



Overseas Family School High School

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Principal's Message

By now, both new and returning students have found their rhythm, actively engaging in lessons and maintaining consistency with their homework.

In this issue, we are excited to share some highlights from the semester so far. With over 90 clubs, sports, arts, and service activities on offer, our students have been immersed in a wide range of experiences. The Talentime event was a standout success, with impressive performances that showcased our students' creativity and confidence. The Lion City University Fair welcomed more than 130 universities from around the world to OFS, sparking lively conversations and thoughtful questions. Grade 11 parents joined an interactive IB DP workshop, gaining a deeper understanding of the Diploma Program, its Core components, and practical tips for using the OFS Dashboard. Students also took part in two Digital Literacy workshops, while Parent-Teacher Conferences provided valuable opportunities to strengthen the school-home partnership in support of each child's learning journey.

This quarter, the Homebase program has guided students through reflections on time management, goal setting, character development, relationship building, handling both successes and setbacks, and preparing for assessments. These reflections will help students monitor their personal growth and academic progress throughout the year.

The first quarter will officially conclude on Friday, 10 October 2025. Teachers will be finalising grades for summative assessments up to this date, after which Quarter One reports will be released.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at adam_ashton@ofs.edu.sg.

Adam Ashton
High School Principal

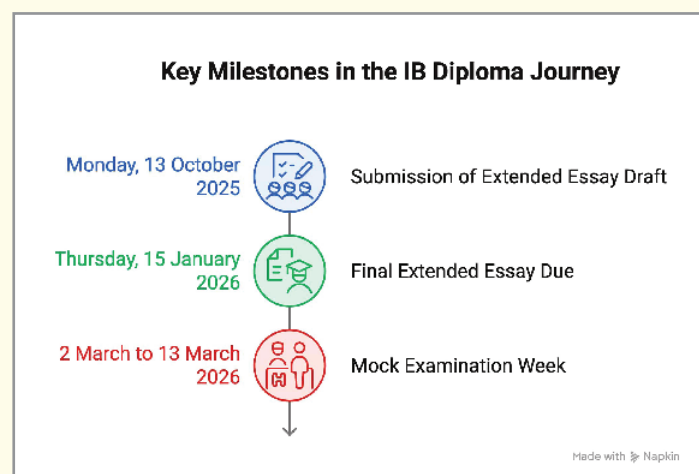
From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

The Parent Association (PA) wishes everyone a joyful Children's Day filled with laughter and celebration! For those celebrating Deepavali, may this festival of lights bring happiness, prosperity, and treasured moments with your loved ones. Enjoy your well-deserved term break and create wonderful memories during this special time!



IB Diploma News – Education For Life

EXTENDED ESSAY



The due date for Grade 12 students to submit their Extended Essay (EE) draft is on Monday, 13 October 2025. This core component challenges students' time management and reflection skills while helping them develop an understanding of the necessary steps for a long-term research project. Students are expected to work on the feedback provided by their supervisors on the EE draft and have regular check-in meetings with them. The final EE is due on Thursday, 15 January 2026.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Many final Internal Assessment deadlines are still to come in the second and the third quarter:
Group 1 HL Essays, Language Acquisition: Individual Orals, some Group 3, 4 and 5 Internal Assessment (IA) coursework, and the TOK essay amongst them. Students are encouraged to check their calendar to be aware of these dates and ensure their submissions are made before the relevant deadlines.
- Arts: The IA and early External Assessment uploads will be done in quarter 3.
- Students will be finishing their CAS program in quarter 3.
- Mock examination week: Monday, 2 March 2026 to Friday, 13 March 2026.

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) and/or Mr. Lee Woollard, IB DP Assistant Coordinator & Extended Essay Coordinator (lee_woollard@ofs.edu.sg).

(Trapti Trivedi – IB DP Coordinator)



Junior High School News

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: IGCSE RESULTS

We are delighted to share the exceptional achievements of our students in the June 2025 IGCSE examinations. This year, our students achieved an impressive overall pass rate of 99%, a testament to their hard work and commitment.

Highlights include:

- 10 student with 5 A* grades
- 6 students with 6 A* grades
- 5 students with 7 A* grades
- 5 students with 8 A* grades
- 2 students with 9 A* grades

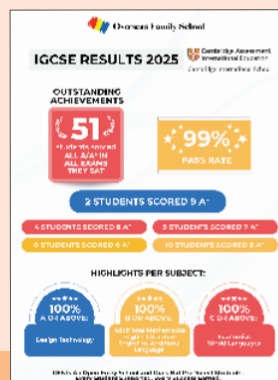
Special congratulations to **CHATTERJEE Arin** and **TIJO Grace** for achieving **9 A* grades** each. These results reflect the dedication of our students and the support of their families and teachers.



CHATTERJEE Arin



TIJO Grace



DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Grade 9 and 10 students took part in Digital Literacy workshops



- Grade 9 students focused on Academic Integrity and were introduced to Exam.net. We are using this platform to prepare students for the future format of IGCSE and IB Diploma examinations. Some subjects have already used Exam.net to test students' readiness.
- Grade 10 students focused on Academic Integrity, and then were reminded of what a good class presentation looks like, and the skills needed to create clear, uncluttered visual aids to support the message of these presentations.

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 and/or to Mr. Austin Riedeman, IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, at austin_riedeman@ofs.edu.sg.

(Aida Blat Palacios – IB MYP/IGCSE Coordinator & Grade Level Coordinator – Grade 10 & Austin Riedeman – IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, Personal Project Coordinator and Grade Level Coordinator – Grade 9)

Academic Advisors Update

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION NEWS

September has been a busy month. Our Lion City University Fair was an overwhelming success, with approximately 130 universities in attendance worldwide. Students and parents from Grade 9 to 12 had the opportunity to speak to university representatives to ask questions about the application process, entry requirements and more!

Also, our Grade 10 students and parents were introduced to how to choose courses for Grade 11, while our Grade 11 students were introduced to the university application process. Thank you to everyone who joined.

Grade 12 students met individually with their Academic Advisors to prepare their post-graduation plans. Several special Academic Advisor sessions were organised for Grade 12 students during the Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. Students participated in workshops on how to write Personal Statements for UK university applications and

Common Application essays for US university applications. Students spoke with a University of California representative to ask questions about the admissions process and application form.

Our early university application process has also started, with some students preparing to complete their Oxbridge and Medical/Veterinary applications shortly.



PSAT TESTING – TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2025

Our school will be administering the PSAT on Tuesday, 14 October 2025. The PSAT not only provides students with structured practice for the SAT, but also helps them identify strengths and areas for growth as they prepare for future testing. As U.S. universities increasingly place renewed emphasis on SAT scores in their admissions process, this assessment offers students an important early step toward readiness and confidence.

Students should regularly check their University Application Timeline, Homebase Learning Portal, the Gazette, and the Academic Advisors' website for important information on resources, workshops, meetings and updates.

(Tamara Chanrai-Hills – Academic Advisor)

English Reading Competition

At the end of Grade 9, English A students had the option to extend their Quarter 4 Fiction Diction Reading unit over the summer by reading a set number of texts and completing tasks related to each text. Congratulations to **Prisha Bhandari** who completed all the requirements extremely well by the end of the first week of Grade 10. She was the worthy recipient of Kinokuniya vouchers to purchase prose fiction of her own choice. Well done, Prisha!

(Marion Vlok – SA Leader: English – IB MYP/IGCSE)



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Grade 11 Parent Workshop – Friday, 19 September 2025

On Friday, 19 September 2025, our Grade 11 Parent Workshop offered families an insightful glimpse into the core components of the IB Diploma Program. Parents participated in engaging, hands-on activities related to Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), Theory of Knowledge (TOK), and the Extended Essay (EE).

We were delighted with the terrific turnout. To encourage collaboration and fresh perspectives, parents were placed in mixed groups with members they had not previously worked with. The room buzzed with thoughtful discussions, creative problem-solving, and plenty of laughter as they explored what their children will experience over the next 18 months.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us and made the workshop such a positive and meaningful event.

(Neisha Pratt – Deputy Principal – Curriculum)



Set Design Activity

In the High School Musical Set Design Activity, we are excited to share the incredible progress our students are making. This term, students have been fully immersed in creating imaginative and practical designs for the upcoming School Musical.

Theatre production – Each student is developing their own unique design, exploring ideas and sketching detailed plans for the sets. They are discovering a variety of materials including paints, wood, and fabrics and learning how to creatively combine these elements to bring their designs to life. Through hands on experience, the students are not only enhancing their artistic skills but also gaining valuable lessons in teamwork, problem solving, and project planning. They are carefully preparing every aspect of their designs with the goal of presenting a spectacular final outcome on stage.

We look forward to showcasing their hard work and creativity during the upcoming musical performances.

(Ayat Madbolly – Visual Arts Teacher)

Spirit Day Fun with Student Voice



On Friday, 29 August 2025, OFS came alive with energy and excitement during its annual Spirit Day. Themed around tropical vibes, the event brought students and staff together through creativity, games, and school spirit.

A central part of the day was the Tropical Dress-Up, where students showcased their most colorful and imaginative outfits. From floral shirts to vibrant accessories, the turnout was phenomenal, transforming the school into a sea of patterns and bright hues—like a walking, botanical garden.

At lunchtime, the campus buzzed with activity as students flocked to game stations featuring ring toss, bowling, tic-tac-toe, and cup pong. The games were a huge success, drawing long lines and friendly competition. Candy prizes disappeared quickly—we will have to stock more for our next Spirit Day! Adding to the festive atmosphere was a photo booth, where students captured memories with friends in their tropical attire. The booth was a favorite, with creative and imaginative poses.

The celebration concluded with a cozy movie night screening of Moana. The film's tropical setting and uplifting themes perfectly tied in with the day's spirit, allowing the school to unwind and enjoy the evening together.

Spirit Day was also the final event staged without our new Student Voice members, who were welcomed to the team shortly after. Their involvement promises fresh perspectives and exciting initiatives to enhance school life, and we hope their valuable contributions make school life even better!

Tropical Spirit Day was the highest level of participation SV has observed in a few years. We hope to see even more students and teachers bring their A-game for Spooktober Spirit Day on Friday, 31 October 2025! More information regarding theme, rules, and how to ensure dress code adherence will be shared via the Gazette and SV social media platforms, so stay tuned.

(Laura Winberg – Humanities & TOK Teacher)





OFS High School at the 66th National Inter-School Team Chess Championship

The 66th National Inter-School Team Chess Championship was proudly hosted at Overseas Family School, where 19 of our High School students competed across both the Open and Girls' Sections. The U14 Girls' Team, with **Kanushi Singhi**, achieved a Gold Medal, while the U20 Girls' Team, with **Vasundhara Soundaryarajan**, **Saki Suzuki**, **Aanya Srivastava**, and **Avisha Neelakash Murty**, secured a Silver Medal. All our High School teams showed fantastic teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship while competing against some of the best talents in Singapore, and we are proud of every one of them.

(Dijana Dengler & Philipp Ziegler – Chess Teachers)

OFS Tigers

OFS Tigers Captains use their leadership skills and abilities to empower the team to meet their goals. They motivate, inspire and create an environment for each team member to feel included, respected, valued and to be active participants.

These captains are expected to be responsible, reliable and thorough with their tasks and model behaviors as ambassadors representing the school, the team and themselves in competitive sports and as valued by the IB Learner profile.

Congratulations to the OFS Tigers Captains who have been recognized by their peers, teammates and coaches to lead their respective OFS Tigers Competitive Sports Teams in ACSIS Season 1.

BADMINTON

- 12U Girls – Zheng Yuxuan
- 12U Boys – Sachit Sardana
- 14U Girls – Riana Singh
- 14U Boys – Samarth Yadagiri

CRICKET

- 14U Boys Cricket – Ivaan Gajjar

CROSS-COUNTRY

- Cross Country MS Girl – Wen Jiani
- Cross Country MS Boy – Elias Drissi
- Cross Country HS Girl – Srishti Sethi
- Cross Country HS Boy – Eric Tabardel

FOOTBALL

- 16U Boys – Peter Kormanyos
- 19U Girls – Asha Balaji (C) and Adiya Tripathi (VC)
- 19U Boys – Caio Figueiredo Rosa

NETBALL

- 12U Girls – Irene Fajardo Martin

RUGBY

- 14U Boys – Charles Forbes
- 18U Boys – Jordan Spencer

SWIMMING

- 19U – JILL MEINES

TOUCH FOOTBALL

- 12U Girls – Hansini Thrupthi Ashok
- 14U Girls – Reem Alqahtani

VOLLEYBALL

- 16U Girls – Claire Forbes
- 16U Boys – Makoto Sumiyoshi
- 19U Girls – Rony Weinstock
- 19U Boys – Amitai Gruber

"OFS Tigers - Where the Best Get Better"

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)

