



# Overseas Family School High School

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## Principal's Message

With less than two months remaining in the academic year, our focus – especially for Grades 10 and 12 students – shifts toward examinations. Having completed their mock exams, these students now have valuable insights into both their strengths and the areas requiring further revision. While this process is undoubtedly demanding, it plays a crucial role in helping them reach their full potential in external assessments.



This month, we bid a fond farewell to our Grade 12 students as they embark on study leave in preparation for their final examinations. Though we will miss their presence on campus, we look forward to celebrating their graduation in May.

Beyond academics, High School students have continued to foster a strong sense of community through service, the arts, sports, and dedicated learning. Our talented dancers mesmerized audiences with their performance of *Soaring Heights*, while our ever-popular Battle of the Bands drew an even larger crowd this year.

The IB DP Visual Arts Exhibition showcased the incredible creativity of our student artists across various mediums.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, April has been designated as Earth Month. Students have actively engaged in initiatives aimed at raising awareness of our collective responsibility to protect the environment – because only through collaboration can we drive meaningful change.

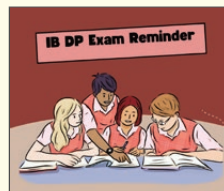
If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [adam\\_ashton@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:adam_ashton@ofs.edu.sg).

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 2025 will be receiving an IB Examination Pack via post.
- This examination information package contains: 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 the Grade 12 students on Tuesday, 15 April 2025, to go over all the IB DP Examination information guidelines with students.
- Study leave for IB examinations: The last formal day for Grade 12 IB courses is Thursday, 17 April 2025.
- Grade 12 students taking Grade 11 IB courses are expected to attend all lessons for those classes until Friday, 9 May 2025, unless they have an IB examination during that particular lesson.



### GRADE 11 IB DP INTERNAL ASSESSMENT PARENT SESSION



On Wednesday, 26 February 2025, all the IB DP subject area leaders, along with some Grade 12 teachers reviewed the internal assessment requirements for each IB subject in a Zoom call with the Grade 11 IB parents. They also shared the timeline, possible resources, and helpful advice. This provided an excellent opportunity for parents to ask questions. Slides from this session are available on the OFS Dashboard.

If you have any questions regarding the IB Diploma and courses, please feel free to contact me at the school or at my email address ([trapti\\_trivedi@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:trapti_trivedi@ofs.edu.sg)) and/or Mr. Lee Woollard, IB DP Assistant Coordinator & Extended Essay Coordinator ([lee\\_woollard@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:lee_woollard@ofs.edu.sg)).

(Trapti Trivedi – IB DP Coordinator)

## National Schools Individual Championship

Congratulations to **SAKTHIVEL Heamish Kanha**, **PATNAIK Kottakki Vahein**, **SHANDILYA Harshdeep** and **SRIVASTAVA Aryan** for successfully competing in the prestigious 76th National Schools Individual Chess Championship, held at Tampines Hub. Well done for giving your best



in all nine rounds of rapid chess played on 15 and 16 March 2025. It was the biggest chess tournament ever held in Singapore with 1750 students from Singapore's local and international schools. In total our OFS students earned 15 medals and trophies against the best chess players in Singapore. Special mention to Heamish for winning the bronze medal in the International School Category in the U16 Open.

(Dijana Dengler and Philipp Ziegler – Chess Teachers)





## Junior High School News

### GRADE 10 SHINES IN IGCSE MOCK EXAMINATIONS



From Tuesday, 11 March to Friday, 21 March 2025, our Grade 10 students took part in their IGCSE mock examinations, an important step in their academic

journey. These mock exams were conducted following the exact procedures of the official Cambridge IGCSE assessments, giving students a true-to-life exam experience.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication and focus throughout this period. They demonstrated fantastic commitment, arriving prepared and adhering to all rules and regulations with maturity and responsibility.

Students will receive feedback from their teachers, and we encourage them to take this feedback onboard when preparing for the actual exams in May–June.

Congratulations to our Grade 10 students for their hard work and positive attitude. We are confident that this preparation will serve them well in their final IGCSE examinations.

If you have any questions about the IB MYP or IGCSE programs, please feel free to reach out to me at ([ab\\_palacios@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:ab_palacios@ofs.edu.sg)) or Ms. Clara Fuentes Torruella, IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, at ([c\\_fuentestorruella@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:c_fuentestorruella@ofs.edu.sg)).

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

## Academic Advisors Update

### GRADE 12 STUDENTS

- University offers have started to come in! Students should be aware of the individual deadlines for acceptance or rejection of offers and meet with their Academic Advisor before making any decisions.
- Graduation rehearsals have started in preparation for the ceremony in May! Students will also receive numerous emails regarding graduation and should check their OFS email regularly.

### GRADE 11 STUDENTS

- We are currently completing individual meetings with the Class of 2026. All students and parents are encouraged to attend the online country-specific University Information Evenings on Tuesday, 15 and Wednesday, 16 April 2025. We hope these evenings will be useful when deciding which universities and countries you are considering 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 you attended OFS and your 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 Thursday, 5 June 2025.

*(Tamana Chanrai-Hills – Academic Advisor)*

## DOVERMUN '25 (14 to 16 March 2025)

Over 30 delegates from OFS High School took part in the highly anticipated DOVERMUN '25 conference, held from 14 to 16 March 2025. Our students had the incredible opportunity to engage with peers from across the island and beyond, collaborating in a wide range of committees including the UN Security Council, World Health Organisation, Human Rights, and The House of Representatives.

MUN conferences like DOVERMUN provide a dynamic platform for students to engage with some of the world's most pressing issues. From climate change to education and human rights, delegates worked tirelessly to propose resolutions that could make a real impact on the global stage. This experience not only promotes global awareness but also hones students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they navigate complex challenges and develop innovative solutions.

A special congratulations to the students chosen as Student Officers, these roles are highly sought after and require an immense amount of MUN experience, commitment, and dedication. These individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership and a deep understanding of the diplomatic processes, and we are proud of their accomplishments.

We look forward to more successful conferences and to seeing our students continue to grow as global citizens.

### Student officers:

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**Aditya Bhansali, Grade 11** Head Chair: World Health Organisation  
**Ashish Bansal, Grade 11** Deputy Chair: Interpol  
**Farhan Ahmed, Grade 11** Deputy Chair: Security Council

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*(Neisha Pratt – Deputy Principal – Curriculum)*

## Grade 8 to High School Mathematics Transition

On Thursday, 6 March 2025, we hosted a Parent Workshop led by Ms. Ann-Marie Clifford-Flower and her team to support the Grade 8 transition to High School Mathematics. Parents participated in a tangram puzzle activity, reinforcing problem-solving skills and resilience.

The session covered course placements, curriculum structure, and available support resources, including peer tutoring, competition clubs, and online tools. Strategies for parental support emphasised open discussions, problem-solving, and fostering a growth mindset.

A big thank you to Ms. Clifford-Flower and her team for their dedication in preparing an engaging and informative session.

*(Neisha Pratt – Deputy Principal – Curriculum)*



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## A.I. Parent Workshop – A.I. in Education

On Monday, 10 March 2025, we welcomed over 100 parents to our inaugural AI workshop. The event featured engaging activities and discussions, creating a fantastic opportunity for parents to explore the role of AI in education.

The workshop covered both the benefits and limitations of AI, while also outlining the guidelines for its use in the High School. Parents gained valuable insights into how AI is shaping the future of learning.

A special thank you to the Parent Association for their support and to Mr. Mathieu Dooms for his dedication in preparing the content and materials for this successful event.

(Neisha Pratt – Deputy Principal – Curriculum)



Participants: Charlize Lacroix, Romane Levitte, Izza Mediouni, Jieling Miao

## Creative Expressions in G9 MYP 1st Language French: A Unit on Slam Poetry

In our MYP 1st Language French class, students immersed themselves in the vibrant and expressive world of slam poetry. This unit was designed to teach students how to craft and perform slams, focusing on the unique elements that make this form of poetry so impactful. Students explored essential aspects such as vocabulary, poetic structure, delivery, tone, and stylistic effects, all of which contribute to creating a powerful and memorable slam.

Throughout the unit, students analysed examples of slam poetry, learning how poets use language to convey emotions, tell stories, and connect with their audience. They then applied these techniques to their own writing, crafting original slams inspired by personal experiences, thoughts, and feelings. This creative process allowed students to explore their identities and express themselves in a meaningful and authentic way.

The unit culminated in an engaging classroom recital where students proudly performed their slams. Several pieces stood out for their creativity and emotional impact. Izza captivated the class with her piece, *Mosaïque de moi* (Mosaic of Me), a personal reflection on her identity. Charlize delivered a moving ode to her mother, sharing heartfelt words of gratitude and admiration. Romane and Jieling presented a touching slam about the value of friendship, exploring its challenges and joys with sincerity and depth.

This unit was a resounding success, not only in terms of academic achievement but also in fostering confidence, self-expression, and connection among students. The pride they took in their performances was evident, and their willingness to share their voices was truly inspiring. Slam poetry proved to be a powerful tool for creative and linguistic growth.

Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding efforts!

(Nitisha Hazareesing – Subject Area Leader – Language B – IB MYP / IGCSE)

## High School Dance Show

High School Dance was proud to present our annual dance show for 2025, *Soaring Heights*. Dance students from Grades 9 to 12 showcased their talent and dedication across two performance nights. This year's dance



show featured a diverse range of styles, including contemporary, jazz, Bharatanatyam and hip hop. Each performance highlighted the students' technical growth, artistic expression and stage craft.

The show's success was a testament to months of dedication from students and staff. A highlight was the collaboration across the grade levels, which saw each student supporting one another, creating a strong sense of teamwork. A massive thank you to all those who attended and supported the dance show.

(Sophie Henderson – Dance Teacher)



## From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

### HARI RAYA (EID) THEMED COFFEE MORNING (THURSDAY, 10 APRIL 2025)

As part of our cultural diversity in OFS, the Parent Association (PA) warmly invites all parents to join us for a local Hari Raya (Eid) themed Coffee Morning.

**Event:** Hari Raya (Eid) Themed Coffee Morning

**Date:** Thursday, 10 April 2025 **Time:** 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Venue:** Parent Lounge (Level 4 of Administration Building)

Please register your attendance by signing up on the OFS webpage. <https://www.ofs.edu.sg/events/2025/hari-raya-themed-coffee-morning/>

### GLOBAL PICNIC (SATURDAY, 26 APRIL 2025)

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, 26 April 2025**, on our campus.

We invite you and your family to join us for a day filled with free entertainment, including music, dance performances, demonstrations, bouncy castles, and a variety of food and refreshments from around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to sample different cultures and enjoy quality time 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!



## Welcoming Our New OFS High School Student Body Presidents

Congratulations to our newly elected High School presidents, Ishika Patteri and Ishaan Goel! As they step into their leadership roles, they bring a shared vision of unity, opportunity, and well-being for every student in the OFS community.

Ishika is dedicated to supporting students in both their academic and personal growth. She values the strong bonds within the school and wants to foster an environment where students feel heard, supported, and empowered. Whether it is excelling in challenging coursework or navigating personal challenges, she hopes to guide the community toward success, one step at a time. She believes that the strength of OFS lies in its inclusivity and the friendships formed along the way, and she is eager to help cultivate a school environment where everyone can thrive.

Ishaan is eager to expand student opportunities, with plans to explore an internship program that connects students with real-world experiences. His goal is to help students build professional networks and gain hands-on exposure to careers they may pursue in the future. Beyond academics, Ishaan is passionate about fostering school spirit and strengthening the sense of unity within the school. Acknowledging the pressures of IB, IGCSE, and university applications, he hopes to introduce more initiatives that support student well-being. He wants to promote peer mentorship and expand events where students can unwind from academic stress.



As they take on their new roles, the outgoing presidents share messages of encouragement:

*"The role of Student Body President is challenging, but working with the passionate Student Voice team and seeing the school enjoy SV events makes it worthwhile. Every presidency is unique, and leaves a different impression on the school community than the one before it. Having worked with Ishaan and Ishika, I am confident they will foster a bright and positive atmosphere!"* – Smita Menon, Outgoing Vice President

Vice President

*"Having known Ishika and Ishaan personally through Student Voice, I know they possess the joy, resilience, and vision to lead. As I pass the baton, I remind them that they are each other's strength and support. Looking forward to seeing what their term brings!"* – Ella Purchase, Outgoing President

With their leadership, Ishika and Ishaan are ready to make the coming year at OFS an exciting and memorable one. Let's support them in building a stronger, more connected, and thriving school community!



*(Student Voice Tigers Today Committee)*

## OFS Tigers

### A TREASURE CHEST OF MEDALS!

We are thrilled to share the incredible achievements of our OFS Tigers Gymnastics and Swimming teams at their respective National Championships! The National Championships are the highest level of, and, most prestigious competitions in the annual sporting calendar.

#### OFS TIGERS GYMNASTICS TEAM

Our hardworking and talented gymnasts have flipped, twisted, and tumbled their way to an impressive haul of:

- **7 GOLD MEDALS**
  - Adi Alony, Anaya Tantia, Beatrice Cianfaglia, Kaitlyn Francis, Lee Selene Moon, Utkarshini Mishra, Yuli Weinstock
- **12 SILVER MEDALS**
  - Aadhya Sharma, Alessandra De La Paz, Avneet Randhawa, Jaei Shin, Lou-Ann Courtin Colin, Malu Charret Machado De Barros, Mia Wong, Michelle Mario Francis, Sara Kuramitsu, Sayani Sen, Sofia Cianfaglia, Li Ziqing
- **3 BRONZE MEDALS**
  - Roni Oren, Kim Minha, Omer Komerchero

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#### OFS TIGERS SWIMMING TEAM

The OFS Tigers swimming sensations have made waves at the Singapore Nationals with:

- **2 NATIONAL RECORDS**
  - Tia Steere on 50m and 100m Breaststroke
  - These records were set in 2002 and have stood for 23 years
- **2 NATIONAL GOLD MEDALS**
  - Tia Steere 50m and 100m Breaststroke
- **6 NATIONAL SILVER MEDALS**
  - Tia Steere 200m Breaststroke, Tia Steere 1500m Freestyle, Jill Meines 200m Freestyle, Jill Meines 1500m Freestyle, Naya Verma 200m Backstroke
- **3 BRONZE MEDALS**
  - Tia Steere 800m Freestyle, Jill Meines 800m Freestyle, Naya Verma 100m Backstroke

We are proud to share that BOTH our Junior Gymnastics and Junior Swimming teams have emerged as the **\*TOP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TEAMS IN SINGAPORE\*** from these National Championships!

*"Greatness starts Somewhere - Greatness starts HERE !"*

*(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)*

