



# Community Newsletter

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## Two Campuses. One School.



It is an exciting time to be a part of the TSIS community! Our school is experiencing very rapid growth and significant investment in resources and planning for future developments are now occurring. What remains is our goal of guiding learners to become truly global citizens, making a positive impact on the world through their character qualities and intellectual competencies.

Our community is pleased to welcome Mr. Wayne Harding as Principal of TSIS Senior School. His role is to oversee day-to-day operations and to monitor and improve teaching and learning to enable every student to achieve the very best results for university applications. As you will see in this newsletter, our senior school team have made a very positive start to the academic year!

The TSIS Guiding Principles, as below, were revised by staff during their orientation in August. A part of our Partnership and Collaboration principle states, "*We work as one team.*" Thank you to parents, students, teachers and members of the wider community for your support because when we unite, we create a positive school culture and maximise opportunities for our students.

Thank you for reading the first edition of our newsletter!

Andrew Read  
Head of School

## We Keep Growing!



When the 2022-23 Academic Year commenced in August, we welcomed nearly 100 new students! We will welcome even more new learners when school reopens, after the half-term holidays, on 25th October!



## Our Guiding Principles:

- **Ambition and Aspiration:** *We aim for excellence in everything we do through reflective practise and a positive growth-mindset.*
- **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.*
- **Integrity and Good Intent:** *We always operate with good intent. We are ethical, honest and empathetic. We are kind in our interactions with others.*
- **Global Citizenship and International-Mindedness:** *We are open-minded about the common humanity of all people. We accept and respect other cultures and beliefs.*

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*Congratulations*  
**IGCSE STUDENTS!**

**Siddh Botadara**  
- 4A\*, 1A

**Yana Mehta**  
- 1A\*, 6A's, 1B

**Lucky Agarwal**  
- 7A\*, 1B

**Janhavi Munot**  
- 3A\*, 4A's, 1B

**Siddhant Chawla**  
- 2A\*, 3A's




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*Congratulations*  
**AS-LEVEL STUDENTS!**

Centre:  
**Rosathorn Singhrakthai**  
- 4A's

Right:  
**Agamjit Singh**  
- 3A's, 1B

Left:  
**Arkash Singh**  
- 1A, 1B




## Congratulations!



"The overall pass rate of TSIS students was well above the UK national average again this year! This is particularly impressive as it was the first time in three years that Cambridge examinations had been conducted on-campus and results were down world-wide.

We know we offer very strong Science and Business options. We have introduced Physical Education as an IGCSE option this year and demand is high. I am looking forward to adding more Humanities and Arts options during the next year to offer an even more balanced exam curriculum to cater for the differing interests and strengths of our students."

- Wayne Harding (New Principal)



## Reception Graduation

Congratulations to our recent Reception graduates who were recognised in a belated ceremony in early September.

We are so proud of these girls and boys who developed good friendships and supported each other during their time in the TSIS Early Years' Centre. The graduates are now continuing their learning journeys in Year 1.

We look forward to resuming Graduation Ceremonies for senior school students in June 2023.



## Staff Orientation

In August, TSIS welcomed 23 new teachers, five new TAs and our new senior school principal to the TSIS community.

All of our teachers joined a four-day orientation and preparation programme to align values, expectations and goals for the 2022-23 Academic Year.



## Welcome Year 6



Year 6 enjoyed their first 'Taster Day' at our senior school!

The focus was Science and with many years of science teaching experience, our new senior school principal, Mr. Wayne, insisted on leading activities so that he could meet our Upper Key Stage 2 students personally.

## Religious Conference

Five of our Sikh students joined the Religious Youth Leadership Conference arranged by the Thai Government's Culture Ministry. Nearly 60 students from various schools represented Sikhism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Christianity,

During the three-day conference, students visited places of worship, starting with Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha (Bangkok's Sikh Temple).





# TSIS News Snapshots



## Prakaash Purab

Our Sikh students celebrated Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Prakaash Purab (Anniversary of the Sikh Holy Book) by performing with students from other schools at the Sikh Temple. They also joined ceremonies at school. During Prakaash Purab, the students who have completed the first year of their Diploma in Sikhism were awarded certificates by the Gurdwara President.

## Senior Student Council

The 2022-23 Senior School Student Council is made up of six Prefects from sixth form and one Class Representative from Years 7-11.

Our Prefects are Janhavi (Head Prefect), Yana (Deputy Head), Tonpan (Publicity), Monroe (Charity), Meili (Environment) and Daksh (Events). They are supported by Thirasak (Y7), Viraj (Y8), Sirita (Y9), Krishiv (Y10) and Anshika (Y11).



## Junior Student Council

The President and Vice-President of our Junior School Student Council are Rawit and Veer respectively (Year 6).

The class representatives are Jirat and Ashika (Year 5), Piyada and Keshav (Year 4), Madesh and Punfun (Year 3) and Faye-Faye and Key (Year 2).



## Field Trips

Our senior school students have enjoyed their first round of field trips at the Bangkok Science Museum, Bangkok Planetarium, Siriraj Medical Museum and the Toyota Factory. As well as educational benefits, the field trips were a good opportunity for our new and continuing students to get to know each other outside of the regular school environment.



## Welcome back Little Lions



Our 2-3 year old 'Little Lions' are loving being at TSIS Junior School! Their typical day includes Arrival/Free Play, Circle Time, Snack Time, Exploration Centres, Outdoor Play, Lunch, Nap and Story Time.

Parents of 'Little Lions' can choose between full or half-day programmes. Our Little Lions team includes Ms. Becky (from the UK), Ms. Arisa and Ms. Pang.

## University Guidance

Since 2020, TSIS graduates have been offered places at universities in the UK, USA, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, South Korea and Thailand.

TSIS is now collaborating with 'Bridge U', a reputable platform to assist students with university searches and applications. Our students also joined the Greater Bangkok Universities Fair with admissions representatives from over 150 universities all around the world!





# T6 Sports & ECAs



## ECAs are Back!

The after-school ECA programmes at our senior and junior campuses have fully resumed.

Our senior school ECAs are led by professional coaches and our teachers. This term's clubs include (in alphabetical order) Basketball, Coding, Dance, Football, Model United Nations (MUN), Performing Arts, Rugby, Sikh Music, Social Impact and Responsibility, Table Tennis, Tennis and Thai Music and Dance.

Junior school students can choose from Badminton, Ballet, Basketball, Cooking, Football, Hip-Hop Dance, Neobots, Swimming, Taekwondo and Volleyball. All of the clubs are led by passionate, professional providers.

Our community knows how fortunate we are to have the facilities which enable us to offer so many options for our students!



## GBAC Basketball Season

The Greater Bangkok Athletic Conference sports (GBAC) has fully resumed. This year, there are 12 schools in the competition including King's College, Verso, Brighton College and Wellington International School. TSIS's six basketball teams have made very impressive starts in their leagues, most notably a current winning streak of four home-games.



## 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

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