

Welcome back. A particularly warm welcome to all our new parents and pupils. I hope you are settling in well. Please let us know of any problems your children are having so that we can try to resolve them before they become more serious. Please support the school by not taking your children out of lessons unless absolutely necessary and please do not arrange holidays which involve your children except during the school breaks.

As usual, the term is full of many exciting events, details of which you will find below. I wish everyone a happy and productive term.

JOHN PRICE, Principal and Chief Executive

From the Head of Junior School

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to our new families and staff members.

We welcome Mrs Saap, Mrs Legg, Mrs Bell, Mr McKay, Mr Forshaw and Mrs Wilson onto our teaching staff. Many of them are already familiar faces and have quickly become part of our excellent teaching team.

The Junior School has had a very busy start this year. There was great excitement over the new playground equipment and it has been very well used already.

Our new classes have opened and everyone is working hard. You will be receiving letters about the new IPC topics your children will be studying this half term and homework will begin after the Hari Raya holiday.

There are many exciting events to look forward to this term including the Cross Country on Friday 15 October and the Junior House Athletics on Friday 29 October. Mr Kennedy has taken over from Mr Wood as the Junior Head of House and School Council. We thank Mr Wood

for all his hard work in this role over the last few years.

A highlight for this half term is the production of *Rats* based loosely on the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Many of our children and staff are involved in this and we look forward to a great show. Production dates are 12 and 13 October. Tickets will go on sale soon.

As you may know we are hosting the Primary FOBISSEA Games later this year and we hope to involve many children, teachers and parents in this exciting event. The trials for the team will take place at the end of this term. If your child is keen to be part of the squad they should join the football and t-ball ASAs.

Please can you help us get off to a good start and make sure your child has a named hat in school at all times.

Have a great term!

KAREN MEHTA

From the Head of Middle School

Selamat Hari Raya and a warm welcome to all parents and children.

The Middle School is full in each year group meaning we have just under 350 students enrolled. Many of those students are new to JIS and we hope that they are settling in well and feeling part of their new school. Should you feel that your child is experiencing a problem in these early days then do get in touch and we will do our best to help. There is a very positive atmosphere around the Middle School and it feels like a smooth start to the year. Many of our students participated in the Transition Day in June and that does seem to have been successful in breaking down barriers that can sometimes exist when large numbers of unfamiliar children start lessons together

at the beginning of an academic year. We hope that this year will be as exciting as the last one and we ask you to support us by encouraging your child to make the most of the activities that we offer at JIS. The opportunities available to your child are broad-ranging and include lessons, after school activities, assemblies, House events and school trips.

Good communication is important and we have much to share with you, so we will send you a letter in the next few days.

IAN MEHTA

From the Head of Upper School

In spite of the fact that many of our students were fasting during the first weeks of the term, we have got off to a flying start in the Upper School. We have welcomed the new Year 9 cohort, and it is pleasing to see that they are coping well with the challenges of our demanding curriculum. In our first assembly, we sought to define our high expectations of both behaviour and academic application. Judging by the industry that I seen in classrooms, students have clearly listened to the message carefully.

Our GCSE examination results for the previous Year 11 group were our best ever with over 45% of all grades awarded being an A* or A. Year 9 and 10 Science module results were also, in the main, excellent and our mission is to continue building upon this success. To this end, students will be carefully monitored during the year and we wish to ensure that any academic or social problems are identified at an early stage.

The ASA and House programme is now more popular than ever, and in many tutor groups, all students have signed up for at least one activity. The Homework Club is also being used by many, although

there remain a number of students who should take advantage of this valuable resource by attending sessions on either Tuesday or Thursday from 2:30pm-4:00pm.

The term ahead will be a challenging one; students should ensure that they make a good start to the academic year, especially if they are sitting for public examinations at the end of the academic year. Parents can help by regularly consulting their child's homework diary and also ensuring that they are aware of important coursework assignments and tests. All parents of **Year 11** students should do their level best to attend the **Parent-Teacher Evening on Tuesday 12 October (5:00-8:30pm)**

We are very confident that the year ahead will be a positive and fulfilling experience for all of our students. Please contact me or any other member of the Upper School Leadership Team if you have any concerns or comments.

PETER FLYNN

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 their tutor will monitor closely the academic and social development of each student in the tutor group.

Bryanna Rogers and Mathew Bukit have been appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy respectively for this year, whilst Fauzan Yahya and Nurul Shamir are the Sixth Form Captains. We have a new Sixth Form Student Council in place 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 attending a Leadership Camp in Miri in early October in order to develop their leadership and teamwork skills, and they will be co-ordinating a 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.

I strongly urge our Sixth Form students to involve themselves fully in school life through our ASA and MAD programmes this year in order to demonstrate their abilities beyond the classroom. Mr. Mann, our Dean of Higher Education, has stressed the importance of extra-curricular activities as a strong support for high academic grades when applying to the best universities around the world.

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. Mr. Pluck is Head of Year 13, Miss Coppin is the Head of Year 12 and Mr. Moore leads the Sixth Form Student Council and coordinates all our House events.

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

Design and Technology

The Design and Technology Faculty will be hosting an International Teachers conference in October with delegates arriving from all over South East Asia and Brunei. DT trainers and consultants will be coming out from the UK and also looking at the JIS Design and Technology Faculty across the school and their application for the DTMark, a UK based quality standard for Design education.

JUSTIN HARRIS

French Exchange Trip

An ASA is running on Thursdays, from 2.30pm to 3.15pm, in T6 for students in Year 9 and 10. Students interested in going to France to meet up with their penfriend and spend time in their family and school (leaving Friday 28 January and returning Sunday 6 February) must collect a letter from Mr Poulain or the Student Centre. Deposits must be paid by the end of September to guarantee a place.

PHILIPPE POULAIN

The International Science Competition 2010

Students from Year 3-13 achieved outstanding results when they participated in this year's University of New South Wales International Science competition and Assessment for Schools. For over twenty years, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales has been conducting the International Competition for Schools. The competitions form the largest independent assessment program for schools in Brunei, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, India, South Africa, Hong Kong, China and the Pacific region.

Students use the results that they obtain in this competition in their personal statements that form an integral part of their application to various universities across the world.

Jerudong International School has been part of this competition for a number of years. Annually, around two million entries are received from students worldwide. Eighty seven students from our school entered the Science competition this year and certificates were

awarded as follows:

- 24 High Distinctions,
- 28 Distinctions,
- 20 Credits
- 15 Certificates of Participation.

Twenty four of our students' results placed them in the top 1% in Brunei. Nine students received medals this year for achieving the top mark in Brunei. They are: Maya Roy Prabhakaran (Year 4); Simon Staal (Year 5); Uma Roy Prabhakaran (Year 6); Nirmal Jayakrishnan (Year 8); Yong Yen Chung (Year 9); Elman Mazlan (Year 9); Nipun Mundkur (Year 9); Son Hann Yee (Year 11) and Mahin Samad (Year 13).

Our congratulations to all participants.

CHRIS KRUGER

Student Pass 2011

We are beginning to process the 2011 Student Pass required for all foreign school students in Brunei. Most of these expire in December 2010. We will prepare the documentation for the renewal process over the coming weeks and pass this to you via your eldest child. If you prefer, you can collect the Student Pass forms from the Admissions Office. It is important that the school copy (green) is returned to us so that we may enter the details onto our database.

We ask that each student has a valid Student Pass by **Friday 14 January, 2011**.

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 Student Centre. 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.

Ski/Snowboarding Trip

The trip is scheduled during the first half of the Term 2 holidays, departing Friday 18 March and returning Monday 28 March. If you would like your child to take part, please contact Mr Poulain or collect a letter from the Student Centre. Deposits must be paid by the end of September to guarantee a place. For students from Year 7 to 13.

PHILIPPE POULAIN

Notice of Withdrawal

At least eight (working) weeks' written notice is required for any student who is leaving the school, the Boarding House and the Boarding House bus service. For those under non-corporate billing rates, a financial penalty is levied if inadequate notice is given.

The final dates of notification for the 2010-2011 academic year are as follows:

Term 1: Friday 8 October, 2010

Term 2: Wednesday 19 January, 2011

Term 3: Friday 6 May, 2011

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. 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).

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Car Pass

Parents are reminded that, for security reasons, a car pass is required for entry to the school.

If you have not done so, please collect the car pass from the Student Centre. The car pass will be released after you sign for it and supply your car registration number.

Car passes can only be issued to adults.



IMPORTANT DATES

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Tuesday 5 October: Coin Drop
5-6 October: Parent Consultation Evenings
12-13 October: Rats production
Friday 15 October: Cross Country
Friday 29 October: Junior House Athletics

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday 21 September: Nanny McPhee cinema trip
29 September - 3 October: U14 KK Football trip
Thursday 30 September: House Handball
2-6 October: U12 KK Football trip
Tuesday 5 October: Coin Drop
12-13 October: Rats production
Thursday 14 October: House Football
9-10 November: JIS Idol
Monday 15 November: Year 6 Parent Teacher meeting
Thursday 18 November: Year 8 Parent Teacher meeting
22-23 November: Middle School production
Wednesday 24 November: Year 7 Parent Teacher meeting
Tuesday 17 November: Year 6-13 JIS Idol
Thursday 25 November: House Badminton
30 November - 8 December: Year 6 Brisbane trip
Tuesday 30 November: Year 7/8 Social

UPPER SCHOOL

24-26 September: Leadership Camp
Tuesday 28 September: Year 9 Activities Afternoon
28-29 September: House Debating
Tuesday 5 October: Year 10 Activity Afternoon
Thursday 7 October: House Football
Tuesday 12 October: Year 11 Parent Teacher meeting
Thursday 14 October: Social
21/26 October: O Level Bahasa Melayu examination
Thursday 28 October: Year 11-13 House Athletics
9/12 November: AQA Maths GCSE re-sits
10-11 November: Year 9 Geography trip
Thursday 11 November: Year 10 and 11 Modular Science examination
12-16 November: SF/GCSE Art trip
15-17 November: JIS Idol
Thursday 18 November: House Badminton
19-21 November: Silver IA Practice Expedition 1
Wednesday 24 November: Year 6-13 JIS Idol
Thursday 2 December: GCSE Art Mock examination
6-5 December: Silver IA Practice Expedition 2
Wednesday 8 December: GCSE PE Mock Practical

SIXTH FORM

Thursday 23 September: House Volleyball

Tuesday 28 September: Year 12 Geography trip
1-3 October: Student Council Leadership Camp
7-10 October: Year 13 Geography trip
12-13 October: House Debating
13/15 October: AS Psychology CIE re-sits
19, 26 October and 2 November: CIE GCSE English examination re-sits
Thursday 28 October: Year 11-13 House Athletics
4-7 November: A-level Biology Temburong trip
Monday 8 November: JIS Idol
8-9 November: Year 12 Drama Performance
Thursday 11 November: House Football
12-16 November: SF/GCSE Art trip
13-14 November: Gold IA Training Weekend
Thursday 18 November: Social
19-21 November: Silver IA Practice Expedition 1
23-27 November: THIMUN 2010
Tuesday 30 November: Year 12/13 Parent Teacher meeting
Thursday 2 December: House Badminton
3-5 December: Silver IA Practice Expedition 2
2-5 December: A-level Biology Temburong trip

WHOLE SCHOOL

Tuesday 21 September: Peace Day
Monday 20 September: PTGC Welcome BBQ
Friday 8 December: Last day for Term 1 Notice of Withdrawal
Friday 5 November: International Day
1-5 November: Languages Week
Sunday 7 November: Football Funday
11-16 November: FOBISSEA Music (Hong Kong)
19-21 November: U15 FOBISSEA Games
Monday 29 November: Last week for ASAs
Friday 10 December: House Music Festival / End of Term 1
Tuesday 4 January: Term 2 commences