



Overseas Family School

High School

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Principal's Message

To begin, I would like to extend a warm Gong Xi Fa Cai to all those celebrating Lunar New Year. I hope the recent break provided families with meaningful time together to honour and enjoy this important celebration.

March is a particularly busy and significant month for both students and teachers as we approach key academic milestones. Our Grade 10 and Grade 12 students are finalising coursework for external moderation while also preparing for their upcoming mock examinations. These assessments provide an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding of core concepts and subject content. More importantly, they offer valuable feedback, helping students identify areas for further focus ahead of the final examinations in May 2026.

It is also an exciting period for our Grade 12 students as university offers continue to arrive, marking an important step in their academic journeys. Recently, we were delighted to host the IB DP Art Exhibition, which showcased the exceptional creativity and dedication of our Grade 12 Visual Arts students. In addition, all IB DP Grade 12 students have now submitted their final Theory of Knowledge essays, which is a significant milestone in the Diploma Program.

March is also the time when students in Grade 8, Grade 10, and non-IB Diploma Grade 11 finalise their online course selections for the next academic year. I hope that the recent Curriculum Evenings have provided helpful guidance and clarity to support informed decisions about your child's educational pathway at OFS.

Our school continues to take great pride in the active engagement of students across a wide range of pursuits, from sports and the arts to community service and field trips. Book Week was a wonderful highlight, with students and teachers participating enthusiastically in a variety of activities. Our clubs and service initiatives are now fully underway, offering students diverse opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills, and contribute meaningfully to the school community. Many of these initiatives are student-led, reflecting the leadership, creativity, and commitment of our young people. Participation in extracurricular and service activities remains an essential part of a well-rounded and enriching High School experience.

Education is a shared responsibility, and strong collaboration between parents, teachers, and administrators remains central to each student's success. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss subject selections or other academic matters, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Academic Advisor, Curriculum Coordinator, or Grade Level Coordinator.

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

Information Package

Students registered for the May 2026 IB DP examinations will receive an information package, including their exam schedule, regulations, and IB transcript request forms. Transcript requests must be submitted to Ms. Maureen Goh before study leave begins on Friday, 17 April.

Grade 12 Exam Preparation Session with Alumni



We invited two of our alumni to speak to our Grade 12 cohort and share effective study strategies to support their preparation for the upcoming mock examinations and final IB Exams. Students were

reminded of the importance of creating a realistic study schedule that includes regular rest breaks, as well as completing practice papers under timed conditions, alongside several other practical tips to support exam readiness.

GRADE 11

- The Extended Essay (EE) process is in progress, with supervisors assigned. Once research questions are approved, students should begin their research and data gathering.
- Please note that in some subjects, Internal Assessment (IA) work is already in progress and will count toward students' final IB grades. Students are therefore reminded to adhere strictly to the OFS Academic Integrity Policy. 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 Lee Woollard, IB DP Assistant Coordinator & Extended Essay Coordinator, at lee_woollard@ofs.edu.sg.

(Trapti Trivedi – IB DP Coordinator)

From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

Here, the Parent Association sincerely wishes all families celebrating Hari Raya -Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri! We will be hosting a Hari Raya-themed coffee morning on March 26, and we look forward to everyone's enthusiastic participation! This event is aimed at immersing everyone in the traditional festive atmosphere, enjoying delicious dishes, and sharing blessings and laughter. We have prepared a sumptuous feast and engaging interactive activities, allowing everyone to communicate and interact in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. We hope that every member can bring their family and friends to share this special moment together. Let us celebrate this meaningful holiday together and create beautiful memories!

Meanwhile, country groups are actively preparing for the Global Picnic in April, we hope more families will participate!



Junior High School News

Welcoming Semester Two!



Welcome back after the December break, and a special welcome to students who joined us in January. It has been great seeing new students settle in during orientation (pictured). Congratulations to those who advanced in SPP, transitioned into the mainstream after SPP L3, and to our Grade 9 and 10 students for their continued progress (pictured).

As Semester Two begins, students are encouraged to set goals, join activities, and, for Grade 10, begin preparing for the IGCSE Mock Examinations from Friday, 6 March to Thursday, 19 March 2026.

Wishing everyone a positive semester ahead.

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

Grade 12 University Acceptances

We are thrilled to celebrate the Class of 2026 as global university offers arrive. Our students have secured prestigious placements at world-class institutions, including:

- University of Nottingham: Anushri Shivakumar (Medicine)
- University College London (UCL): Cho Minhyung (Cancer Biomedicine), Gayatri Unni (Chemistry), Kwon Taekhyun (Geography/Urban Planning), and Kylene Lim (Psychology).
- King’s College London: Saivi Khush Meena and Kylene Lim (Psychology), Jeong Yuchan (Economics and Management), and Yoon Doyeon (International Development).
- Northeastern University: Aryan Sharma and Palak Gupta (Business and Economics).

We are incredibly proud of the diverse disciplines our graduates are pursuing and look forward to sharing more success stories.

University Information Sessions: April & Beyond

In April, we will host online, country-specific sessions for Grade 11 students and parents covering Australia, Canada, the UK, the US, Europe, Korea, Japan, and Asia. A dedicated National Service (NS) session will also be held to support future planning.



Building on last semester’s success—including our recent Australian mini-fair—we encourage all families to attend our upcoming Meet & Greets. These sessions offer invaluable insights into global higher education, from mastering UK Personal Statements to navigating US supplementary essays. Even if a university isn’t on your shortlist, attending is a fantastic way to gain a competitive edge in the application process.

(Tamana Chanrai-Hills – Academic Advisor)

MY–MUNOFS 7 to 8 February 2026

Another successful Middle School MUN conference – proudly hosted by our High School Executive Committee, selected student Chairs, and dedicated Admin team.

With over 20 schools from across Singapore and Asia, 13 committees spanning multiple levels (including the Historical League of Nations), the conference provided a powerful platform for collaboration, critical thinking, and global-minded leadership.

Mentoring middle school delegates remains an integral part of our MUN program. Keeping the conference student-led while providing meaningful leadership opportunities ensures authentic growth, responsibility, and impact for all involved.

A huge thank you to the Admin who supported across committees, our new chairs stepping confidently into leadership roles, and of course our outstanding Executive Committee for making it all possible.

(Neisha Pratt – Deputy Principal – Curriculum)



Alice in Wonderland Jr. – A Triumphant Trip Down the Rabbit Hole

On the 29 and 30 of January, our auditorium was transformed into a whimsical world of talking flowers and mad tea parties as students presented a spectacular production of Disney’s Alice in Wonderland Jr. The show’s success was a true collaborative effort:

- The Cast: Delivered charismatic performances, intricate dance numbers, and professional vocals.
- Set and prop design clubs: Hand-crafted the immersive scenery and props that brought Wonderland to life.
- Backstage crew: Executed seamless lighting, sound, and scene changes with precision.

Months of weekly rehearsals and dedication certainly paid off. Congratulations to the entire team! You did not just paint the roses red; you painted the school with your incredible talent!

(Mathieu Doms – Events & Educational Technology Coordinator)



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Grade 9 Vietnam MUN Trip

2026 has marked a return to international travel for the Model United Nations club. Twenty-eight Grade 9 students joined a conference hosted by the International School Ho Chi Minh City. This conference provided students with the opportunity to debate with students outside of Singapore, allowing them to develop their flexibility, resilience, and further hone their debate skills. Six of our students were selected to be chairs, leading committees through the conference and helping their fellow MUN students navigate complex procedures.

OFS students took part in several unique experiences, like the Fictional Crisis Committee and the United States Senate. Each student prepared for this trip with extensive research, chair report writing, and a position paper submission. Their hard work paid off, as four students received awards.



Despite the fact that we had little time outside the conference to explore, the students were still able to see a small part of the city on a walk and eat at a local restaurant. At dinner, the view of the city skyline was impressive, allowing for many Instagrammable moments. At the conference, they met many local students and worked closely with a diverse group of delegates. They also sang karaoke on Saturday evening!

This trip to Vietnam will have lasting effects on our students. They have improved their MUN skills, found a deeper appreciation for new cultures, and created long-lasting friendships.

(Sarah Leonardis – Humanities & TOK Teacher)

Grade 11 Group 4 Collaborative Science Project



The Grade 11 students recently completed the compulsory 10-hour Group 4 Collaborative Sciences Project, working in randomly assigned interdisciplinary teams. Each group explored a chosen United Nations Sustainable Development Goal and designed practical challenges based on their investigations. Throughout the two-day project, students demonstrated key IB Learner Profile attributes, particularly as Inquirers, Communicators, Open-Minded and Reflective learners. They collaborated effectively, met set deadlines and confidently presented their findings to the whole cohort during a final assembly. The project was marked by high levels of

engagement, teamwork and enthusiasm, making it both a meaningful and enjoyable learning experience for all involved.

(Seema Rehan – Subject Area Leader Life Sciences)

Paths to Excellence: Reaching New Heights

At our school, excellence is a journey that often extends far beyond the classroom. This month, we celebrate Grade 9 students Aadit Shankar and Lieu Yen Rivinus, whose athletic achievements provide powerful lessons in perseverance.

Aadit completed a four-day altitude trek in the Himalayas, reaching 4,300 meters at the Valley of Flowers. During the grueling final ascent, he found motivation in the landscape's immense beauty. His journey served as a reminder that reaching a summit is rarely the end; rather, it is the beginning of a new goal: safely navigating the path back home.

Meanwhile, Lieu Yen is scaling new heights on the USA Youth Climbing Circuit. Ranked 2nd in the Northwest Region, she prepares for her upcoming competitions by treating each climb as a mental and physical puzzle. For Lieu Yen, excellence is a balancing act, literally and figuratively. Navigating academic commitments, international travel, and rigorous training requires discipline and a mindset focused on achieving her goals, even when motivation is low.

Both Aadit and Lieu Yen demonstrate that whether conquering a mountain or a climbing wall, the path to excellence is paved with resilience and a commitment to seeing the journey through.

Austin Riedeman – IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, Personal Project Coordinator and Grade Level Coordinator – Grade 9)



Lo Hei in Action: A Cultural Celebration in Grade 10 Mandarin class



Our Grade 10 students recently took part in a vibrant Lo Hei cultural activity, bringing the spirit of Chinese New Year to life through collaboration, and shared joy. Lo Hei, a traditional tossing ritual symbolising prosperity, happiness, and unity, became an unforgettable hands-on experience for students as they explored its meaning in an authentic and engaging way.

Working in groups, students learned about the symbolism behind each ingredient used in Lo Hei—from colours representing luck and wealth to the actions that express hope for a successful year ahead. With each step carefully modelled, students enthusiastically joined in, calling out phrases, practising pronunciation, and tossing the ingredients higher and higher as they celebrated together.

Beyond the fun, the activity helped students deepen their understanding of Chinese traditions while developing key language skills in a meaningful context. By engaging with culture in such a dynamic way, students were able to appreciate the values of togetherness, respect, and celebration that underpin Lo Hei.

This memorable activity highlighted the importance of experiential learning and cultural exploration in the classroom. It was a joyful celebration that not only honoured tradition, but also created lasting learning moments.

(Nitisha Hazareesing – World Languages Leader)



Student Body President Elections



January is always an exciting time of year for Student Voice because it's when the presidential elections happen! This year 6 incredible candidates campaigned for the role: Varnika Jamnerkar, Anaahat Makkar, Madhav Nerlekar, Juno Giebel, Arin Chatterjee and Tanisha Nandi Majumdar all ran on platforms centered around student care, academic support, and preparation for life out in the real

world. They made vows to build student lounges, get access to exam revision resources, and build stronger connections between current OFS students and alumni. In the end, the people spoke, and two capable students were elected as the 2026–2027 Student Body Presidents. We would like to thank Ishika Patteri and Ishaan Goel for their service as they pass the torch to our winners; congratulations Anaahat and Madhav!

(Laura Winberg – Humanities & TOK Teacher)



OFS Tigers

BASKETBALL

U19 Boys (Division 1 Champions)

- Season Record: 6–0 (1st Place - Gold Medalists)
- Highlights: Captured the D1 title with an undefeated run. The season-defining moment was a thrilling 49–47 victory over UWC Dover, secured by a back-screen inbound play with only 8 seconds remaining.
- Awards: * MVP: Egor Shishkin & Kian Gregory
 - o Coaches Award: Amitai Gruber
 - o Lockdown Defender: Arvir Randhawa

U16 Boys

- Season Record: 5–1 (2nd Place)
- Highlights: A high-scoring season characterised by aggressive team defense and a deep bench. The team is well-positioned to contend for gold next year as talented middle schoolers move up to join the squad.
- Awards: * MVP: Arvir Randhawa
 - o Most Improved: Virraaj Dadhwal
 - o Coaches Award: Vibhas Rao

U16 Girls

- Season Record: 3–2 (3rd Place - Podium Finish)
- Highlights: Finished as the second-most effective offense in the league with 102 points scored. The team evolved from a group of individuals into a cohesive unit with infectious energy.
- Awards: * MVP: Nanaho Ikeda
 - o Most Improved: Aanya Srivastava
 - o Best Teammate: Dia Ranjit
 - o Commitment & Resilience Award: Tisha Arora

RUGBY & TOUCH

U19 Boys Rugby

- Highlights: A historic 7–5 win against UWC East and a wildcard entry to the SCC Sevens highlighted an exceptional season built on an early pre-season start.
- Awards: * MVP: Jordan Spencer
 - o Most Improved: Jan McConville
 - o Best Teammate: Luke Power

U16 Boys Rugby

- Highlights: Focused on player development and participation. The squad of 14 boys showed great enthusiasm and a clear pathway for progression into the U19 program.
- Awards: * MVP: Gabriel Gan
 - o Most Improved: Jonathan Stewart
 - o Best Teammate: Fredrik Neill

U16 Girls Touch

- Highlights: Immense progress in core fundamentals, specifically passing under pressure and defensive alignment. The team finished the season with high standards of sportsmanship and unity.
- Awards: * MVP: Wanika Joshi
 - o Most Improved: Mataya Luburic
 - o MVP: Wanika Joshi
 - o Best Teammate: Noam Yoskovitz

VOLLEYBALL & NETBALL

U14 Boys Volleyball

- Season Record: 3–2 (2nd Place)
- Highlights: Gained invaluable experience playing against top Division 1 programs at the SAS tournament, demonstrating great tactical growth.
- Awards: * MVP: Lucca Charret Machado De Barros
 - o Most Improved: Caleb Wangsamulya
 - o Best Teammate: Jo Seunggi

U14 Girls Volleyball

- Season Record: 1–4
- Highlights: Displayed incredible composure in a high-pressure set against UWCD, fighting back from 24–22 down to level the score.
- Awards: * MVP: Riana Singh
 - o Most Improved: Zeenia Aga & Alexa Belardo
 - o Best Teammate: Arianna Arora



U14 Netball

- Season Record: Finished with a dominant 28–4 victory over SJII.
- Highlights: Controlled the final game through excellent teamwork and accurate shooting. New players showed great resilience throughout the season.
- Awards: * MVPs: Su Yayan & Zara Groufsky
 - o Most Improved: Tehani Cawidrone Thomine and Rishita Choudhury
 - o Best Team Spirit: Alice Oishi, Nikita Dubier & Nitisha Nitin

TABLE TENNIS

- Boys: Team A (1st Place) and Team B (2nd Place) dominated the ACSIS tournament.
- Girls: Finished with 1 win and 3 losses, including two very narrow 2–3 defeats. The team remained united and positive despite roster changes.
- Awards: * MVPs: Wang Muyun & Ava Chin (Girls); Emir Terzioglu & Soundaryarajan Aniruddh (Boys)
 - o Most Improved: Itabashi Aya & Neorah Nair (Girls); Aarav Sharma & Archit Sharma (Boys)

TENNIS

U19 Tennis

- Season Record: 1 Win (Competing in A Division)
- Highlights: Successfully competed in the top division despite facility constraints. Seiji Akasaki took over the captaincy role with great confidence.
- Awards: * MVP: Seiji Akasaki
 - o Most Improved: Madhav Nerlekar
 - o Best Teammate: Aryaveer Towar

(Bruce Shang – Head of Athletics)

