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SECONDARY

NEWSLETTER

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Our Vision

To be recognised as a leading provider of education that balances academics with holistic human development, rooted in a caring and community-centric environment.

Our Mission

To balance the individual and the collective in everything we do - providing personalised education suited to the needs of each student while emphasising the importance of collaboration and shared growth.

In doing so, to nurture compassionate, well-balanced young adults with the hard and soft skills necessary to succeed wherever life takes them.



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Dear Secondary Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2!

It is so encouraging to see the excitement and joy in our students as they re-enter our school after the long December break. We are all looking forward to another successful and challenging term where we can continue to grow and make a valuable impact!

To kick off this term's first newsletter, I would like to share a few exciting announcements. First, we welcome our new counsellor to the Straits community. Ms. Tapisha, who introduces herself later in this issue, can be found in the Zen Den, located at the entrance of our Secondary Humanities corridor. We are thrilled to have her join our community! With her vast experience and expertise, we know she will make a wonderful impact in our school.

Secondly, our teachers have been hard at work preparing the curriculum overviews for you to review. These documents are essential as they provide insights into what your children are learning. Please take a moment to review them (available on both Dojo and our school website) and feel free to contact any of our teachers if you have questions about the learning taking place here at Straits. For your convenience, their emails are attached at the end of this newsletter.

This term, we are also focusing on refining our Straits International School – Rawang identity. As noted in Steven's campus principal letter, we are in the process of revamping our motto to better align with our evolving identity. Additionally, the Secondary School learners are working on defining the attributes we would like to see in our students when they graduate, helping to shape the characteristics of a Straits learner. If you have any suggestions, please do reach out!

I would also like to highlight some of the amazing initiatives we are continuing to emphasize in the Secondary.

Our Literacy Focus

As we continue to focus on our literacy here in school, we highly encourage all students to read widely, both at home and at school. Building a strong reading foundation is essential for academic growth and reaching one's full potential.

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Recognition

We continue to celebrate exceptional learning in our student body through our Star of the Week program! Each week, students from all subjects are recognized for their remarkable achievements. This week's winners are listed below—congratulations to all of them for an incredible and committed start to the term!

In addition, students have the opportunity to show their appreciation for their teachers through the Golden Apples initiative. Students can collect Golden Apples from the Head of Secondary office and award them to their teachers when they feel their teacher has gone above and beyond.

Leadership

Our leadership teams are in full swing, with the Friendly Faces and Prefects resuming their duties this week to welcome and support our students. The Secondary and School Councils are already working hard to develop a framework for our new motto and identity. I thank them for their commitment to continuing to build up our community.

Finally, as I am on campus full time from this term, please feel free to reach out to me and I would be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have. I look forward to having fruitful and meaningful discussions with the parent community to continue to impact the learning of your children.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Mitchell'.

Simon Mitchell

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Hello!

My name is Tapisha, and I'm the new school counsellor and designated Deputy Safeguarding Lead here at Straits International School. I am a licensed and registered counsellor with the Board of Counsellors Malaysia (Lembaga Kaunselor Malaysia [LKM]).

I hold a Master's degree in Counselling from Monash University Malaysia and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from HELP University. My experience includes working with individuals with special needs, conducting individual therapy sessions, and delivering workshops, podcasts, and articles for diverse audiences.

At SIS, my role involves conducting talks for students, parents, and teachers, providing individual sessions for students who need extra support, supporting the safeguarding team, and leading the Friendly Faces initiative and co-leading the Future Pathways programme. Each week on the newsletter, I'll be sharing tips, updates, and resources to support your mental health, emotional well-being, and personal growth

Students can find me at the 'Zen Den' in Level 2, Wing A. Parents are welcome to reach out to me via email at t.hardarshan@rawangsisgroup.edu.my with any questions or concerns.

I'm excited to connect with students and families as we work together to create a supportive and enriching experience at SIS!

Warmest Regards,

Tapisha.





PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

ENGLISH

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	First Language English: Students began exploring short stories by studying Freytag's Pyramid. They used what they learned to start planning their own stories, incorporating the key elements of the structure.
	English Second Language: Students focused on the key words of transport systems and created a timeline for the history of transportation.
Y8	First Language English: Students began their exploration of poetry by writing their own poem, playing with language, meaning and expression. They have also started reading A Poison Tree by William Blake.
	English Second Language: Students focused on the key words of advertising and discussed the power of advertisements.
Y9	First Language English: This week, students gave presentations about a book they have recently read and enjoyed. They then spent some time researching the structure and language of poetry.
	English Second Language: Students focused on the key words of medical science and applied in real-life situations.
Y10	First Language English: Students read selected passages and practised various skills, including looking for explicit and implicit ideas, directed writing, and comprehension.
	Literature in English: Students focused on Chapters 14 and 15 of 'Things Fall Apart', with an aim to write a detailed 'SEIZE' paragraph about each chapter.
	English Second Language: Students created a CV for job application in the future.
Y11	First Language English/Literature in English: No lesson due to Mock exams.
	English Second Language: No lesson due to Mock exams.



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MATHEMATICS

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Students used bar model to find equivalent fraction. They also learned to order fractions using multiple methods.
Y8	Students learned on converting fractions to an equivalent decimals. They also learned the difference between terminating and recurring decimals.
Y9	Students learned to find the area and circumference of circles.
Y10	Students learned on expanding 2 and 3 brackets as well as finding the square of binomials.
Y11	The IGCSE Mock exams for 2025 are currently being administered.
Y10 Add Math	Students learned to solve equations involving modulus using algebraic and graphical method.
Y11 Add Math	The IGCSE Mock exams for 2025 are currently being administered.

PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

SCIENCE

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Students learned what a cell is, identify the structures of animal cells, and describe the functions of these structures in both animal and plant cells.
Y8	Students learned the difference between luminous and non-luminous objects and identify materials that transmit varying levels of light.
Y9	Students learnt to calculate density and resultant force.
Y10	Biology - Students investigated the factors that affect the rate of photosynthesis.
	Chemistry - Students learnt 3 ways to separate mixtures and conducted the crystallisation experiment.
	Combined Science - Students explored the electrolysis of dilute and concentrated ionic compound.
	Physics - Students explored properties of solid, liquid and gases.



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SCIENCE

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y11	Biology - The IGCSE Mock exams for 2025 are currently being administered.
	Chemistry - The IGCSE Mock exams for 2025 are currently being administered.
	Combined Science - IGCSE Mock Examination
	Physics - IGCSE Mock Examination

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HUMANITIES

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Enterprise - Students recapped what they have learnt in term 1 and in chapter 2, they learnt about the six stages of the enterprise processes.
	History - Students learned about Confucius and Confucianism.
Y8	Enterprise - Students recapped what they have learnt in term 1 and learnt about the legal controls on marketing to protect consumers.
	History - Students began with the Stuart reign
Y9	Enterprise - Students recapped what they have learnt in term 1 and learnt about the benefits of marketing to customers.
	History - Students started learning about the Power in the early 20th Century/German uprising and fascism

PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

HUMANITIES



Y10	<p>Travel and Tourism: Students had a quiz to recap all they have learned in Unit 2 so far. Then, they were introduced to the factors affecting tourism development, and researched case studies in pairs, making presentations to teach the rest of the class.</p>
	<p>Business - Students recapped what they have learnt in term 1 and practised some past-year questions on government objectives and policies.</p>
	<p>Economics - Students recapped what they have learnt in term 1 and they learnt about the factors of production and the sectors of the economy.</p>
	<p>History - Students revised and continued on aggressive German nationalism responsible for the breakdown in international order in the 1930s.</p>
	<p>GP - Students are actively drafting ideas and resources for their Individual Report</p>
Y11	<p>Travel and Tourism: Students only had one lesson before their Mock exams, which they used to revise for their exams.</p>
	<p>Business - Revision and practice of past-year questions for Mocks.</p>
	<p>Economics - Mocks (no lesson)</p>
	<p>History - Students completed learning about the USSR influence over the eastern bloc states from the end of WW2 until 1989?</p>
	<p>GP - Students are actively drafting ideas and resources for their Individual Report</p>



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

ICT

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	In computing, students learned flowcharts and use of variable in programming.
Y8	In computing, students learned flowcharts and understand how pseudocode used in when designing programs.
Y9	In computing, students learned how to write pseudocode before the real code.
Y10	In ICT, students completed a practical on a simple documentation.
Y11	In ICT, students completed their Mock Examination for Paper 2 and Paper 3.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

MUSIC

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Year 7 students were introduced to their new unit - I've Got Rhythm
Y8	Year 8 students were introduced to their new unit - Variations
Y9	Year 9 students were introduced to their new unit - Popular Music
Y10	Year 10 students explored a piece with five flats.
Y11	-



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

ART

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	In art, students have learned about cultural designs and will use them as inspiration to create their own tile designs.
Y8	In art, students have learned about cultural designs and will use them as inspiration to create their own tile designs.
Y9	In art, students have learned about cultural designs and will use them as inspiration to create their own tile designs.
Y10	In art, students are brainstorming ideas for their chosen topics for Component 1.
Y11	In art, students are preparing for the final stage of Component 1.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

MANDARIN

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Beginner: This week, the Year 7 Mandarin Intermediate class began the topic "Phone Call," focusing on vocabulary essential for making and receiving phone calls, such as common phrases, key terms, and polite expressions used in conversations.
	Advanced: This week, students learned about the concept of faith, read the article 《西方人进教堂东方人进庙》 and then completed related exercises.
Y8	Beginner: This week, students learned vocabulary for sickness, practice describing symptoms, role-play doctor-patient scenarios, and listening comprehension.
	Advanced: This week, the Year 8 Mandarin Advanced class began exploring the topic "Life." They worked on comprehension exercises for two texts: 《生活中的小镜头》 and 《成长故事》, focusing on understanding key themes and messages about daily life and personal growth.
Y9	Beginner: Students explored extra-curricular activities, practiced related vocabulary, discussed preferences, and completed dialogue exercises.
	Advanced: This week, students read articles from 《蔡志忠漫画》 and then completed exercises.

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MANDARIN

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y10	<p>Foreign Language: This week, students read articles about school facilities and then completed exercises.</p>
	<p>Second Language: This week, students read articles about generation gap and then completed exercises.</p>
	<p>First Language: This week, the Year 10 Chinese First Language class explored the theme of "Fairness and Justice." They analyzed the text 《手》 by 萧红, completed comprehension exercises to deepen their understanding, and engaged in a meaningful discussion on the topic of school bullying.</p>
Y11	<p>Foreign Language: The Year 11 students had their IGCSE mock exam.</p>
	<p>Second Language: The Year 11 students had their IGCSE mock exam.</p>
	<p>First Language: The Year 11 First Language Chinese class have their IGCSE mock exam.</p>



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BAHASA

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	This week, students are learning Unit 4:Rutin Sekolah. They will understand and use vocabulary relating to school.
Y8	This week, students are learning Unit 10: Membeli-belah. They will understand and use vocabulary related to shopping.
Y9	This week, students are learning Unit 15: Panduan Arah and expanding their vocabulary related to directions.
Y10	This week, students are learning Unit 22:Cuaca Dunia and expanding their vocabulary related to the world's weather.
Y11	This week, students did not have lessons due to the Mock exams.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Students had a warm up session and introduction to their volleyball and basketball units
Y8	Students had a warm up session and introduction to their volleyball and basketball units
Y9	Students had a warm up session and introduction to their volleyball and basketball units
Y10 & Y11	Students had their first lesson in their chosen pathway. Team sports students played a volleyball match, individual sports students focused on freestyle and breaststroke swimming and healthy living students planned and executed their fun activities.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

EAL (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE)

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Students had a speaking activity about the holidays and wrote a narrative/descriptive essay on how they spent the holidays
Y8	Students learnt the techniques of writing a formal letter and completed an exercise on letter writing
Y9	Students read an article on how New Year is celebrated around the world., learnt new vocabulary words and completed some open-ended questions.
Y10	Students learnt about clothes and fashion. They completed a reading, speaking and listening exercise based on the topic and learn new vocabulary words.
Y11	Involved in IGCSE MOCK Examinations.

SUBJECT STAR OF THE WEEK

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English	Yap Kai Ze (Year 8)
Maths	Kobe (Year 8)
Science	Oviya Sargunan (Year 8)
Humanities	Chan Zhi Yuan (Year 7)
ICT	Samara (Year 7)
Music	KIM BOM (Y10)
Art	LEE CHEN XUAN VENICE (Y8)
Mandarin	LEE YU HAN YEAR 9
Bahasa	Lucas Manuel (Y7)
Physical Education	Charlotte Lim Xuen (Y10)



NO MEDICINE WITH STUDENTS

**ALL MEDICINE IN SCHOOL - PRESCRIBED AND
NON-PRESCRIBED - MUST BE ADMINISTERED
BY OUR NURSE, AND NOT SELF-ADMINISTERED
BY STUDENTS.**

PLEASE LIAISE DIRECTLY WITH NURSE YAU IF YOUR
CHILD NEEDS TO TAKE MEDICINE IN SCHOOL.





EXAMS - IMPORTANT DATES 2024/2025

Date	Events
30th Sept - 4th Oct 2024	TERM 1 MINOR ASSESSMENTS
25th - 29th Nov 2024	END OF TERM 1 ASSESSMENTS
8th - 21st Jan 2025	IGCSE MOCK
3rd - 7th Feb 2025	TERM 2 MINOR ASSESSMENTS
24th - 28th Mar 2025	END OF TERM 2 ASSESSMENTS
13th - 19th May 2025	TERM 3 MINOR ASSESSMENTS
16th - 26th June 2025	END OF TERM 3 ASSESSMENTS

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