



Overseas Family School

High School

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Principal's Message

A warm welcome to all new students and families joining our community this semester, and a sincere welcome back to those returning. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and well-earned break and feels re-energised for the months ahead.

The second semester is always a dynamic and purposeful period, particularly as students prepare for significant academic milestones. This includes the IB DP and IB MYP final assessments, as well as the external IB DP and IGCSE examinations. As students move into mock and final exam preparation, the continued support, guidance, and encouragement of both parents and teachers will be essential in helping them achieve their best.

Our High School remains a vibrant centre of learning and activity. The Arts department was busily preparing for our musical production, *Alice in Wonderland*, which showcased the remarkable creativity and talent of our students. Student life has also been enriched by several memorable events, including the Grade 11–12 Student Voice Dance, which has already proven to be a highlight of the year with over 160 students attending.

Beyond campus, our students continue to engage in meaningful learning experiences. The Grade 9 Model United Nations trip to Vietnam provided invaluable opportunities for global engagement and diplomacy, while participation in the SJII Law Conference allowed students to deepen their understanding of legal studies and critical thinking. Academic excellence was further demonstrated through the Intermediate UKMT competition, where students challenged themselves in rigorous mathematical problem-solving.

We have also recently hosted a range of enriching internal events, including the Extended Essay (EE) Carousel, the Core Expo, the IB DP Collaborative Sciences Project, and the Student Voice elections, each reflecting the breadth of learning and leadership opportunities available to our students. Additionally, our community came together for the annual OFS Whole School Food Drive, supporting Food From the Heart. The generosity shown by students, parents, and staff alike is a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we act collectively.

University acceptance season is now well underway, and we are pleased to report that our students have received offers from a number of leading universities around the world such as UCL, King's College, Northeastern, Penn State, and many more. We are extremely proud of their dedication and achievements.

As we look ahead, planning for the next academic year has already begun. Our recent Grade 8 Curriculum Night on Tuesday, 20 January 2026 focused on the transition into Grade 9, while the Grade 10 Curriculum Night on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 will offer valuable guidance for families preparing for the move into Grade 11 and the IB Diploma Program.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we look forward to a rewarding and successful semester filled with growth, achievement, and shared community spirit.

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

Adam Ashton
High School Principal



IB Diploma News – Education For Life

GRADE 12

Wishing everyone a positive start to 2026. I encourage parents to take time to review their child's Semester One report together, celebrating strengths while thoughtfully discussing areas for growth.

Visit from IB TOK Curriculum Manager

Our OFS High School community was delighted to welcome Mr. László Kószeghy, IB Curriculum Manager for TOK, to our campus. During his visit, he connected with our High School and IB TOK teachers, engaged with our Grade 11 and 12 students to listen to their questions and perspectives, and held valuable conversations with our IB leadership team about the program's strengths and ongoing development.



The CORE EXPO

- The CORE Expo was held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026, with approximately 60 Grade 12 students sharing their Extended Essays, TOK work, or CAS experiences with both Grade 12 and Grade 11 students. While participation was optional, students were strongly encouraged to take part.
- The event provided Grade 11 students with a valuable insight into the IB Diploma core components. The session was highly successful, with enthusiastic engagement from students across both grade levels.



Extended Essay:

- Grade 12 students submitted their final EE on Thursday, 15 January 2026, marking the completion of the most important phase of the EE process.
- A special thanks to all EE Supervisors and Mr. Woollard, the EE Coordinator, for their guidance.

Key Dates:

- Monday, 2 March to Friday, 13 March 2026: IB DP Mock Examinations (schedule available on the school website, individual timetables provided).
- IB Examination period – Monday, 27 April to Wednesday, 20 May 2026.
- Study leave begins for Full IB Diploma students and Grade 12 course students on Friday, 17 April 2026.



GRADE 11

Extended Essay



- The Extended Essay process began in December 2025.
- Students attended an Extended Essay Carousel session in December 2025 to understand subject-specific expectations. Students also got an opportunity to speak to Grade 12 students to discuss their EE.
- By the end of January 2026, students were expected to have selected their subject and topic.
- Supervisors were assigned, and students will meet with them in early February.

CAS

Clubs and activities resumed in the last week of January. By the end of Grade 11, students should have completed two-thirds of their CAS requirements. It is crucial for students to plan and select suitable experiences during the second semester to meet this goal. For any questions related to CAS, please contact our CAS Coordinator at julia_hodgson@ofs.edu.sg. We extend our best wishes to all students for a successful Semester Two.

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

(Trapti Trivedi – IB DP Coordinator)

Junior High School News

Welcome to Semester Two!

We warmly welcome students back after the December break and extend a special welcome to those who joined our school in January 2026. It has been great to see new students settling in during the recent orientation sessions.



We also congratulate students who have progressed to the next level in SPP and those who have successfully transitioned into the mainstream after completing SPP L3. These are fantastic achievements, alongside the continued progress of our Grade 9 and Grade 10 students.



As Semester Two begins, all junior students are encouraged to set clear personal and academic goals for the semester, join clubs and service activities, and try out for Tiger teams. Grade 10 students will now begin preparing for the IGCSE Mock Examinations, which will take place from Friday, 6 March to Thursday, 19 March 2026.

We look forward to a positive and productive semester.

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)

From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

In February, we celebrate the Chinese New Year and sincerely wish all families celebrating this occasion happiness and joy. On February 27th, we will hold a Chinese New Year coffee morning and organize dragon and lion dance activities, inviting everyone to come and experience the festivities. Following this, we will continue preparing for the Global Picnic event and look forward to the participation of all parents, students, and teachers in this annual celebration.

Academic Advisors Update

Semester One is always a busy semester for our Grade 12 students as they complete their University applications whilst managing their studies. However, their hard work is paying off, and even at this early stage of the process, students have already received acceptances from great institutions such as the University of Bath, the University of Manchester, Imperial College London, University of Sydney, King's College London, University of St Andrews, University of Warwick, and University College London, University of Melbourne and Hong Kong University.

Most decisions from universities (particularly from the US) will not be received until March 2026, but we are very proud of their success! Students have already started applying to Singapore and European universities, and we will continue to support those applications throughout Semester Two.

GRADE 11

With Grade 12 students well on the way with their University applications, our attention now focuses on our Grade 11 students.

Students will start attending appointments with their Academic Advisor (AA) to plan their future goals, courses and university applications. We encourage students to research all possibilities open to them to make the most out of this meeting. This is the time to get questions answered and learn about available pathways.

GRADE 10

Grade 10 students are in the process of thinking about course options for Grade 11. Your AA will be available to see you during Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences to discuss any questions you may have about your options. Please make sure you tick the AA box when selecting your appointments. We advise parents/guardians to attend the curriculum night to understand more about the programs and courses students can select from.

(Tamana Chanrai-Hills – Academic Advisor)

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High School Academic Support Program (ASP)

The High School Academic Support Program has resumed after the holidays and it is already helping students start Semester Two strong. Students can access support with content, organisation, and study skills in a welcoming, structured, and small group environment. If students are interested in attending they just need to see their GLC. We look forward to continuing to build confidence, independence, and academic success in the weeks ahead.

(Richard Petherick – Deputy Principal – Pastoral)

CultureFest – A Vibrant Celebration of Diversity



During last week of Semester One, High School was transformed into a bustling global village for our annual CultureFest. It was a spectacular event that celebrated the rich tapestry of backgrounds and traditions that make our community so special.

The event was a huge success, offering a sensory journey through two main highlights:

- **A Culinary Journey:** The International Food Fair was an absolute feast for the senses. Students and families prepared authentic dishes with pride, allowing us all to “taste the world” right here on campus. The variety and quality of the cuisine were truly impressive.
- **Center Stage:** The cultural showcase in the auditorium was breathtaking. From mesmerising traditional dances to impressive musical performances, our students shared our vast diversity with elegance, energy, and skill.

Organising an event of this magnitude is no small feat. It was a monumental team effort requiring weeks of planning, cooking, and rehearsing. The dedication shown by our student leaders, performers, backstage crew and staff was inspiring to witness. Congratulations to everyone involved in making CultureFest such a memorable day. You reminded us all of the beauty and strength found in our diversity!

(Mathieu Doms – Events & Educational Technology Coordinator)



Coming Together for a Cause 2025

The 2025 OFS Whole School Food Collection saw an outstanding response from our community, with a total of **3,060 items donated**.

This year's collection included:

- **Over 330 kg of rice**
- **Over 500 packets of noodles**
- **Over 1,100 canned goods**

All donated items have been passed on to Food From the Heart, where they will help support families in need.

We extend our sincere thanks to the entire OFS community for contributing to this effort. A special thank you to the NYAA students, whose dedication in promoting the collection and helping with packing and logistics played a key role in its success.

This collective effort highlights the real impact of teamwork and community action. Thank you to everyone involved for making this initiative possible.

(Julie Hodgson – CAS & NYAA Coordinator)



Study Preparation Program Celebration

We are proud of all our SPP students, at every level, for the progress they have made this semester. Their determination and resilience have been clear across the program, as they continue to build confidence and develop their academic English through consistent effort and perseverance.

We would also like to congratulate our SPP Level 3 High School students who have successfully completed the Study Preparation Program and will transition into mainstream classes in Semester Two. During this semester's SPP Celebration Ceremony, two Grade 10 students: Waka Dobashi, and Lim Yuan delivered heartfelt and engaging speeches that were a highlight of the event. Speaking on behalf of their classmates, they shared personal reflections on their SPP journeys, describing the challenges they faced when they first joined the program and the meaningful progress they have made over time with the support of their teachers and peers.

This is an important milestone for our Level 3 students, and we wish them continued success as they begin their mainstream journey. We also extend our sincere thanks to the SPP teaching team for their ongoing support and guidance throughout the semester.

(Joanne Kohler – SPP Leader)





December to Remember

The final week of Semester One is always full of fun and holiday spirit. On Friday, 12 December 2025, Student Voice added to the entertainment! SV members started out strong in Middle School, visiting classrooms there to kick off the annual carol-singing event. There were many delighted faces, both young and seasoned, as they went from door to door in Christmas regalia singing classics such as "Frosty the Snowman", "Feliz Navidad" and "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" to Elementary

and Kindergarten students. They also made sure to stop at each divisional admin office to serenade the principals and coordinators.

The team finished their tour in High School, where the final stop was S06-07 to carol with all the Grade 11 students learning about their extended essay options. At lunch Student Voice provided High School students with a photo opportunity with our very own life-sized gingerbread cottage, before sending everyone off on their winter break in style. We hope everyone had a happy holiday!

(Laura Winberg – Humanities & TOK Teacher)



OFS Tigers

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT: SEASON 2 MID-SEASON OVERVIEW

As we move further into the second season of our athletic calendar, we are incredibly proud of the dedication, growth, and sportsmanship displayed by our student-athletes. From the courts to the fields, our teams are representing the school with distinction.

Please find the mid-season highlights for our current programs below, organised by age group.

U19 SENIOR PROGRAMS

- **U19 Boys Basketball:** The program is enjoying an extraordinary run, with the U19 and U16 teams holding a combined 5–0 undefeated record in ACSIS Division 1. We are grateful for the leadership of seniors Egor Shishkin and Kian Gregory as they prepare for upcoming challenges against Dover, St. Joseph's, and SAS.
- **U19 Boys Tennis:** Currently holding a 1–1 record in Division 1. We recognise Seiji Akasaki and Madhav Nerlekar for their mature leadership, and commend Kwak Joon, Aryan Verma, Anthony Mauclair, Naoto Nakamura, and Daisuke Okano for their resilience against tough opponents. Special thanks to Aryaveer Towar for being the team's most consistent trainer.
- **U19 Rugby:** Following a focused training block, the squad is eager to begin the ACSIS season. With seven Grade 12 players in the group, we look forward to a competitive final season for our seniors as they face rivals such as Dulwich, Nexus, and SAIS.



- **U16/U19 Touch Rugby:** Despite two challenging opening fixtures, the team has shown immense commitment. Players have been highly responsive to feedback regarding fitness and communication, providing a strong foundation for the remainder of the season.

U16 PROGRAMS

- **U16 Boys Basketball:** Mirroring the senior success, this squad remains undefeated in Division 1. Their discipline has been highlighted by strong performances in the Raffles Invitational and the German Alba 3–on–3 competition.
- **U16 Girls Basketball:** The girls have secured two victories out of their first three games. Their resilience following a narrow opening-match loss has been inspiring, and we look forward to the energy they will bring to their final games.



- **U16 Rugby:** This team continues to go from strength to strength, welcoming several players new to the sport. Led by Gabriel Gan, Leon Cesbert, and Fredrik Neill, the focus remains on skill development and the enjoyment of the game.

U14 PROGRAMS

- **U14 Boys Football:** Holding a 2–1 record, the team has adopted a sophisticated, possession-based style under Captain Oren Hood. Their defining characteristic this season has been their ability to win matches after trailing early on.
- **U14 Girls Football:** Currently 4th in Division 3, the team is led by Captain Maria Fajardo Martin and Vice-Captain Aya-Marie Vestvik. We celebrate the skill progression of Angelina Ida, Ashwathi Menon, and Tamily Liesenberg De Jesus, alongside the defensive efforts of Manuela Pereira Maeda, Milena Dos Reis Santos, and Alice Oishi. We wish Aarika Srivastava and Orya Shitrit a speedy recovery from their injuries.
- **U14 Boys Volleyball:** Holding a 3–1 record in Division 2. Captains Lucca Charret Machado De Barros and Aditya Surana have led the team to significant growth, supported by the hitting of Caleb Wangsamulya and Jo Seunggi, the passing of Noah Yih, and consistent serving from Darius Jahja, Alessandro Leo, Caden Parker, and Arnav Shah.
- **U14 Girls Volleyball:** Led by Arianna Arora and Riana Singh, the team has shown steady improvement. Notable defensive contributions have come from Luana Azevedo Verly, Manuela Pereira Maeda, Tanya Shah, and Ashwathi Menon, while Zeenia Aga, Tamily Liesenberg De Jesus, Alexa Belardo, and Prachi Aravind Kumar continue to show a strong fighting spirit.
- **U14 Mixed Netball:** Under Captain Su Yayan Sally, the team has focused on defensive structures and shooting strategies. Standout contributors Tehani Cawidrone Thomine, Nikita Dubier, and Abigail Kent are eagerly anticipating the start of their match schedule next week.
- **U14 Boys & Girls Table Tennis:** The boys secured strong wins against GESS, while the girls (Ava Chin, Aya Itabashi, Neorah Nair, Annika Singhvi, and Wang Muyun) bounced back from a tough opener with a victory in their second match. Fair play has been exemplary across both groups.

We look forward to seeing our athletes continue to excel as the season progresses. Thank you for your continued support of our sporting community.

(Bruce Shang – Head of Athletics)

