

I would like to welcome everyone back to Jerudong International School (JIS) for the new Academic Year and give an especially warm welcome to the many parents and pupils who, like me, are new to the School. I hope you are settling in well. Do 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.

Many thanks to everyone for the warm welcome they have given me personally, and for the tolerance that everyone is showing with the new Shape-of-the-Day and Car Park arrangements.

As usual, this term is full of many exciting events at JIS, details of which you will find below. I wish everyone a happy and successful term; and I very much look forward to getting to know as many parents and students as possible over the coming months.

**ANDREW FOWLER-WATT, Principal**

### From the Head of Junior School

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

We welcome Mrs. Turner onto our teaching staff. She has come to join our Year 4 team and Mrs Homer who is covering for Mrs O'Hara who is on maternity leave this term. We also welcome several new Teaching Assistants to the school who will be supporting the teachers and helping to look after your children.

The Junior School has had a very busy start this year. Many thanks for your support with the new Daily Routine and Car Park arrangements, things have gone as smoothly as they possibly could given such big changes.

Our new classrooms for Year 2 and Year 3 have opened and everyone is working really hard. You will be receiving letters about the new International Primary Curriculum (IPC) topics your children will be studying this half term and homework will begin in Week 3.

There are many exciting events to look forward to this term including Peace Day on 21st September and the Junior House Athletics on Friday, 11th November. We have already held the first of our Colour Days, celebrating

Hari Raya on the 8th September. The next will be in October to celebrate the festival of Diwali.

A highlight for this term will be the production of *Ali Baba*. Many of our children and staff are involved in this and we look forward to a great show. Further information about this exciting production will follow later in the term and rehearsals begin again on Monday, 19th September.

This year Mr Walker has organised a Junior Sports League in collaboration with ISB, Panaga and Hornbill Schools and we look forward to some exciting fixtures in Football and T Ball in the term ahead.

The After School Activities (ASA) programme will begin in Week 3 and run until the end of Week 13. We hope your children enjoy the extra curricular activities on offer this year. 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 now has over 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. Year 7 has a large proportion of new students and we have introduced an Outdoor Education programme for them. This will run over the first few weeks during Games lessons.

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 their opportunities at JIS. 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 extensive changes to the car park and the school day, we have had a clean start to the year in the Upper School and I have been delighted by the fact that classes have settled down to work immediately. New students seem to be settling in well and Year 9 is becoming acquainted with life in the Upper School.

Our GCSE examination results for the previous Year 11 group were simply superb; a **massive 56% of all the grades awarded were A\*/A** which is above the average for UK independent schools. Moreover, overall pass rates have continued to soar with **96% of grades being awarded A\*- C**. This means that we are succeeding in our mission of improving the results of all of the students, and securing them places on worthwhile Sixth Form programmes.

The Year 10 examination results were also outstanding; the Science module results rose once again and **our new accelerated Mathematics class received 100% A\*/A for their GCSE examination**. Our mission in the Upper School is to continue building upon this success. To this end, students will be carefully monitored during the year and we will endeavour to ensure that any academic or social problems are identified at an early stage.

The House programme has already started and the Football competition on Thursday was very well attended. Interest in the ASA programme has never been greater and I have been delighted by the

enthusiastic sign-up. The minority of students who do not take part in the ASA programme will be interviewed to find out why they are not doing so. The Homework Club is also being used by many, and as the burden of study increases during the course of the academic year, I have no doubt that more students will wish to benefit from this resource which is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm-4:30pm.

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. Interim Reports will be sent home at half-term and it is vital that you discuss your child's progress with them. Please can I also remind you to check their homework diary regularly and ensure that you 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 Wednesday, 19th October (5:00-8:30pm).

I was delighted to meet some of you at the recent Welcome Evening. We believe in a strong partnership between the school and home and urge you to contact me or any other member of the Upper School Leadership Team if you have any concerns or comments.

PETER FLYNN

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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 or IB Diploma 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 computer based Cognitive Assessment Tests (CATs) 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 Sixth Form studies.

Ursula Searle and Badi Lattif have been appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy respectively for this year, whilst Natasha Crichton and Vignesh Vishwanathan 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 are currently attending a Leadership Camp in Miri 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 have a large number of students who have volunteered to support the Pusat Ehsan Charity Bazaar on Sunday 2 October and it is terrific to see our students giving their time so

freely to such a good cause.

I strongly urge our Sixth Form students to involve themselves fully in school life through our ASA and Make a Difference (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 12, Miss Coppin is the Head of Year 13, Dr. Dickinson is the IB Coordinator 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

## International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) Introduced at JIS

Life in the 21st century, in an interconnected, globalised world requires critical-thinking skills and a sense of international-mindedness, something IBDP students come to know and understand. This academic year sees the introduction of the IBDP alongside the existing A' Level provision to Sixth Form students. This gives our senior students the choice as to which academic pathway is best suited to their skills and abilities.

The IBDP students study three subjects at Higher Level and three subjects at Standard Level, ensuring breadth of experience in languages, social studies, the experimental sciences, mathematics and the creative arts. In addition, the programme has three core requirements; the Extended Essay (a 4000 word independent research project), a Theory

of Knowledge course designed to encourage students to think critically about different kinds of knowledge and Creativity, Action and Service (CAS - requires that students actively learn through the experience of doing real tasks beyond the classroom).

Our first cohort of IBDP students commenced the course on 5th September and will take their final examinations in May 2013. We wish them well!

DR COLIN DICKINSON



## 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 financial penalty for late notice is calculated on a weekly basis as follows:

Tuition fee: \$174-\$382 (Bruneian Citizen) / \$191-\$421 (Non-Bruneian Citizen) (depending on a child's current year level).

Boarding House fee: \$402 per week.

Boarding House bus: \$60 (Miri); \$45 (KB) and \$40 (Seria).

The final dates of notification for the 2011-2012 academic year are as follows:

**Term 1: Wednesday, 12 October 2011**

**Term 2: Wednesday, 18 January 2012**

**Term 3: Friday, 4 May 2012**

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. Students in Year 13 are not required to give notice. Year 11 students who do not intend to continue their Sixth Form studies at JIS must submit a Notice of Withdrawal form.

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

## Duke of Edinburgh International Award Silver

Important dates for students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh International Award Silver ASA this term are as follows:

**8 October – Fitness Test at Bukit Shahbandar.**

**Note: Boarding students will have an alternative date after school during the week, to be arranged.**

**18 – 20 November - Practice Expedition 1.**

**Note: This commences after school on Friday 18th and therefore lessons are not affected.**

**2 – 4 December - Practice Expedition 2.**

**Note: This commences after school on Friday 2nd and therefore lessons are not affected.**

All students participating in the ASA are expected to complete the fitness test, and only one of the practice expeditions.

Students will be allocated to an expedition based on the preference/commitments of their group.

A kit list for the fitness test and practice expeditions will be provided during the ASA meetings.

RACHEL EDWARDS

## Year 6 Trip to Australia

The Year 6 students will embark on their annual trip to Australia on Tuesday 11th October and return early in the morning on Wednesday 19th October 2011. This trip has been operating for over 10 years and the students love it! This trip promotes outdoor education skills including team building, personal responsibility and looking after others. However, the trip also incorporates cultural events such as theatre productions, art galleries, museums, local wildlife, learning about indigenous peoples and shopping.

JANNINE WALKER

## External Examinations

Original Statement of Results for both the GCSE and GCE are **now available** for pick up from the Exams Office.

Certificates for the GCSE/GCE AS & A Level will be ready for pick up **first week in November 2011.**

Students sitting for their GCSE Science Modular Unit 1 B will receive their statement of entries & invoices 16th September.

Students who are re-sitting for their GCE AS Papers in November /January 2012 will receive their invoice and exam timetable in early October.

NICOLE CHONG

## Model United Nations (MUN)

“To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours” (The Charter of the United Nations, 1948)

The MUN after school activity at JIS enables students, through discussion, negotiation and debate, solutions to the various problems of the world e.g. questions of human rights, protection of the environment, disarmament, as well as problems of youth and refugees. Our MUN delegates, in seeking solutions to these problems, can learn to break away from narrow, national self-interest and develop true international cooperation. As well as in school, students have the opportunity to attend international MUN conferences:

- The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN), Singapore - November 2011. 74 Schools will be participating.
- Federation of British International Schools in South East Asia (FOBISSEA) MUN, Bangkok, Thailand - January 2012.
- Borneo Global Issues Conference (BGIC), Brunei - March 2012.
- Middle Years Model United Nations (MYMUN), Kuala Lumpur - April 2012.

Students from Year 8 upwards who have participated in either the Middle Years MUN or Upper School and Sixth Form MUN are able to attend the above conferences, depending on age and prior MUN experience.



DR COLIN DICKINSON

## JIS Musicians, Choir and Dancers to perform at the AMEM!

Jerudong International School has been privileged to be invited to play and perform for the upcoming 29th Asean Ministers for Energy Meeting (AMEM) at their dinner on Tuesday, 20th September at the Grand Hall, The Empire Hotel & Country Club. The performances include music by the JIS Orchestra, Jerudong Singers, soloists Nathan and Emily Schaumann, Ursula Searle, Joseph Cuevas, Nurlyana Adi Shamsul and a number of dance items by junior and senior dance students.

The chair for the upcoming 29th Asean Ministers for Energy Meeting (AMEM) Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia Awg Hj Mohammad Yasmin bin Hj Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, recently spoke to the Borneo Bulletin about some of the highlights of the region's biggest annual meet. "This will be the first meeting since the declaration on Asean connectivity, which was reaffirmed by all our leaders recently in May in Jakarta".

The AMEM will be attended by energy ministers from the other Asean members, including its Asean Plus dialogue partners - Japan, South Korea, China, Australia, New Zealand and Canada - as well as senior representatives from the 18-member East Asia Summit which, following their recent admission, will also include the United States and Russia.

PAUL EDGELER

## French Trip: 18-27 January 2012

An ASA will be running on Mondays (slot 1) for the preparation of this trip. A letter has been sent to those student who signed up with details. Please contact Mr Poulain for further information.

## Ski Trip / Snowboarding: 16-24 March 2012

There will be a Ski trip running for students in Years 7 to 13 to Switzerland. A letter has been sent out with details. Please contact Mr Poulain for further information.

PHILIPPE POULAIN

## Peace Day

September 21st- Peace Day fundraising activities for our Cambodia orphanage and land mine education centre charities. This will be a Casual Clothes Day- students are asked to donate \$2 in exchange for the privilege of coming to school in casual attire.

## JIS ARTS CENTRE

The new Arts Centre has now been officially handed over by the Contractor to JIS. We are excited about the many opportunities this wonderful new facility will offer the School and are very much looking forward to being able to show parents and students around the Arts Centre later this term. Please watch out for further news about events to be held in this super facility!

## Bahasa Melayu Revision Classes

Jabatan Bahasa Melayu Sekolah Antarabangsa Jerudong akan mengadakan kelas ulang kaji Bahasa Melayu pada setiap hari Sabtu dari jam 9 pagi hingga 11 pagi. Kelas ini dijangka bermula dari 1 Oktober 2011. Para pelajar dari tahun 10 hingga 13 digalakkan menghadiri kelas ulang kaji ini sebagai persediaan menghadapi peperiksaan Bahasa Melayu GCE Peringkat O. Keterangan lanjut boleh didapati dalam surat susulan kepada ibu bapa/penjaga pelajar.

NARISSA OSMAN

## JIS Annual Photographic Calendar

If you are interested in photography then watch out for an exciting opportunity coming soon - the JIS annual photographic calendar. More information will be available in the next few weeks...!

# IMPORTANT DATES

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

**Thursday 6 October:** Year 2 & Below Musical  
(Minibeasts)

**Tuesday 11 October:** Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 19 October:** Colour Day: Divali

**Thursday 20 October:** Year 4 HBMISS Survey

**Thursday 3 November:** BJSL T-Ball & Football

**Friday 11 November:** Athletics Day (provisional)

**Thursday 17 November:** BJSL T-Ball & Football

**Wednesday 30 November:** Ali Baba Musical

**Thursday 1 December:** BJSL T-Ball & Football /  
Nursery - Y2 Teddy Bears Picnic (date tbc)

**Tuesday 6 December:** Colour Day: Christmas

**Thursday 8 December:** House Football

**Monday 12 December:** JS Term 1 Reports

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**5-9 October:** KK Football trip

**3-6 November:** Phuket Football Trip

**Thursday 10 November:** MS House Handball

**Monday 14 November:** Year 6 Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 16 November:** Year 8 Parents'  
Evening

**Thursday 24 November:** Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 8 December:** Year 6 House Football /  
MS House Badminton

## UPPER SCHOOL

**23-25 September:** US Leadership Camp

**Thursday 29 September:** Year 11-13 House  
Football

**1, 8 and 15 October:** Bahasa Melayu Revision  
Class

**Thursday 6 October:** Year 9-10 House Volleyball

**Saturday 8 October:** Silver IA Fitness Assessment

**Wednesday 12 October:** House Debating

**Thursday 13 October:** Year 11-13 House Athletics

**Wednesday 19 October:** Year 11 Parents' Evening

**19-20 October:** Bahasa Melayu O' Level  
Examination

**Thursday 3 November:** Year 11-13 House  
Volleyball

**3-6 November:** Phuket Football Trip

**9-10 November:** Year 9 Geography Trip

**15-19 November:** THIMUN, Singapore

**18-20 November:** Silver Award Practice  
Expedition 1

**18-22 November:** U15 FOBISSEA

**Wednesday 23 November:** Careers Programme

**Thursday 24 November:** Year 9 and 10 House  
Badminton

**Wednesday 30 November:** Year 10 Parents'  
Evening

**29-30 November:** US House JIS Idol

**2-4 December:** Silver Award Practice Expedition 2

## SIXTH FORM

**21-22 September:** Year 12 Art Trip

**Tuesday 27 September:** Year 12 Geog Trip @  
Berakas

**Tuesday 29 September:** Year 11-13 House  
Football

**6-9 October:** Year 13 Geography trip

**Tuesday 11 October:** House Debating

**31 October and 1 November:** Drama  
Comedy Night

**3-6 November:** Phuket Football Trip

**Thursday 3 November:** Year 11-13 House  
Volleyball

**15-19 November:** THIMUN, Singapore

**23-27 November:** Year 13 Biology Trip  
(provisional)

**28-29 November:** House Badminton

**6-7 December:** House JIS Idol

**Wednesday 7 December:** Parents' Evening

## WHOLE SCHOOL

**Wednesday 21 September:** Peace Day

**Friday 23 September:** Teachers Day

**Sunday 16 October:** Football Funday

**19 October - 10 November:** Art, D&T Show  
(provisional)

**Wednesday 9 November:** International Day

**14-18 November:** Book Week

**16-24 November:** Darjah 6 U gama  
Examinations

**Wednesday 14 December:** End of Term 1

**Wednesday 4 January:** Term 2 commences