



Community Newsletter

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Partnership and Collaboration

We work as one team. We build and maintain a positive school culture through support and encouragement. We communicate, cooperate and collaborate.



Thank you for reading this edition of the TSIS Community Newsletter.

Above is one of our school's four Guiding Principles, collaboratively developed by our teachers and support staff when we reviewed the 'TSIS Values' last year. Partnership and collaboration are at the heart of any successful school and our relationships provide a firm foundation for growing our students into successful global citizens.

In the first quarter of 2023 we have truly enjoyed being able to welcome

family members to our campuses for numerous events including our Sports' Day, TSIS' Got Talent, IGCSE and A Level Options Meetings, Three-Way-Conferences (parents, students & teachers) and community workshops.

Our community workshops were open to parents from TSIS and other schools. With the topic, 'Understanding Your Early Adolescent', the workshops explained the changes taking place in the early adolescent brain and how this impacts our children's behaviour.

It is common for first-time parents to discuss challenges during their child's infant years. However, when parenting an early adolescent, less support is available. After the second session, a group of parents mingled and exchanged challenges for nearly an hour! Participants suggested 'coffee morning' style sessions where they can have a forum for supporting each other as parents trying to navigate the mysteries of raising children in today's modern world.

One of many things we pride ourselves on at TSIS is personalising the schooling experience and being responsive to the unique needs of each child and family. We are acutely aware of the different developmental needs of our students at each stage of their growth. It is this philosophy that has led us to developing an innovative approach to educating and supporting students in Year 7 and Year 8 as they transition to senior school while navigating through early adolescence.

Adolescence is an exciting developmental stage with unique needs. I would welcome the opportunity to meet you at one of our campuses to talk more about what TSIS is doing to educate and develop students at each stage of their learning journey.

Andrew Read
Head of School



Spotlight on Sikhism for our Sikh Students

TSIS's Sikh students follow the Akaal Sahai Curriculum with the main aim of inculcating 'Chardikala' - the ability to remain positive throughout any given circumstance.

At our senior campus, Sikh students start each day with Japji Sahib (prayer). Recently, a Sikh display board was placed outside the school's Gurdwara to share information about upcoming special Sikh events like Gurgurab, Gurgaddi Diwas and Jyoti Jyot Diwas.

Sikh children at our junior campus assemble each morning to begin their day with 5 pauris (verses) of the Japji Sahib. Teachers also share Sakhiyaan (Sikh history) and the reasons behind Sikh traditions like Mathatek (bowing to the holy scripture) and Vand Ke Chakna (helping the needy).

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa
Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh



TSIS' Got Talent

As our school grows, so do the learning programmes that we offer. In August 2022, we introduced a fantastic new Performing Arts programme and TSIS' Got Talent highlighted the love our learners have developed for performing!

Thank you to mums, dads and grandparents who were able to join the audience, helping our teachers make TSIS' Got Talent such an enjoyable and successful event for the girls and boys.



University Offers

Congratulations to Agamjit Singh who is one of our first A level students to receive university offers!

Agamjit has been offered Computer Science at the University of Reading (UK) and Engineering at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has also been offered Information and Communication Engineering at Chulalongkorn University (Thailand).



CONGRATULATIONS AGAMJIT!



We Are Growing!

Our first stage of renovations are nearly complete, new learning programmes are being added to our curriculum, new teachers have been recruited and interest from new families is very strong!

Although the typical 'busy season' for senior schools' admissions has not yet started, our team has been particularly busy communicating with families interested in joining our Bearing Campus between now and August.

At Wongwianyai, next year's Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are already FULL. We suggest that families hoping to enrol their child in our Early Years classes in August 2024 contact us soon!



Awards Assemblies

Senior school students had an awards assembly before the half-term holidays to celebrate their academic, extracurricular and citizenship achievements.

On their first day back, they joined another awards assembly to celebrate achievements during our recent Sports Day.

Congratulations to all recipients!





World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, our junior school learners and teachers dressed up as their favourite book character!

During the day, the girls and boys joined a variety of activities to celebrate books and the joy of reading!

Holi Celebration

Our senior school student council arranged a special activity to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi AND the end of mock exams for IGCSE and A Level students.

As well as its fun colourful side, Holi marks the arrival of spring and is a time to forgive, repair broken relationships and enjoy time with family and friends!



Sea Life Experience

Year 7 students visited Sealife Ocean World at Siam Paragon to support understanding of their recent Science units which have included Environmental Habitats, Classification and Binomial naming.

The highlight of the day was a glass-bottom boat ride around the marine centre's largest tank to view the fish, rays and sharks.

Collaboration

Our teachers collaborate regularly to share good practise, support each other and develop policies and strategies to improve our school.

Recently, teachers have joined sessions to redefine 'Excellent Learning' and identify how excellent learning looks in TSIS classrooms. This will help school leaders to develop our school's strategic plan for the next 2-5 years.



Swimming Parties



Our junior school learners celebrated the end of Term 2 with swimming parties. The girls and boys loved that their homeroom teacher also joined the swimming parties, which were held during each class' PE lessons.

Our Grass Playground

Our junior school students love every minute of play, especially with our new grass that allows them to make the most of outdoor playtime!

Football lines were recently added to the grass for students during breaks and after-school clubs. We are now also discussing the possibility of a weekend sports academy to start in August!





Sports Day!

Our annual Sports Day at our Bearing Campus was a fantastic day for Year 5-13 students, with Blue and White teams battling it out in a number of track and field events. Our Year 5 and 6 students, visiting from Wongwianyai, particularly enjoyed the competitive nature of the day and got into the team spirit very quickly!

Although there were LOTS of laughs and great sportsmanship was displayed throughout the day, students never forgot that they were engaged in a highly competitive and hard-fought battle! In the end, Blue Team were congratulated for being this year's champions!



GBAC Updates

After a very impressive basketball season, the main GBAC sport for Term 2 was football. TSIS students also joined GBAC tournaments for volleyball and badminton.

Our U18 girls and boys competed in highly competitive GBAC volleyball tournaments at SPIP school, with our girls finishing in 3rd place and boys finishing in 4th place. This was a great achievement for all students involved and our under 15 teams look forward to their volleyball tournaments in Term 3.

Many of the season's football matches were played away. However, we were pleased to host home games again after the first stage of campus renovations neared completion in late March. Since the football competition began, Mr. Ryan and our coaches have observed our students' improved teamwork and confidence, enabling them to play much more effectively!



Our Campuses:

- Wongwianyai - Junior School: Pre-Nursery – Year 6 for students aged 2 - 11 years
- Bearing - Senior School: Year 7 – Year 13 for students aged 11 - 18 years