



ICTUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter Academic Year 24/25 Term 2 ISth December 2024



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Singapore

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations to both you and your children for working your way through an incredibly busy week. I hope you were able to join us during one of the three Key Stage Christmas Concerts and enjoyed the variety of acts on offer. I was amazed by the myriad of talents and the quality of our vocalists, gymnasts, musicians, and theatrical productions on show. Thank you again for being the audience for the concerts which made the concerts even more worthwhile for the children. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Carols in the basement area this afternoon. This opportunity provided us with a festive hiatus to the second term, listing the spirits of all present before the winter break.

As you are aware, we have decided to change our recommended school bus provider from NewGen to RushOwl from the beginning of Term 3 (6th January). The main reasons for this change are that RushOwl has a much newer fleet of vehicles and added safety features including onboard CCTV and location tracking through their App. Please read the flyer on the next page which outlines further details of their service, including how to register for the second online information session scheduled for later today (15th of November). Please note that this change of preferred provider will not increase the bus charges this academic year.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your families and friends.

See you in 2025.





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New School Bus Service (from 6 Jan 2025) - RushOwl



Dear Parents/Guardians,

To align all Invictus campuses with the same bus operator, we will be moving towards RushOwl on 6 Jan 2025. Please sign up for the new bus service by scanning the QR code on the below.



Keeping In Touch with Your Child's Learning

The school strives to keep parents informed about their child's learning whilst balancing our teacher's priorities. A reminder that tutors and subject-teachers are always available, and aim to respond to parent emails within 48-hours, however the following are two ways you can immediately keep up-to-date with your child's learning.

Weekly Subject content

Reminding children of learning, and pre-teaching key terms or ideas, has been shown to be beneficial, so we've put together a summary of upcoming content for each class here: <u>Parent-Shared</u>



Academics

ECAs

Tuesday, 7th of January 2025 (6pm)	Sign-ups for ECAs commence
Monday, 20th of January 2025 (midnight)	Sign-ups for ECAs ends
Tuesday, 21st of January 2025	Parents to receive ECA confirmation
Monday, 3rd of February 2025	ECAs to commence (Week 5)

Enrichment

Enrichment will begin in **Week 2** on Thursday, 9th January 2025. Students who were invited for enrichment class in Term 2 <u>will continue attending</u> the sessions in Term 3, unless an email has been sent, informing that their participation is no longer required. Please take note that enrichment classes are <u>by invitation</u> only.



Academics

Homework

Please take note that homework will only be given out from Week 2 onwards of Term 3.

Term 3 Curriculum Letters

Curriculum Letters outlining next term's subject content are available <u>here</u> for your perusal.

Mid-term Academic Reports

Your child's mid-term academic report is now available on Qoqolo. Parents, if you have withdraw your child from the school where they will not be returning in Term 3, please take note that you will still be able to access Qoqolo until the 31st of January to view and download their report. <u>After the 31st of January, you will no longer have access to Qoqolo.</u> Therefore, please ensure you download your child's report before this date.



Core Values



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Resilience Persevere through challenges and setbacks **Responsibility** Take ownership of your commitments and duties Empathy Understand and care for others E

Excellence Strive for your best

Student-Parent Handbook

Dear Parents,

The Student-Parent Handbook is an invaluable resource, providing essential details on school policies, core values, student expectations, communication procedures, and much more.

By staying informed, we can all work together to create the best possible learning environment for your child! Download the handbook today using the link below and be prepared for a great academic year ahead!

Download the Student-Parent Handbook HERE

Invictus Uniform Sale

Invictus International School has discounted its remaining uniform stock by **50%**. The Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah have agreed to distribute pre-ordered uniform between 15:30 and 16:30, Monday to Friday at our Bukit Timah campus. If you wish to purchase items, please reach out to Ms Hidaya on Tel: 69718210.

Discounted uniform prices are as follows:

Polo Shirt: Usual price: \$24, Now: \$12 Shorts/Skorts: Usual price: \$23, Now: \$11.50 PE Top: Usual price: \$23, Now: \$11.50 PE Shorts: Usual price: \$23, Now: \$11.50 Hoodie: Usual price: \$50, Now: \$25

Please note: Purchases can only be made in cash.

Uniform reminders

Uniform - All students should be wearing their Invictus uniform

Black shoes (Not Vans/Trainers etc)

Grey Invictus Skort/shorts

Blue Invictus Polo

White socks

PE days & Fridays - House colour t-shirt, Invictus PE shorts and trainers are allowed.

Every day- Invictus cap or bucket style hat for outdoor play.

Please note that as per school tradition, students are invited to wear their house shirts on a Friday regardless of curriculum activity as we are encouraging Fridays as a day for house competitions in the near future.

School Uniform



PE Uniform



Please note a slight change to our uniform rules: Full PE uniform can now be worn on Fridays and not just the House top with school uniform as in the past. We are aware that some students prefer a cotton based shirt.

Please note that Lim's are in agreeance to accommodating this by manufacturing a cotton version in the same style .

They require a minimum order of 5 but can make for example

3 in one size and 2 in a larger size.

Please process directly with Lim's;

Lim's Uniform

Address: 211 Holland Avenue, Holland Rd, #02-18 Shopping Centre, 278967

Opening Hours: Mon - Sat 10.30am to 7.15pm

Sun 10.30am to 6.15pm

House Updates



Civets 276 angolins²310

Hornbills 267

Otters 255

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mr Cooper Principal



Deputy Principal



Assistant Head Academic KS2 Lead



Assistant Head Pastoral Year 3A Form Teacher



Head of PE & Sport Mr Zulhilmi



Dr King Key Stage 3 Lead Head of Science



Head of Music Mrs Zhang

Invictus International School Bukit Timah







Year 5B Form Teacher



Ms Stewart Year 8A Form & English Teacher



Ms Liu Year 2A Form Teacher



& Chinese Teacher



Mr Karunakaran Year 6A Form & Math Teacher



Mrs Lee Year 9A Form Teacher



Ms Khyati Year 2B Form Teacher



Mrs Zhang Year 4B Form & Music Teacher



Mrs Ferraz Year 6B Form Teacher



Ms Wang Chinese Teacher

Ms Joachim Year 3A Form Teacher



Ms Aastha Year 5A Form Teacher



Mr Tiui Year 7A Form & Arts Teacher



Mr Spencer Science Teacher

Invictus International School Bukit Timah Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team



Ms Florence



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kalaihselvan



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Makose





Ms Devi



Ms Cheryl

At the end of the calendar year, as an International School, we are used to saying goodbye to pupils and staff, but we look forward to greeting the new members of our community joining us in January. We wish the following members of staff all the best in their future endeavours.

Miss Harshini

Miss Robin



Is the longest-serving Teaching Assistant at school, and over the past 3 years has filled our Year 2 classrooms with joy and positivity. She has a good eye for recognizing every child's need and has developed great relationships with our pupils. We wish you well with your studies and hope to see you leading your own class in the future.



Teaching is an extension of Robin's willingness to help people reach their potential and enjoy the journey along the way. The joy she receives from supporting others when they need help the most is the result of understanding people through humour and uncompromising honesty. We wish her and her family a safe transition.

Mr Zul



Zul leaves us having made a huge impact on sport within the school. The highlight was our inaugural Sports Day which has established a new marker for competition and inclusivity. His expansion of sports venues and development of the ECA programme mean that the school now offers a greater variety and quality of provision than before he joined us. Thank you for leaving your mark Zul, and we know you'll take your organisation, pride and leadership into your future military career.





Joe has been a brilliant part of the Science team this year, but was sadly only a temporary appointment as we awaited our new permanent science teacher. His laboratory has been an enthusiastic and caring scientific space, and all students have benefited from Joe being such an active part of our school community. We will miss him next term! Stay in touch Joe! After more than 4 years with the school, I am also saying my final goodbyes. I will look back this ³ Christmas and perhaps phone some of my former colleagues to say goodbye personally. We will no doubt recollect some of our favourite memories: the inspirational ones like Miss Rainalter's impeccable Chinese New Year events, or Miss Richards' insistence on quality teaching, or perhaps the amusing ones, like Mr Belcher's insistence on three-piece suits regardless of the weather.

For those of the parent body who have been with us over the years, you will have your own memories of how the school has developed from the small team of staff, and the 70 pupils or so we consisted of in August 2020–Mr Tiui will even be able to recall the few months before this point–but most importantly, you will know the mark that the school has made on your children. As a parent of a Perse and then Invictus child myself, it will be the constant enthusiasm and priority given by the teachers for the wellbeing of their pupils which stand out for me. The daily and determined efforts which have surely helped my son become the positive and independent person he now is.

I wish the school and our pupils the very best, and feel satisfied that I leave it in the capable hands of Mr Cooper and the staff team who I have had the great privilege of working alongside.

Mr Morse





Pastoral

Our Head Students and Student Council members welcomed residents and staff from Pearl's Hill Care Home on the 10th of December. It was a memorable and enjoyable occasion as our students whisked our residents on a school tour which was followed by lunch and performances. A special thank you to Bonnie, who played the cello for the residents.













Pastoral

Our KS1 and KS2 Art Sale was a great success in raising funds for Pearl's Hill Care Home. Thank you to Mr Tiui and Ms Mei in guiding children in their artwork. Students were proud to see their pieces displayed in the MPH. We raised a total of \$1590. Thank you for your support!









Tanglin Mall Performance

Last weekend, Invictus students from Bukit Timah, Centrium Square, and Dempsey Hill campuses lit up the stage at Tanglin Mall with a spectacular showcase of song and dance! A huge thank you to everyone who came to support and celebrate their performances!



Santa's Y1 & Y2 Visit





Over the last two weeks, our students have been working on an artwork with Mr Tiui in their art lessons. These items were exhibited this morning and sold to raise funds for Pearl's Hill Care Home. Our Year 6 created art inspired by the American artist Jean Basquiat in their use of collage, stitching, negative space and mixed media to create their own unique interpretation of expressionist art!



Winter Concert



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Spelling Bee Competition 2024-25

We are excited to announce the GLOBAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION: 2024-25 Edition — an international spelling challenge where over 75 countries' children will compete for the title. This is the perfect opportunity for young learners aged 5 to 19 years (from KG to Grade 12) to showcase their English abilities on a global stage.

Enrolment Fees: INR 200/- per participant (E-book(study words) + Mock Tests) Pattern: 35 Questions (80 Points – Prelim Round) Examination Format: ONLINE (Prelim, Quarter-Final, Semi-Final) World Finals - OFFLINE - at DUBAI, UAE Dates for LEVEL 1 (Prelim): 10 Jan to 16 Jan 2025 Last Date for Registration: 13 December, 2024

Join the Global Challenge!

We invite your child/children to participate in this exciting and educational event. It's not just about spelling — it's about building confidence, gaining global exposure, and being part of something bigger.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for your child to shine on the global stage!

Sign up today! Please email Ms. Stewart for further details – rosie.stewart@invictus.edu.sg



Invictus Virtual STEAM Fair (Centrium Square)

We are excited to announce that Invictus International School, Centrium Square Campus will be hosting our inaugural Virtual STEAM Fair this year! This event will provide an excellent opportunity for our students to explore, create, and showcase their talents in the STEAM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics).

The Virtual STEAM Fair will take place in May 2025, and we would like to invite all students to participate in this exciting event. The theme this year is Play! To Infinity and Beyond! The fair will not only give students a platform to demonstrate their innovative projects and ideas but also encourage them to think critically and creatively in these key fields, while pondering over their role in sustainability and responsible toy ownership.

How Can Students Participate?

This event is open to all students from Year 1 - Year 9 of Invictus International School Singapore and Malaysia. Registration opens from 2nd December 2024 - 31st January 2025. All projects will be submitted digitally, and students will have the chance to present their work to their peers, teachers, and the Invictus community in an online event format. This is an exciting opportunity for students to share their passions, receive feedback, and inspire others.

Invictus Virtual STEAM Fair (Centrium Square)

How to Get Involved?

Please encourage your child to start thinking about their project idea and register for the fair by 31st January 2025.

REGISTRATION LINK

We are looking forward to seeing the incredible projects that our students will create, and we hope to see many of our students participating in this enriching experience. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the event coordinators below:

Ms. Evelyn Chiah (Secondary) evelyn.chiah@invictus.edu.sg

Ms. Cassandra Victor (Primary) cassandra.victor@invictus.edu.sg

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating the creativity and ingenuity of our students at the Invictus Virtual STEAM Fair!

Play Beyond - Empowering Play, Sustaining Tomorrow

We are proud to announce a partnership with Play Beyond, providing a platform for children and families to contribute to a sustainable future with an option to donate or sell toys they have outgrown.

In January, Play Beyond will join us in our school to share more details with the children regarding their purpose in setting up Play Beyond and we will have a toy collection drive in our school.

For now, please visit their website as there is an option to donate used toys to Red Cross or sell them as well. On their website, there is a list of toys for sale, which might catch your child's eyes. What a better way to declutter outgrown toys especially with Christmas round the corner. Website: <u>https://www.playbeyond.co/</u>



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The school is situated on a quiet one-way road, but it's important that children are aware of our expectations regarding safe departure and arrival. To this end, pupils will receive their annual reminder regarding road safety next week from their tutors. The school has previously contacted the local authority regarding traffic calming options, but has been unsuccessful. We encourage parents to appeal should they wish to see signage or similar installed.

Parents are similarly encouraged to ensure pupils cross safely from the dismissal ramp, and walk only along the pavements. Younger children seeing safe use of roads is important for building their independence.









Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to welcome you to another exciting school year! Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we look forward to partnering with you in creating a vibrant and supportive environment for our children.

Become a Part of the Friends of Invictus BT Parents Community!

We welcome all parents to join the Friends of Invictus BT. Whether you're available for occasional support or would like to become a permanent member of the PTA, your involvement is valued and flexible to suit your schedule. To express your interest, simply email us at **friendsofibt@invictus.edu.sg**. A member of our team will reach out to you shortly to discuss any further details. We look forward to having you with us!

Please use the QR code to join our fantastic community!

Together, we can achieve great things and make this year memorable.

Warm regards, The FOIBT Team

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your child have been enjoying your time at Invictus Bukit Timah! Your feedback is invaluable to us and helps other families make the right choice for their child's education.

If you have had a positive experience with us, we would love to hear about it! Please take a moment to leave a Google review and share what you love about our school. Your kind words can make a big difference!

Click Here to Leave a Google Review

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community!

Review us on Google

Medical Matters

Health Reminders:

- Ensure your *child's immunizations* are all up to date.
- Advocate **good hygiene habits** to prevent the spread of illness and infections.
- Establish a *bedtime and wake up time* to ensure adequate and consistent sleep.
- Eat *breakfast* each day at home or at school.
- Assist in making *appropriate clothing choices* daily.
- Develop a *routine for homework* and after school activities.
- Keep an open line of communication with your child to ensure that he / she remains safe at school. If a concern arises, do not hesitate to contact the appropriate school officials immediately.
- If your child has a *health concern*, make it known to the school and school nurse.

Do not hesitate to contact the school nurse if you have any clarifications and concerns via email, **schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg** Kindly take note of the following school protocols and important medical information via this links:

School Protocol and Information

Nut Free Policy Letter



Thank you for helping us grow! REFER A STUDENT AND GET REWARDED*!



*Terms & Conditions apply

SGD 500 for every student

as of January 2024



https://www.invictus.edu.sg/about-us/invictus-referral-programme

Key Contacts

Safeguarding: <u>safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg</u> (Please call 999 for any urgent safeguard matter)

For subject teacher and curriculum matters, please email the form tutor directly, the key stage lead or subject teacher.

Please contact <u>admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg</u> for any urgent appointments required or call the school at Tel: 6971 8210.

Please use the following contacts for any of these areas: Admissions: admissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg General Queries: receptionist.bt@invictus.edu.sg School nurse: schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg Student Services: studentadmissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg

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