard for the Primary FOBISSEA Games which are being held in KL in May this year.

At the end of the term we will be holding another Musical

Soiree, following on from our successful evening last term. This time it will be the turn of the younger children to showcase their considerable talents.

We welcome back Mrs Kennedy who returns after her maternity leave and say thank you and farewell to Ms Purkis who did a wonderful job in her absence.

We have a full ASA programme for this term and as ever your children will be very busy. Thank you for your support in keeping them organised!

Please can I remind you that all children need a named hat in school to wear at break and lunchtime. This is very important and the children in the Junior School do a great job of leading the way in sun safety.

Have a good term!

**KAREN LEWIS**

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### From the Head of Middle School

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family managed to have some relaxing time together over the holiday.

This term we have welcomed more new students to the Middle School. This time it has only been fourteen students but their arrival now means that we are full. Until we are able to create some more space within JIS through the building projects of the Arts Centre and the Sixth Form Centre, we will have a limit of approximately 350 students in the Middle School. However, despite our size, we will not be distracted from what we believe are the essentials of a good school: providing challenging and exciting lessons, strong pastoral support and an exciting range of extra-curricular opportunities. Please support us by encouraging your child to engage in all that we offer.

In a few weeks time you will receive the mid-year report for your child. This will be a full written report on their progress during this academic year. This, alongside the comments you will have heard from teachers at the Parent-Teacher Meetings in Term 1, should give you a clear picture of how your child is coping with life at JIS.

Students in Year 8 will soon be choosing their subject choices for Year 9. Parents of students in Year 8 will receive details on how this process works with your child's report. We will also offer an Information Meeting on Monday 1 February.

You will soon receive a copy of the booklet for the extended field trips that we are offering during Activity Week in Term 3. Please return the Activity Preference form as soon as possible so we can start our planning for this exciting week. I should stress that it is not compulsory for your child to participate in an extended field trip. In the previous two years the Brunei-based and school-based activities have been the most popular by a considerable degree.

We hope that you and your family have an exciting and fulfilling 2010.

**IAN MEHTA**

## From the Head of Upper School

Students have returned refreshed from the holiday and appear happy to be back at school. The second term is a particularly important time in JIS as during this period the Parent-Teacher Meetings and Options Evenings occur.

The Year 11 internal examinations begin in Week 3 from Monday 18 January to Friday 22 January and students are now in the midst of revision. Examination timetables have been handed out and students have been made aware of our expectations during this important period. These are serious examinations, partly because they help to determine predicted grades but also because they are a simulation of the real GCSEs which occur in May and June of this year. Parents will have the opportunity to review the grades that their child receives by attending the Parent-Teacher interviews which occur on Wednesday 3 February from 5:00-8:30pm. Attendance at this evening is crucial and we urge you to ensure that your child makes suitable appointments as soon as possible.

Years 9 and 10 had an Athletics Day after school on Thursday 7 January to make up for the fact that the official one was disrupted by rain last term. In spite of the fact that this was a voluntary event, attendance was good and the atmosphere of friendly competition made it a very enjoyable event. The Year 10 Parent-Teacher Meeting is coming up on Monday 18 January from 5:00-8:30 and we sincerely hope that you will be able to attend. Most students in Year 10 are in the midst of coursework and it is essential that parents remain properly informed about their child's

progress.

The Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday 22 January at 7:00pm is also an event of critical importance. Parents and students will be introduced to some of the major features of the GCSE programme and will also provide insight into the nature of the different subjects. Subject specialists will be on hand to provide valuable advice. GCSE courses involve two years of study and it is therefore vital that students make the correct decisions. Parents of Year 9 students will be able to discuss their child's progress at the Parent Teacher Evening which is scheduled for Tuesday 1 February from 5:00-8:30pm.

Year 11 will also be choosing their Sixth Form subjects this term and their Options Evening will occur on Tuesday 9 February at 7:00pm. A-level subjects are academically demanding and also significantly influence the kind of courses students will be able to study at university; careful consideration of all choices are therefore essential. This evening is a great opportunity for both students and parents to ensure that they are well informed.

We hope that this is a successful term for all our students and, as ever, urge you to contact us if you have any queries.

PETER FLYNN

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## From the Head of Sixth Form

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our twelve new Sixth Form students in the Y12J10 class. I hope that you settle in quickly and enjoy life in the Sixth Form over the coming eighteen months. Many of our students received excellent reports at the end of last term and I trust that all our Year 13 students have completed some serious revision over the holiday in order to be fully prepared for their re-sit AS Level modular exams currently taking place. We wish everyone success in these examinations.

This will be a busy term for our Sixth Form students. Naturally, academic studies take precedence, but there will be many opportunities to participate in House events, ASAs and the Make A Difference (MAD) programme. The Y12J10 Welcome Evening, the Year 12

Higher Education evening, the joint Y12J09 and Y12J10 Activities Day, and the Year 12 and 13 PSHE sessions are important events taking place this term. The Sixth Form Student Council will be organising a social at the Empire Hotel on Friday 19 February and continues to work hard on fund-raising charity events for our local charity, Pusat Ehsan.

Please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's tutor, or a member of the Sixth Form Leadership team, should you have any questions regarding their Sixth Form studies.

DAVID HOBDAY

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## Notice of Withdrawal

At least eight (working) weeks' written notice is required for any student who is leaving the school and/or the Boarding House. Please note that failure to provide adequate notice will result in a financial penalty.

The final date of notification for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year is as follows:

**Term 2: Friday 5 March, 2010**

**Term 3: Friday 28 May, 2010**

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](http://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).

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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## Student Pass 2010

It is a requirement that all foreign students have a Student Pass in order to study in Brunei. A number of these expired in December 2009. We have distributed renewal forms and a letter of Certification to Study in Brunei to all parents via your child.

All enquiries regarding the Student Pass should be directed to Catherine Liew in the Admissions Office.

It is important that the school (green) copy is returned to us so that we may enter the details onto our database.

Please pass all forms back to the school no later than **Friday 29 January, 2010.**

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

## Book Week Visiting Poet

Our annual Book Week, sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank and the Empire Hotel and Country Club, will be held during Week 6 this term. The aim of Book Week is to encourage young people to read more.

The guest author this year is British poet Craig Bradley (<http://www.craigbradley.com/>). Craig is a professional poet, writer and performer who tours the UK and the world sharing his passion for words. He performs in schools, libraries, museums, art galleries, hospitals and at literary festivals. He has a degree in English Language, an MA in Contemporary Literature and has lectured in Creative Writing at Huddersfield and Leeds universities. Craig has published poetry, fiction, non-fiction and children's poetry; he is the author of five books.

To celebrate Book Week, we will run a JIS Middle School Poetry Competition entitled Dreams and Aspirations. Students from Year 6,

7 and 8 are invited to write a poem of any length on the theme 'Dreams and Aspirations'. Winners of the competition will receive Standard Chartered Bank 'My Dream Accounts' as follows: first prize: \$150; second prize B\$100; third prize \$50. Entries must be passed to Mr Eddy Moore in the English faculty by Monday 1 February. Prizes will be presented to the winners by the CEO of Standard Chartered Bank, Mr Danny Quah, in a poetry assembly at Jerudong International School on Wednesday 10 February.

During Book Week, Peter Thomas, the Chief Examiner in GCSE AQA English Literature, will deliver a series of teaching and learning workshops to staff. The theme for this professional development is 'How Questions can Improve Learning'. He will offer a parent workshop 'Supporting Reading and Language Development' after school on Tuesday 9 February. More details to follow later.

ANDREW TAYLOR

## Change of Status

Students who have changed their residential status since they enrolled at the school are required to submit a copy of their new IC card and entry permit/resident permit to the school office. This applies to all foreign nationals who have become Brunei permanent residents; as well as Brunei permanent residents who have become Brunei citizens. Students under 12 who do not qualify for an IC are required to submit a copy of their new passport.

STUDENT CENTRE

## Drama Performance Night

Year 12 and 13 will be performing their Drama performance coursework pieces on Wednesday 24 February and Thursday 25 February at 7:00pm in the Drama Studio. Year 12 will be performing extracts from *An Inspector Calls* while Year 13 will perform their group devised play entitled *Little Boxes*. All tickets are available from the Mr Eckersley or Ms Williams in the Drama Office.

MARK ECKERSLEY

## Model United Nations Club

The Model United Nations club will be taking a delegation to ISB's Borneo Global Issues Conference, from 12 - 15 March this term. The students will be participating in a range of debates based around the UN Charter on the Rights of the Child. Twenty-five students will be involved from Years 11 - 13.

DOMINIC BRIFFA

## School Photographs

The annual school photographs will be taken this term from **Monday 1 February to Friday 12 February**. The photographs will be taken by Ultra New Image Photo Studio. An individual student portrait and class and tutor group photographs will be taken during the school day.

LYNN PAYNE

## FOBISSEA Golf Tournament

JIS will be sending a team of eight student golfers to the inaugural FOBISSEA Student Golf tournament, hosted by Harrow International School, Bangkok, Thailand, on 23 and 24 January. The students leave on Thursday and we wish them all the best.

DAVID HOBDAV

## Term Dates 2010-2011

All Term 2 and Term 3 are provisional, except the first day of Term 2, Tuesday 4 January 2011.

### **TERM 1**

Tuesday 31 August - Friday 15 October 2010

Monday 25 October - Friday 10 December

### **MID TERM BREAK**

Saturday 16 October - Sunday 24 October

### **TERM 1 BREAK**

Saturday 11 December 2010 - Monday 3 January 2011

### **TERM 2 (provisional)**

Tuesday 4 January - Wednesday 2 February 2011

Monday 7 February - Friday 18 March

### **MID-TERM BREAK**

Thursday 3 February - Sunday 6 February

### **TERM 2 BREAK**

Saturday 19 March - Sunday 3 April

### **TERM 3 (provisional)**

Monday 4 April - Friday 27 May

Monday 6 June - Friday 8 July

### **MID TERM BREAK**

Saturday 28 May - Sunday 5 June.

Note: Activity week is scheduled for 1-6 July 2011

## STEP Centre Workshop

Mr Gary Chalmers from the Science faculty will be running a workshop for science and mathematics teachers from government schools called *Cultivating an Olympic Spirit in Science and Maths* with the STEP Centre on Saturday 23 January. About 100-150 teachers are expected to be present. Eight teachers from JIS will be leading workshops geared towards providing stretch and challenge for high ability pupils.

## Ski Trip

Japan Ski Trip (19 - 29 March). Any late applications for this trip should be made by the end of January, by contacting Mr Poulain directly via email at **philippe.poulain@jis.edu.bn**, please.

PHILIPPE POULAIN

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

**Friday 5 February:** *Swimming Gala*  
**10-12 February:** *Year 5 Residential Trip*  
**Friday 19 February:** *Disco*  
**9-10 March:** *Parent-Teacher Meeting*  
**Thursday 11 March:** *Jazz/Concert Band perform in assembly*  
**Wednesday 17 March:** *Music Soiree*

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Thursday 14 January:** *Year 6-8 House Badminton*  
**Monday 1 February:** *Year 8 into Year 9 Options Evening*  
**Tuesday 2 February:** *Sprint Maths*  
**Thursday 4 February:** *Swimming Gala*  
**8-12 February:** *Book Week*  
**Tuesday 9 February:** *House Quiz*  
**Wednesday 10 February:** *Year 6 Geography trip to Kampong Ayer*  
**Thursday 25 February:** *Year 8 Options deadline*  
**Thursday 11 March:** *House Touch Rugby*  
**12-14 March:** *Year 7 Geography Trip to Niah Caves*  
**17-22 March:** *U13 FOBISSEA Games at BIS, Vietnam*  
**Thursday 18 March:** *House Orienteering*

### UPPER SCHOOL

**16-17 January:** *Bronze IA Expedition to Bukit Udal*  
**Monday 18 January:** *Year 10 Parent-Teacher Meeting*  
**18-22 January:** *Year 11 Internal Exams*  
**21-24 January:** *Year 9 Singapore Humanities Trip*  
**23-24 January:** *FOBISSEA Golf Tournament*  
**Thursday 28 January:** *House Football and Netball*  
**28 January - 1 February:** *Year 10-13 Drama Workshops*  
**29-31 January:** *Silver IA Expedition*  
**Wednesday 3 February:** *Year 9 Trade Game, Sprint Maths*  
**Wednesday 3 February:** *Year 11 Parent-Teacher Meeting*  
**Thursday 4 February:** *Swimming Gala*  
**Monday 8 February:** *Year 9 Parent-Teacher Meeting*  
**8-12 February:** *Book Week*  
**Tuesday 9 February:** *House Quiz*  
**Tuesday 9 February:** *Year 11-12 Options Evening*  
**Thursday 11 February:** *House Football and Netball*  
**Thursday 18 February:** *Year 9-11 House Badminton*  
**Friday 19 February:** *Year 11 application forms deadline*  
**Friday 19 February:** *Social (US and SF)*  
**20-21 February:** *Bronze IA Expedition to Bukit Udal*  
**Thursday 25 February:** *House Football and Netball*  
**25-28 February:** *SEAMC Hong Kong*

**Thursday 4 March:** *Year 11-13 House Basketball*  
**Friday 5 March:** *Year 9 Options deadline*  
**Thursday 11 March:** *Year 6-13 House Touch Rugby*  
**11-12 March:** *GCSE PE (Exam) Practical*  
**12-15 March:** *Borneo Global Issues Conference*  
**15-16 March:** *Year 10 and Year 12 Production*  
**Thursday 18 March:** *House Orienteering*  
**19-25 March:** *Japan Ski Trip*

### SIXTH FORM

**11-29 January:** *AS re-sits*  
**Tuesday 26 January:** *Year 12 Higher Education/Welcome Evening*  
**Thursday 28 January:** *House Football and Netball*  
**28 January - 1 February:** *Year 10-13 Drama Workshops*  
**29-31 January:** *Silver IA Expedition (provisional)*  
**Monday 1 February:** *Sprint Maths*  
**Tuesday 2 February:** *Year 12 and Year 13 Media Studies Film Festival*  
**Tuesday 2 February:** *BBQ Welcome Year 12J10*  
**Wednesday 3 February:** *Senior Music Recital*  
**Thursday 4 February:** *Year 12J09 and Year 12J10 Activities Day at the Empire Hotel*  
**6-7 February:** *Gold IA Practice Expedition*  
**Tuesday 9 February:** *House Quiz Competition*  
**Thursday 11 February:** *House Football and Netball*  
**Thursday 18 February:** *Year 9-11 House Badminton*  
**Friday 19 February:** *Social (US and SF)*  
**20-23 February:** *Year 12 Geography Temburong Trip*  
**24-25 February:** *Year 12 and Year 13 Drama Group Devised Performance*  
**Thursday 25 February:** *House Football and Netball*  
**Thursday 4 March:** *Year 11-13 House Basketball*  
**5-7 March:** *Student scorers Aberdeen Brunei Seniors Master Golf Tournament*  
**Thursday 11 March:** *Year 6-13 House Touch Rugby*  
**12-15 March:** *Borneo Global Issues Conference*  
**Thursday 18 March:** *House Orienteering*  
**19-25 March:** *Japan Ski Trip*

### WHOLE SCHOOL

**Friday 29 January:** *Orchestra Performance at Empire for Standard Chartered*  
**1-5 February:** *Maths Week*  
**1-12 February:** *School Photographs*  
**Wednesday 3 February:** *Battle of the Bands*  
**Sunday 7 February:** *Netball Funday*  
**5-6 March:** *Showcase Music Concert (provisional)*  
**Monday 8 March:** *IB Parent Information Evening (provisional)*  
**Tuesday 9 March:** *House Theatre Sports*  
**Thursday 11 March:** *BH Lip Sync Competition*  
**15-16 March:** *Year 10 and Year 12 Production*  
**15-19 March:** *Map Week*  
**19-24 March:** *"Conquer Two Tips of Borneo" trip*