



I hope your children have settled back in and are getting down to some hard work. ASAs started this week and we expect all pupils to take a full part in the programme.

This newsletter gives all the dates for the term. Please do take advantage of the parents' evenings to find out how your son or daughter is progressing. I look forward to meeting you at the various functions this year.

I wish all our Muslim families Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

**JOHN PRICE, Principal and Chief Executive**

### From the Head of Junior School

Another new year begins...welcome back to JIS. To all our new families a very warm welcome to the Junior School. I hope your children have settled in well and have already made lots of new friends. If there are any problems at all please do not hesitate to talk to their class teacher.

We are off to a busy start and the teachers and children are looking forward to their first IPC topics and all the other exciting lessons and activities that have been planned.

We held a successful Parent's Welcome Meeting on Wednesday 9 September. Good communication is very important to us. Please can you make sure we have accurate email addresses and telephone numbers to help with this.

Later in the half term we will be celebrating Peace Day and after the holiday we will hold our annual International Day Celebration which is always a high point in the year.

The new Junior School Council has been elected. The council will be led by Alissa Yong, Uma Roy Prabhakaran and Joe Bourbon. They will work with the House captains and deputy House captains. The council will be responsible for planning a number of social and fundraising events throughout the year. Congratulations

to all our Year 5 councillors.

We were very pleased to reach our \$3500 target last year in support of children with special needs in Brunei and will aim to do the same again this year. The first fundraiser will be the Coin Chain in October. There will be two special presentation assemblies during the year which the children really enjoy. It is great for them to see what their money has bought and meet the children who benefit directly from their kindness.

Later in the term there will be the House Cross Country and a Teddy Bear's Picnic for the younger children.

This year our Friday Class Assemblies will start at 8.00am in the PAR not 1.30pm as in previous years. You are warmly invited to attend when your children are involved.

I hope your children have a wonderful term and thank you in advance for your support with all that is happening in the Junior School.

**KAREN LEWIS**

### From the Head of Middle School

Welcome to all parents, students and staff for the academic year 2009 – 2010. We particularly welcome those students new to the JIS community and the students of Year 6 who have made the transition from Junior School. We hope that you settle into the Middle School quickly.

Since we need to communicate far more than is appropriate for this newsletter, we will send parents a Middle School Welcome Letter by email. Paper copies will be available from the Middle School Office and a copy will be displayed on the notice board outside the Stationery and Uniform Shop.

Please encourage your child to work hard in their academic work and to make the most of the rich diversity of co-curricular opportunities that are available to them.

**IAN MEHTA**

### Change of School Day

Many public holidays fall on Mondays during this academic year. To compensate for the loss of timetabled classes on Mondays, we will schedule two timetable swaps over the course of the year. The first of these will occur in Week 5 of Term 1 (Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October).

During Week 5, we will run a "Monday" timetable twice, once on Monday 28 September and once on Wednesday 30 September. Only timetabled classes will be affected. ASAs will continue as normal, with Monday ASAs on the 28 September and Wednesday ASAs on 30 September.

Please help your child to remember that he or she will have "Monday" lessons on **Wednesday 30 September** and to bring the correct books and equipment to classes on that day.

**WENDY ISAAC**

## From the Head of Upper School

In spite of the fact that we have had a large influx of students into the school, we have enjoyed a smooth start to the year. The school prides itself on good pastoral care and I am pleased to see that our students, whether new or established, seem to be happy and purposeful. The Year 9s have settled into the school quickly and look like a promising group. There will be many new challenges for them but their teachers are there to help them and they must not hesitate to seek assistance when this is required.

We were very pleased with the GCSE results of the last Year 11 cohort: the number of grade A\*s and A grades received rose to 37.5%, showing how successfully we are pushing the top cohort. At the same time, a rise in the overall A-C pass rate to 89% demonstrates that we are managing to raise standards throughout the school. GCSE modular science results for our Year 9 and 10 students were highly promising, with 32.2% of entries gaining A\*/A grades. Joseph Kong, David Kong and Bethany Maskall all gained A\* grades in all three disciplines: Biology, Chemistry & Physics. We are particularly impressed by the fact that our younger students have shown that they can cope with rigorous academic work and the challenge of public examinations.

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## From the Head of Sixth Form

I would like to extend a warm welcome all our new Sixth Form students and parents, and welcome back our existing students. The Year 12 Registration Day allowed us to place our Year 12 students onto their AS Level programmes before the start of term and this has resulted in a very smooth start to the year for them. They have also completed their CAT tests which will allow their teachers and tutors to monitor their progress carefully over the next two years. Initial feedback from the teachers and tutors is that our students have settled quickly into their A-level studies.

The students have been placed in vertical tutor groups which consist of a mix of Year 12 and Year 13 students and it is the tutor who is the key person who will monitor closely the academic and social development of each student in the tutor group.

Catherine Lawrey and Chung Tee Lim have been appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy respectively for this year, whilst Bas Felius and Nabilah Hamid are the Sixth Form Captains. The new Sixth Form Student Council will soon be finalised and we expect these students to have a very strong and dynamic influence on moving the Sixth Form forward once again this year. They will be co-ordinating a

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## Ski Trip

The fourth JIS Ski Trip will take place during the beginning of the Term 2 holidays. We are planning a whole week of skiing and snowboarding in the 1998 Olympics ski resort of Hakuba in JAPAN. Places are limited to 16 students (Year 7 and above). The group will depart on Friday 19 March 2010 and return on Monday 29 March. Besides skiing, we will spend a day sightseeing and shopping in Tokyo and stay overnight. Ski/snowboarding lessons will be provided, so no previous experience is required! If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this exciting trip, please collect a letter of application urgently from the Student Centre or contact Mr Philippe Poulain by email. Thanks.

PHILIPPE POULAIN

In our first Upper School assembly, we distributed the academic awards that would normally have been handed out at the Celebration of Achievement Evening. In spite of the fact that the venue was not quite as regal at the ICC, students were clearly pleased to have their achievements recognised. Year 11 students were reminded that this is a critical year and the final GCSE examinations will soon be upon them. Year 10 students know that they are now entering GCSEs and coursework will begin in the near future. Parents will be kept closely informed of important dates and assignments.

We strongly believe that students have made a pleasing start to the year and we are confident that this will continue. In addition to interesting and stimulating lessons, the extra-curriculum and House programmes are more diverse and fun than ever. We aim to make sure that students like school and see it as a desirable place to be.

PETER FLYNN

number of events throughout the year, including charity fund raising, socials and the Sixth Form Ball. We are already looking forward to Peace Day and International Day as major events this term.

A large number of Sixth Form students were awarded Sports Colours in the first Sixth Form assembly of this term. I would like to congratulate them on receiving this prestigious honour and I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible participating in the wide variety of ASAs available to them throughout the year.

The Sixth Form Leadership Team looks forward to working closely with all students in the Sixth Form and we hope to share their experiences and successes with you through future school newsletters.

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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## Careers Carousel

On the afternoon of Wednesday 7 October, Years 11, 12 and 13 students will be involved in an afternoon event, our annual Careers Carousel. Students will have the opportunity to attend seminars presented by experts from the various professions, institutes of higher learning and country representatives. They will be able to ask questions and network with the experts, gaining knowledge vital for their future careers.

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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. Failure to provide adequate notice will result in a financial penalty.

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

**Term 1: Friday 30 October, 2009**

**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](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).

## 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 expire in December 2009. Please check your records. If the Student Pass is due to expire in December, 2009 please begin the renewal process before the end of Term 1.

You can collect the necessary forms from the Junior and Middle School Office or the Student Centre. It is important that the school 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**.

Thank you for your assistance.

## 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.

## Contact Details

It is important that your contact details are accurate so that we may communicate with you on a regular basis. In particular we require current residential, email, home and mobile phone details. Please provide this information to the Student Centre so that we may enter it onto our computer data base.

CHONG HYEN SEEM

## GCE AS/ A-level and (I)GCSE Statement of Results

Please be advised that original statements of results are now available to be picked up from our Examination Office in the administration building. The official certificates will only be available in mid November 2009.

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## JIS Library and Information Centre

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely break and are invigorated and ready for a great year ahead in the JIS libraries.

### **A quick introduction to the library staff this year:**

I am Fiona Mulvaney. I am the Senior Librarian and work mostly in the secondary library. I am assisted by either Lai Kwan or Siti Salbiah, the Library Assistants and Angela Mann in the junior library. We have additional part-time help from Jade Mulvaney all year and an additional GAP student Alia, for the next three weeks before she leaves to the UK to study. We will possibly have additional GAP students in over the year and of course our wonderful MAD students who help to run our libraries in the busy afternoons. If you are interested in helping out in the library, as a parent volunteer, you are most welcome to come and see me, phone or email me: [fiona.mulvaney@jis.edu.bn](mailto:fiona.mulvaney@jis.edu.bn) or 241 1000 (ext 1210).

### **LIBRARY POLICIES**

Our JIS Library & Information Centre Policies are always being looked at and reviewed, and can be read in the library. A copy is at the circulation desks. This is a quick run through of the borrowing policy, to re-acquaint yourselves and help to remind your children of their rights and responsibilities towards borrowing from our wonderful collections.

Students can borrow for two weeks and if a book is NOT overdue can renew for another two weeks. Borrowing is stopped whilst a book is overdue. Overdue letters will be sent out fortnightly by email. This is a new concept as paper communication appears to stay in school bags and not go home.

- Kindy to Year 2 – 2 items
- Year 3 – 3 items
- Year 4 – 4 items
- Year 5 – 5 items
- Year 6 to Year 11 – 6 items
- Year 12 & Year 13 – 10 items
- Community Members – 2 items

Community Members are parents of children currently attending JIS or alumni who have graduated from the school. If you would like to become a Community Member please come and see Lai Kwan or Siti Salbiah at the circulation desk for an application form.

### **NEW BOOKS**

Please come and look at our wonderful new resources, which will be ready to borrow, once the processing is done on them. They will appear on the NEW BOOKS display near the circulation desks in both the junior and secondary libraries. We have lots of wonderful new fiction, novels, non-fiction, graphic novels and some great titles added to our parenting collection. Please take the time over the next few weeks to come and have a browse.

Have a fabulous year ahead. We look forward to seeing you in the libraries.

JIS LIBRARY STAFF

# IMPORTANT DATES

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

**30 September - 1 October:** Parent Consultations  
**Tuesday 13 October:** Coin Chain  
**Friday 30 October:** Cross country  
**Tuesday 17 November:** Teddy Bears' Picnic  
**Wednesday 25 November:** Music Performance Evening  
**Friday 4 December:** Term 1 Reports issued

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Monday 28 September:** Year 6 Activity Afternoon  
**Tuesday 29 September:** Year 7 Activity Afternoon  
**Wednesday 30 September:** Year 8 Activity Afternoon  
**1-10 October:** Year 6 Brisbane Trip  
**3-2 October:** Year 6-8 KK Football Trip  
**7-11 October:** Year 8-10 KK Football Trip  
**Tuesday 13 October:** Year 8 Malay (Bahasa & FL) trip to RTB

**Thursday 15 October:** Year 6-8 House Basketball (provisional)  
**Tuesday 27 October:** MS Social  
**Friday 30 October:** Cross Country  
**Tuesday 3 November:** Year 6-8 House Football  
**Wednesday 4 November:** Year 6-8 Athletics  
**13-15 November:** Singapore Netball Tournament, under 14  
**Tuesday 17 November:** Year 6-13 JIS Idol  
**23-24 November:** MS Drama Production evening performances  
**Tuesday 24 November:** Year 6-13 JIS Idol  
**Wednesday 25 November:** Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting  
**Thursday 26 November:** Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting  
**Thursday 3 December:** Parent Teacher Meeting (All Year)

## UPPER SCHOOL

**Thursday 24 September:** Year 9-13 Basketball  
**28-29 September:** Year 11 Drama Unit 1 Devised Performance  
**Thursday 1 October:** Year 11 Art Bukit Shabbandar trip  
**Thursday 1 October:** Year 11-13 Football  
**2-4 October:** US/SF Leadership Camp  
**Wednesday 7 October:** Careers Carousel  
**7-11 October:** Year 8-10 KK Football Trip  
**Thursday 8 October:** Year 9-13 House Volleyball  
**Monday 12 October:** Year 11 Art Bukit Shabbandar trip  
**Tuesday 13 October:** Year 11 Parent Teacher Meeting  
**Thursday 15 October:** SF and US Social  
**Friday 16 October:** Year 11 Art Bukit Shabbandar trip  
**Monday 26 October:** Year 9 FL Malay trip to Kg Ayer  
**Friday 16 October:** Year 9-11 Athletics (provisional)  
**9-10 November:** Year 11 Drama Unit 2 scripted performance

**11-12 November:** Year 9 Geography Trip to Berakas Beach

**12-16 November:** Year 10-13 Phuket Football Trip  
**13-14 November:** Year 9-10 House Football; Netball Tournament, Singapore under 14  
**Tuesday 17 November:** Year 6-13 JIS Idol  
**Thursday 19 November:** External Science modular examinations

**Tuesday 24 November:** Year 6-13 JIS Idol  
**27-29 November:** Silver LA Practice Expedition  
**2-4 December:** Year 9-10 Upper School Drama Production  
**4-6 December:** Year 9-13 Singapore Rugby tournament  
**4-6 December:** Silver LA Practice Expedition  
**Monday 7 December:** Year 10 FL Malay visit to local restaurant

## SIXTH FORM

**Friday 25 September:** Year 12 Geography Trip to Berakas Beach  
**Thursday 1 October:** Year 11-13 Football  
**2-4 October:** US/SF Leadership Camp  
**Wednesday 7 October:** Careers Carousel  
**8-7 October:** Year 13 Geography ASEAN City Trip  
**Thursday 8 October:** Year 9-13 House Volleyball  
**29 October - 1 November:** Bio Temburong Trip  
**2-3 November:** Year 12 Drama Monologues and Duologues  
**12-15 November:** Drama Monologues and Duologues  
**12-16 November:** Year 10-13 Phuket Football Trip  
**14-15 November:** Gold LA Practice Expedition  
**Tuesday 17 November:** Year 6-13 JIS Idol  
**Tuesday 24 November:** Year 6-13 JIS Idol  
**26-29 November:** Bio Temburong Trip  
**27-29 November:** Silver LA Practice Expedition  
**Tuesday 1 December:** Year 12 and 13 Parent Teacher Meeting  
**Friday 4 December:** Year 12 DT Food trip to Kiulap  
**4-6 December:** Year 9-19 Singapore Rugby tournament  
**4-6 December:** Silver LA Practice Expedition

## WHOLE SCHOOL

**Thursday 24 September:** Peace Day Celebration  
**Saturday 26 September:** European Language Day  
**Wednesday 7 October:** Music Faculty Canteen Concert  
**Monday 12 October:** PTCG Welcome BBQ  
**Thursday 6 November:** Teaching and Learning Week; International Day  
**Sunday 8 November:** Remembrance Sunday  
**Wednesday 11 November:** Poetry Evening  
**17-21 November:** THIMUN Singapore  
**Sunday 22 November:** Football Funday  
**Tuesday 8 December:** BH Fantastic Festive Fun Run  
**Wednesday 9 December:** House Music Festival

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