



Overseas Family School High School

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Principal's Message

With less than two months remaining in the academic year, the school's attention, particularly for Grade 10 and 12 students, turns towards examinations. These students have completed their mock examinations, providing them with insights into both their areas of strengths as well as areas that require further revision. Despite the demanding nature of this process, we believe it significantly contributes to students being able to realise their potential in external examinations. This month, we bid a fond farewell to our Grade 12 students as they enter study leave in preparation for their final examinations. While we will miss their presence on campus, we eagerly anticipate celebrating their graduation in May.

Throughout this month, High School students have continued to nurture their sense of community through service, the arts, sports, and dedicated academic pursuits. Our Law Academy embarked on a special trip to the Supreme Court, witnessing a real trial in progress. Our dancers wowed audiences with the captivating performance of 'Kindred Beginnings', and our annual Battle of the Bands proved to be another hit, growing in popularity with each passing year. Additionally, our IB Visual Arts Exhibition showcased the remarkable talents of our artists across various mediums. Lastly, the Global Picnic, an annual tradition and calendar highlight, celebrates the diverse OFS community with food, festivities, and fun for all.

As OFS remains committed to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, April has been designated as Earth Month, with students actively participating in activities aimed at highlighting our shared responsibility to preserve the environment. Only through collaborative efforts can we aspire to enact meaningful change.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email me (adam_ashton@ofs.edu.sg).

Adam Ashton
High School Principal



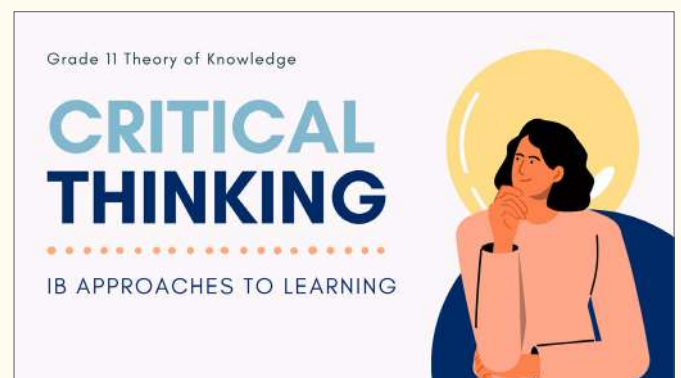
IB Diploma News – Education For Life

GRADE 12 IB DP EXAMINATIONS

- Grade 12 students who are registered for any IB DP examination in May 2024 will be receiving an IB Examination Pack via the post.
- This examination information package contains: a personal examination schedule, examination regulations, requests for IB transcripts to universities, and PIN codes for viewing the IB DP results in July.
- Ms. Trivedi, the IB DP Coordinator, will be holding an assembly with Grade 12 students during Period 5 on Tuesday, 16 April 2024, to go over all the IB DP examination information.
- Study leave: The last formal day for Grade 12 IB courses is Wednesday, 17 April 2024.
- Grade 12 students taking Grade 11 IB courses are expected to attend all lessons for those classes until Thursday, 9 May 2024, unless they have an IB examination during that particular lesson.



GRADE 11 THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE



In Grade 11 TOK classes, students are applying their critical thinking abilities and key concepts to their final TOK Exhibition project. This is due at the beginning of May and contributes to 33% of their final TOK grade. We wish them success with their final projects.

If you have any questions regarding the IB Diploma and courses, please feel free to contact me anytime at my email address (trapti_trivedi@ofs.edu.sg) and/or Lee Woollard, IB DP Assistant Coordinator & Extended Essay Coordinator (lee_woollard@ofs.edu.sg).

(*Trapti Trivedi – IB DP Coordinator*)

From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

GLOBAL PICNIC (SATURDAY, 20 APRIL 2024)

The Global Picnic is an international fair that brings together all the families in the school for a day of fun and celebration, as part of an international community. The event will take place on **Saturday, 20 April 2024**, on our campus.

We invite you and your family to join us and enjoy a wide range of free entertainment, including music, dances, demonstrations, bouncy castles, and plenty of food and refreshments from around the world. This is an opportunity to sample different cultures and have fun with your loved ones.

Your active participation and pride in your cultural heritage are what makes this event so special for the OFS family. Do not forget to bring your camera, sunhat, and OFS Security Pass, along with your best smile. We look forward to seeing you on the day!



Junior High School News

We are proud to share the latest updates from Junior High School. Our Grade 10 students have recently completed their IGCSE mock examinations from 5 to 15 March 2024. We are delighted to report that they exhibited exceptional preparation and dedication throughout this period. Their performance not only reflects their hard work but also serves as excellent practice for the upcoming IGCSE external examinations. Let us continue to encourage and support them as they progress on their academic journey.



In addition, our Grade 9 students have been actively involved in supporting their peers in the Grade 8 cohort in Middle School. They have assisted voluntarily in conducting informative sessions to ease the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9. Furthermore, they have generously offered their time for homebase visits and lunchtime drop-in sessions, demonstrating their caring and outgoing nature. We commend their efforts in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment within our school community.

Should you have any questions about IB MYP or IGCSE, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at (ab_palacios@ofs.edu.sg) and/or (c_fuentestorruella@ofs.edu.sg).

(Aida Blat Palacios – Grade 10 Coordinator and IB MYP/IGCSE Coordinator and Clara Fuentes Torruella – Grade 9 Coordinator, Personal Project Coordinator and IB MYP/IGCSE Asst. Coordinator)

Academic Advisors Update



GRADE 12 STUDENTS

- University offers are continuing to come in! It is important that students make themselves aware of the individual deadlines for the acceptance or rejection of offers, and are advised to meet with their Academic Advisor before making any decisions.
- Graduation rehearsals have started in preparation for the ceremony in May! Students will be receiving numerous emails regarding graduation and should check their OFS email regularly.

GRADE 11 STUDENTS

- We are currently completing individual meetings with the Class of 2025. All students and parents are encouraged to attend the online country-specific University Information Evenings on Tuesday, 16 and Wednesday, 17 April 2024. We hope these evenings will be useful when deciding which countries you are applying to.

TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- With the academic year closing, some students will be leaving Singapore to return home or attend schools in other countries. We provide all such students with final transcripts and confirmation letters stating the dates they attended OFS and their status at the end of this year.
- Please inform us of your requests as soon as possible so that we may begin preparing all of your documents for collection on Friday, 7 June 2024.

(Tamana Chanrai-Hills – Academic Advisor)

Model United Nations

March proved to be a busy month for our high school MUN participants, as they engaged in two MUN conferences: SJII MUN (9 – 10 March 2024) and Dover MUN '24 (15 – 17 March 2024). These events provided yet another fantastic platform for delegates to delve into and seek resolutions for pressing and contemporary global issues.



Within our MUN program, leadership opportunities continue to flourish. Several Grade 9 and 10 students were presented with chairing roles at both SJII MUN and Dover MUN '24. This achievement is truly commendable. Securing such positions in Grades 9 and 10 is not only an honor but also a privilege. The selection process is notably rigorous, drawing applicants from across Singapore.



Grade 9 and 10 students offered and accepted 'Chair' roles:

GRADE 9

SJII MUN	Adwita Mathur (Head Chair)
SJII MUN	Tia Narayan (Deputy Chair)
SJII MUN	Reyansh Varma (Deputy Chair)
SJII MUN	Vimrsh Patnaik (Deputy Chair)
Dover MUN	Srikoustubh Karanam (Deputy Chair)
Dover MUN	Tia Narayan (Deputy Chair)
Dover MUN	Adwita Mathur (Deputy Chair)

GRADE 10

Dover MUN	Ashish Bansal (Deputy Chair)
Dover MUN	Farhan Ahmed (Deputy Chair)

Congratulations to all who participated, in particular those who made their first MUN speech, and asked their first POI (point of information).

I look forward to seeing you all at MUNOFS XVII in November 2024.

(Neisha Pratt – High School MUN Coordinator and Deputy Principal)



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IB Visual Arts Exhibition

This compilation comprises over 100 artworks curated by our Grade 12 students themselves. It signifies the culmination of the creative endeavours of Grade 12 students who have undergone the Visual Arts Higher Level and Standard Level courses within the IB Diploma Program.

Each student has embarked on an individual creative journey over the past two years, designing and pursuing their own paths of artistic exploration. These pieces reflect the influence of notable artists they have studied, the various media and techniques they have manipulated and mastered, and the concepts they have delved into within personal, local, national, or global contexts.

(Maja Vidanovic and Lara Pang – Visual Arts Teachers)



Grade 8 Parent Workshop

"Experience Counts: A Peek into High School Mathematics for Grade 8 Parents! Our Mathematics department recently put on an interactive, hands-on workshop tailored specifically for Grade 8 parents, marking just one of the exciting new parent workshops introduced this year. Witnessing parents immerse themselves in their children's shoes was truly a remarkable sight!"

(Neisha Pratt – High School Deputy Principal)



Student Voice Presents Your New Student Body Presidents

It has been a whole rollercoaster of emotions for Student Voice, with new beginnings marking a new era in our journeys. Tears were shed as we said goodbye to our former presidents Parthivi and Amish. To celebrate the end of their meaningful presidency, our members shared delicious donuts and reminisced on the numerous school dances, spirit weeks, dress-up days, and sweet surprises that we delivered to our community under their leadership.

After bidding farewell to our seniors, the intense elections for our new presidents began. This year, every candidate brought their all, with the ambitious students vying for the hearts of the student body. The event-filled campaign week ended with the candidates showcasing their leadership skills and ideas to uplift the OFS community through powerful speeches and on-the-spot questions in front of the entire high school. Votes were cast, and the top two candidates, Ella Purchase and Smita Menon were offered the roles of Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President respectively.

We applaud the efforts of all the candidates involved in the tough competition and we cannot wait to begin our thorough event planning with a new set of leaders!

Look out for all the events coming your way in the next few months!

(Austin Riedeman – Acting Events Coordinator)



Academic Support Program (ASP)



This academic year, our high school staff has provided invaluable academic support every Wednesday and Thursday after school, from 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm. Beyond our regular sessions, we have tailored our

program to meet individual needs.

This enhanced program has offered personalised assistance, ensuring our students receive the guidance needed to manage their studies. The collaborative and nurturing environment in the High School library has created a space where students can engage with teachers outside of regular class hours, fostering academic success and building confidence. We are thrilled with the positive impact the program has had on our students.

Anyone interested in joining the Academic Support Program may do so through their Grade Level Coordinator.

(Neisha Pratt and Richard Petherick – High School Deputy Principals)





National School Individual Chess Championship 2024

Congratulations to all ten OFS High School students who participated in the prestigious 75th National School Individual Chess Championship from 16 to 17 March. Heamish Sakhivel scored 6.5 points and achieved 10th place in the U16 Boys category. Saachi Nishandar was the best OFS female player in the U16 Girls section winning 1st place in the international school category. Best U20 players were Vahein Patnaik and Sumiran Bansal. Well done to all OFS students who participated in this record-breaking championship with over 1600 participants. You made us very proud.



(Philipp Ziegler and Dijana Dengler – Chess Teachers)

Field Trip to the Asian Civilisation Museum

The Grade 9 Visual Arts students embarked on an enlightening excursion to the Asian Civilisations Museum, located at 1 Empress Place, Singapore 179555. The students were greeted by a stunning array of paintings, sculptures, and installations. This educational outing aims to immerse students in the rich tapestry of cultures and artifacts hailing from the Asian continent. The excursion encourages students to delve into research and inquiry. Within the museum's premises, students were engaged in photography and sketching exercises, capturing the essence of both the exhibits and the colonial and traditional architecture adorning the vicinity along the Singapore River. The practice of observation drawing from primary sources aligns seamlessly with the requirements of the IB MYP Visual Arts program, making it an integral facet of the Grade 9 Art curriculum.

(Maja Vidanovic and Lara Pang – Visual Arts Teachers)



National Service Club

We are excited to share the latest updates from the National Service Club, where we are committed to preparing our students for the responsibilities and challenges of national service. The club meets every Friday during the first lunch and has been actively engaging members in fitness and command tasks to enhance their physical and leadership skills.

Command tasks are at the heart of our leadership development initiatives. These activities, integrated into our weekly meetings, are designed to foster effective communication, decision-making, and problem-solving skills. By engaging in these tasks, our members gain practical experience that mirrors real-life scenarios, equipping them for success in their future roles during national service.

Furthermore, we were honored to have an OFS alumni and current National Service member address the NS club. Their insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with the two-year commitment provided invaluable perspectives for our members.

(Derek Rysavy – Academic Advisor)



OFS Tigers



Jill Meines (Grade 10) is Singapore's National Swimming Champion!!!

Improving her previous personal best time by a breathtaking 27 seconds, Jill raced to the Gold Medal in the women's 1500m Freestyle at the Singapore National Championships. Jill is now not only the fastest swimmer in school and in ACSIS, but she is also the fastest swimmer in Singapore! Jill was Silver Medalist in both the 800m and 400m Freestyle amongst Singapore's 17 year olds and the Bronze medalist in the 200m Freestyle.

Additionally, Naya Verma (Grade 9) was overall the silver medalist in the 200m and 100m Backstroke events and Bronze Medalist in the 400m Freestyle amongst Singapore's 15 year olds. Mykhailo Denysenko (Grade 11) also added to the medal count with the Bronze medal in the Men's 1500m.

After 9 days of racing at the Singapore National Age Groups which doubled up as an Olympics Qualifying Event – the OFS Tigers Swim Team – amassed 4 Gold, 7 Silver, and 5 Bronze Medals, ranking them the top junior team, and top 3 senior teams, amongst the international schools on the medal table.

With the points accumulated relative to their speeds achieved – there is a strong likelihood that both Jill and Naya may have done enough to qualify for the Swimming World Cup event being held in Singapore later in the year! It is a breathtaking achievement and the swim team's best set of results to date.

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)

