



Overseas Family School High School

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Principal's Message

By now, both new and returning students have settled into the rhythm of the school year, engaging actively in lessons and maintaining consistency with their homework. In this issue, we are pleased to share some highlights from the semester so far. It was a pleasure to see and meet so many parents at our Back to School Night.



With more than 100 clubs, sports, arts, and service activities on offer, our students have been immersed in a wide range of experiences. This year, we have also introduced a number of exciting new clubs, including the F1 Club, which brings together students interested in engineering, data analysis, driving, and business marketing as they design, build, promote, and race high-performance miniature F1 cars. The club provides an engaging opportunity for students to apply STEM skills in a collaborative and hands-on environment.

Our annual Lion City University Fair welcomed more than 130 universities from around the world to OFS, providing students with the opportunity to engage in lively conversations and ask thoughtful questions as they explored their higher education options. The annual Grade 11 Parent Workshop offered families a deeper understanding of the Diploma Program, including its Core components, as well as alternative pathways such as the OFS High School Diploma.

Grade 11 students have the opportunity to take part in our inaugural four-day Hong Kong canoe expedition, an experience designed to foster adventure, teamwork, and personal growth. The expedition also provides an opportunity for a number of students to work towards their NYAA Silver and Gold awards.

Digital Literacy workshops have begun across all grade levels as we roll out Google for Education throughout the school. Parent-Teacher Conferences have also provided valuable opportunities to strengthen the school-home partnership and support each child's learning journey.

The first quarter will officially conclude on Friday, 2 October 2026. Teachers will be finalising grades for summative assessments up to this date, after which Quarter 1 reports will be released.

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

Neisha Pratt
High School Principal



Lion City University Fair

IB Diploma News – Education For Life

Study Skills: Building Habits for Success

Effective study skills are essential for success in the IB Diploma Program. This quarter, Grade 11 and 12 students participated in study skill sessions in their respective quarter 1 grade level assemblies.

Grade 12 students also benefited from a study skill session led by alumnus WANG Yingrui, who achieved an outstanding 44 points in the IB Diploma. JHA Aaryan, who achieved 43 points in the IB Diploma and will be attending Imperial College London, also shared valuable study strategies with students from both Grade 11 and Grade 12. Both speakers emphasised the importance of discipline, well-being, and getting adequate rest.

Supporting Our Students Through the DP Core

Our TOK and Extended Essay Coordinators conducted optional support sessions to guide students with their TOK exhibitions and Extended Essay drafts. Despite being optional, the sessions attracted high attendance, reflecting students' commitment to their learning.

Grade 12: A Busy and Purposeful Quarter

Congratulations to our Grade 12 students on completing a demanding first quarter! Their resilience and determination in balancing academic commitments and DP Core requirements are commendable.

Key Deadlines and CAS Completion

Students are encouraged to check their calendars and plan ahead for upcoming Internal Assessment deadlines, Group 1 HL Essays, and the TOK essay.

Grade 12 students will also complete their CAS programme this semester, allowing more time for the mock and final IB DP examination preparation.

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, we sincerely wish all children a happy Children's Day! May every child grow up healthy and happy, stay curious, enjoy learning and life, and bravely pursue their dreams!

In October, the Parents' Association (PA) will organize practical workshops for parents of different grade levels, along with exciting learning and experiential trips to explore Singapore's local culture.

More details and registration information will be sent by email. Please check your inbox regularly. We look forward to your participation as we continue supporting our children's growth!



Junior High School News

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: IGCSE RESULTS

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students in the June 2026 IGCSE examinations. These results reflect the hard work, commitment and perseverance of our students, supported by their teachers and families throughout their IGCSE journey.

This year, our students achieved an impressive 99.3% overall pass rate, with 327 A* grades across their IGCSE subjects.

Highlights include:

- 3 students with 8 A* grades
- 7 students with 6 A* grades
- 8 students with 7 A* grades
- 11 students with 5 A* grades

Special congratulations to Bhanuja, Prithwish Kundu and Myra Sharma, who each achieved an exceptional 8 A* grades.

We are incredibly proud of all our students and their achievements. These results represent not only academic success, but also the dedication, resilience and determination demonstrated throughout their IGCSE studies. We would also like to thank our teachers and families for the guidance and support they provided along the way.

DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Grade 9 and 10 students recently took part in Digital Literacy workshops designed to strengthen their understanding of academic integrity and develop the digital skills needed for their future studies.

Grade 9 students focused on Academic Integrity and were introduced to Exam.net and Safe Exam Browser. These assessment platform and tools prepare students for the evolving digital format of IGCSE and IB Diploma examinations. Some subjects have already used Exam.net to give students opportunities to become familiar with the platform and demonstrate their readiness for digital assessments. Grade 10 students also explored Academic Integrity in a dynamic and engaging session led by Ms Tan.

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 an exciting and exceptionally busy month for university planning, and we would like to thank our students and families for the enthusiasm and engagement they have shown throughout our events.

A major highlight was the Lion City University Fair, which welcomed over 120 universities from around the world. Students and parents from Grades 9–12 took full advantage of this fantastic opportunity, speaking directly with university representatives about programs, entry requirements, applications, scholarships and university life. It was wonderful to see so many thoughtful questions, conversations and families exploring future possibilities together.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the fair such a success!

Our university preparation also continued across the High School. Grade 10 students and parents were introduced to the Grade 11 course-selection process and how subject choices can connect with future university pathways, while Grade 11 students began exploring the university application process. We greatly appreciate the strong attendance and participation at both sessions.

Our Grade 12 students have been particularly busy. Students met individually with their Academic Advisors to develop their post-graduation plans, while additional workshops during the Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences focused on UK Personal Statements, U.S. Common Application essays and University of California application process. Thank you to our Grade 12 students for approaching these sessions with such focus, curiosity and enthusiasm.

The first applications of the year are now approaching, with students preparing their Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science applications. We wish all of our early applicants every success as they take this exciting next step!

Our school will administer the PSAT on Friday, 23 October 2026. Thank you to the students who are participating and taking this opportunity to strengthen their preparation for future university applications.

PSAT Testing – Friday, 23 October 2026

The PSAT provides structured practice for the SAT while helping students identify their academic strengths and areas for further development. With standardized testing continuing to play an important role at a number of U.S. universities, the PSAT is a valuable opportunity for students to gain experience with the testing format, establish a baseline and build confidence for future SAT preparation.

We encourage students to approach the day positively and make the most of the experience as it is practice, preparation, and an opportunity to learn.

As always, students should regularly check the University Application Timeline, Homebase Learning Portal, Gazette and Academic Advisors' website for upcoming meetings, workshops, deadlines and university application resources.

(John James – Academic Advisor)

A Room with a View

This wonderful painting of a scene from Tolkien's Lord of the Rings was created by Grade 12 student Isabelle Loh.

Isabelle wanted to help contribute to the displays in her English classroom and chose to paint this scene, as it reinforces a sense of deep history in the setting.

Isabelle loves to read horror and fantasy books and when asked why she chose English at Higher Level, she replied:

The reason I chose HL English was on a general level, due to a personal interest in literature and the arts. I also wanted to be able to explore and learn on a deeper level, what made a piece of work so impactful to me. I wanted to be able to pinpoint what exactly made something stand out; to pull the subconscious feeling into a conscious thought of appreciation.

(Pauline Westwood – English)



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Student Performers at HoneyKids Asia

A huge congratulations to Alexander Gfrerer (Grade 10) and Alexa Belardo (Grade 9), who performed at HoneyKids Asia on Saturday, 19 September 2026.

Alexa captivated the audience with a beautiful performance of Colours of the Wind, while Alexander delivered a powerful rendition of Michael Jackson's Man in the Mirror.

Both performances were truly inspirational and a wonderful reflection of the talent, confidence and creativity of our students. We are incredibly proud of them!

(Neisha Pratt – High School Principal)



Fireside Chat: Student Voices

Four of our High School students recently had the opportunity to take part in a fireside chat with new families, sharing their experiences of joining a new school, the challenges they faced, and the strategies that helped them settle in and feel part of the community.



GFRERER Alexander (Grade 10)



AKASAKI Seiji (Grade 12)



LUBURIC Mataya (Grade 11)



RAO Vibhas (Grade 11)

This was a new experience for our students and a valuable opportunity to develop their confidence in speaking publicly while showing courage and vulnerability. By sharing their own experiences openly, they were able to offer reassurance and practical advice to our new families, while demonstrating empathy, reflection and leadership.

(Neisha Pratt – High School Principal)

Great news from our star High School band this month

Kinda Qualified featuring Jan McConville on bass and vocals, Adwita Mathur on vocals, Peter Guo Haoqi on drums, Brian Rolstan on guitar, Anna Shimada on guitar and Aditya Shavistrava on keyboard were runners up in the prestigious Youth Music Matters band competition. Seven other bands were competing and Kinda Qualified were the youngest and impressed the judges and audience with their energetic and fun performance. They played one cover and two original songs. So a huge congratulations to this super talented band who have made a huge impact on the local band scene.

(Sarah Malloch – Subject Area Leader - The Arts)



Rock Out Spirit Day

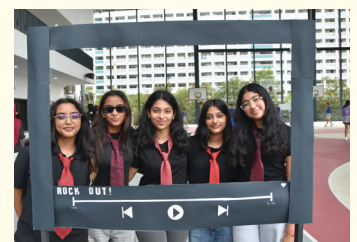
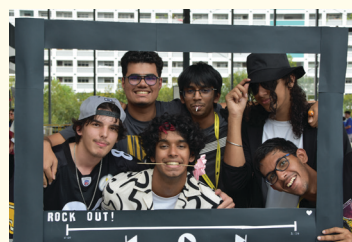


Student Voice's "Rock Out" spirit days brought an undeniable surge of energy and high-voltage fun to the school campus. The celebration hit a high note with the immensely popular Open Mic event, drawing an enthusiastic crowd to cheer on a stellar lineup of student talent.

The stage came alive with incredible performances from featured bands like Kinda Qualified, captivating solo sets by Ridhima Sandilya and Ruoxian Lim, and an inspiring showcase of other brave souls who took to the microphone. The audience really turned out, creating an electric atmosphere in the atrium that celebrated creativity, courage, and pure musical passion.

The excitement carried right into the dress-up day, which saw a great turnout. Students went all-out, channeling their favourite musicians and iconic recording artists, including the Beatles, Bad Bunny, and 5+ versions of Gerard Way from My Chemical Romance.

To keep the momentum going, Student Voice hosted a series of engaging lunchtime activities. Thrilling games of musical chairs and a high-stakes round of Music Jeopardy brought out everyone's competitive side, sparking plenty of laughter. Meanwhile, students lined up to capture memories at the custom photobooth, thoughtfully designed and crafted by the talented Student Voice Arts Committee.



Between the popular Open Mic, the creative costumes, and the buzzing basketball court games, the "Rock Out" spirit days proved to be a resounding success, highlighting the strength of our school community and the vibrant spirit of our student body.

(Laura Winberg – Humanities & CAS)



NYAA Gold Book Drive – Making a Difference Through Reading

Grade 11 student Aditi Anand is leading a school-wide Book Drive as part of her NYAA Gold Community Leadership Initiative, turning her love of reading into meaningful community action.

Aditi created the initiative to share her passion for books with those who may not have the same access to them, while encouraging the OFS community to give pre-loved books a new home.

Through Share at Door Step (SADS), donated books will be distributed to organisations in need, including RE by The Salvation Army, Willing Hearts and MINDS. The initiative is particularly looking for children's books.

A huge thank you to the OFS Parents Association for helping to promote and support the initiative, and to all our students, families and staff who have already donated books. Your generosity is helping Aditi create a meaningful and positive impact in the wider community.

There is still time to contribute! Look out for the Book Drive collection boxes around school and help us give your pre-loved books another chapter!

(Julia Hodgson – CAS & NYAA Coordinator)



Revving Up for the Future: STEM Racing F1 in Schools Launches!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new extracurricular club: STEM Racing F1 in Schools! Designed to ignite a passion for engineering, design, and teamwork, this exciting program challenges students to step into the shoes of real-world Formula 1 professionals.

From initial 3D computer-aided design (CAD) models to hands-on manufacturing and testing, club members are learning how to transform raw ideas into ultra-fast, miniature F1 cars. Armed with 3D printers, aerodynamic testing tools, and design software, our students are gaining invaluable, real-world STEM skills—all while experiencing the thrill of competitive motorsport.

The stakes are high as we prepare for our biggest challenge yet: the STEM Racing & Denford Competition taking place right here in Singapore this November! We are proud to share that our school will be entering two dedicated student teams into the event.

Both squads are currently hard at work in the workshop, perfecting their aerodynamic bodies, calculating weight distribution, fine-tuning wheel alignment, and building their team branding strategies. On race day, their custom-built cars will be powered down a 20-meter track by compressed air, reaching incredible speeds in just over a second.

67th National School Team Chess Championship 2026

Congratulations to all 119 OFS students from Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle and High School for competing in the 67th National Inter-School Team Chess Championship, held on 12 and 13 September 2026 at Overseas Family School.

In total, 19 OFS High School students scored a fantastic 4 Gold medals becoming the most successful International School.

OFS girls were particularly successful winning gold medals in the international categories for U14 Girls and U16 Girls. Well done Anaisha Kalsi, Kanushi Singhi, Aanya Srivastava, and Avisha Murty. Most successful individual top-scorers for their teams were Vedaant Atreya (5.5 Points) and Arshaan Prakash (4 Points).

Regardless of trophies and medals, OFS is particularly proud of all its students who displayed fantastic sportsmanship, resilience, patience, team work and a passion for the game.

(Dijana Dengler and Philipp Ziegler – Chess Teachers)



How You Can Get Involved:

Building a successful racing team requires more than just engineering—it takes project management, graphic design, marketing, and sponsorship outreach.

- **Cheer On Our Teams:** Follow along with our project updates in upcoming school newsletters as both teams assemble their final prototypes.

- **Sponsorship Opportunities:** If you or your organisation are interested in supporting our young engineers with mentorship or sponsorship, please reach out to our High School Design & Technology department through Mr Bennett.

Wish our two teams the best of luck as they gear up for November!

(Adrian Bennett – Design & Technology)



OFS Tigers

TIGERS OFF AND RUNNING!



The sports season is officially underway, and our Tigers teams are already making their mark on the courts and fields! It is fantastic to see campus filled with smiles and high energy as our coaches motivate our student-athletes to hone their skills and compete in the sports they love.

Our new custom New Balance uniforms are making a fantastic impression on match days, giving our teams a sharp, unified, and professional look that truly reflects the standards of Tigers Athletics. Along with these new kits, we are continually upgrading our infrastructure, from brand-new volleyball poles and nets to brand new equipment, to ensure our athletes have top-tier tools for training and safety. To top it all off, we are thrilled to share that a new turf field is scheduled for installation this summer!



With modern gear, elevated facilities, and committed coaching now in place, our program is fully set up for success. To make this season truly special, we count on the drive and commitment of our athletes on the field, as well as the vibrant support of our parent community in the stands.

Go Tigers!

(Bruce Shang – Head of Athletics)

