



Academic Year 24/25 Term 3 24th January 2025 6:

Singapore

# **Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Week 3 of Term 3 has been another incredibly busy week with several activities celebrating Chinese culture and the fast-approaching Chinese New Year of the Snake. Some parents joined our students in the preparation and cooking of both dumplings and tang yuan which were delicious. We have also focused on the Chinese New Year during this week's assemblies which provided us with another opportunity to share the talents of our students.

We are now in the final logistical stages of setting up ECA's for the next two terms. Please note that the new ECA programme will start immediately after the Chinese New Year break on Monday 3rd of February. Another gentle reminder that Tuesday 28th of January will be a half-day and that we will dismiss children at Noon that day, and that the school will be closed from Wednesday the 29th to Friday the 31st of January.

Please note the forthcoming parent drop-ins scheduled between Tuesday the 4th and Thursday the 6th of February for Years 1-6. Additionally, please note the Cambridge International Checkpoints parent information session via Google Meet is scheduled for Thursday the 13th of February.

Wishing you all a well-deserved weekend break and a very Happy Chinese New Year of the Snake.

Best regards,



Craig

# Academics

#### Term 3 Parent Drop-ins

We would like to welcome you to our Term 3 Parent Drop-ins. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to share their learning with you, for you to see a snapshot of their classroom culture, and the work they have achieved so far this term.

Each child may have <u>up to two guests</u> visit. We ask that <u>if you are not able to visit your child's class, please email</u> <u>your child's form tutor</u>, and they will arrange for a student buddy or teacher representative to attend on your behalf. When you visit, a staff member will be available at reception to help you sign in and receive a lanyard before directing you to your child's classroom. At the end of the session, we ask that you return the lanyard and sign out.

We look forward to welcoming you on the following days:

	Time	Year Group
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> of February	8:30 – 9:00 am	Year 3, 5
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> of February	8:30 – 9:00 am	Year 4, 6
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> of February	8:30 – 9:00 am	Year 1, 2

For our Key Stage 3 students, instead of Parent Drop-ins, students will review their learning progress this term and create a slide to contribute to a collaborative deck. This deck will be shared with parents, providing an opportunity for students to showcase the independent learning they engage in daily at school.

# Academics

### Year 6 and 9 Cambridge Checkpoint Parent Information Session

We are pleased to invite you to an informative briefing on the Cambridge Checkpoint Examinations. This session aims to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the Checkpoint assessments and our school's approach to preparing students for them.

Date:	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> of February	
Time:	3:30 – 4:15 pm	
Venue:	Online via <u>Google Meet</u>	
	*Closer to date, a reminder will be sent with the meeting link again.	

Your participation is highly encouraged as it will enable you to support your child's learning journey effectively. Please complete the <u>Google Form</u> (click to access the form) indicating whether you <u>will/will not be able to</u> attend the briefing. Please confirm your attendance by **Tuesday**, **28**<sup>th</sup> **of January**, **2025**.



# Academics

Homework

Please take note that in Week 4, during our 1.5-day school week, no homework will be given out.

### **Term 3 Curriculum Letters**

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

### Subject Content

You may access the weekly subject content <u>here</u> to see what your child has learned this week and will be learning next week.

### 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.



### Core Values

## **Invictus Values**

C

Commitment In taking ownership of our responsibilities and duties



Aspiration In achieving our best **Resilience** In persevering through our

challenges

and setbacks

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E

**Empathy** In understanding, respecting, and showing concern for others

### **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

# **Weekly House Updates**



Civets 265 Pangolins 172 Hornbills 174

Otters 192

## Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Lu Assistant Principal Academic



Key Stage 1 Lead





Mr Cooper Principal



Mrs Lee Key Stage 2 Lead





Ms Joachim Assistant Principal Pastoral



Dr King Key Stage 3 Lead & Head of Science



Head of Music Mrs Zhang

## Invictus International School Bukit Timah













Ms Liu Year 2A Form Teacher

Ms Jing Year 4A Form & Chinese Teacher



Ms Fan Chinese Teacher





Ms Khyati Year 2B Form Teacher

Mrs Zhang

Music Teacher

Mr Jimmy Oh

Year 6B Form Teacher

Ms Wang

**Chinese Teacher** 



Ms Swigin English & Topic Teacher



Mr Karunakaran Year 6A Form & Maths Teacher



Ms Aastha Year 5A Form Teacher



Mr Tiui Year 7A Form & Art Teacher

Mr Chong Science Teacher

## Invictus International School Bukit Timah Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team



Ms Florence



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Cai



Ms Devi



Ms Cheryl



#### **Chinese New Year Cooking Sessions**

Over the last few days, our dining hall has been buzzing with excitement from both students and adults. Our students have enjoyed preparing and cooking dumplings and tang yuan and they could not stop talking about this experience throughout the week. Thank you to our parent volunteers who joined us. We are always happy to collaborate with families!





#### Chinese New Year Cooking Sessions



# Pastoral

#### Parent Workshops

In week 6, teachers across year levels will be running parent workshops with a focus on English and Mandarin subjects. You will receive an email with details regarding each workshop on the 24th of January. To register, scan the QR code and fill in the Google Form. Please ensure you select the correct workshop as there will be three different workshops running concurrently on most days. We look forward to seeing you in our parent workshops.

QR code for Google Form registration.





# **Physical Education**

#### Swimming Lessons (Year 1,2,3,7,8 & 9)

Swimming lessons will commence on the 3rd of February, following the Chinese New Year break, and will run until the 21st of March, spanning 7 weeks. Currently, the students are participating in offsite PE lessons for approximately 3 to 3.5 weeks while we wait for swimming lessons to commence.

#### Offsite PE Lessons (Year 4,5 & 6)

Students in Years 4, 5, and 6 will not be participating in swimming lessons this term. Instead, they will continue to with their PE lessons offsite at the field.

#### **Additional Notes**

With the weather heating up, keeping our students hydrated during PE lessons is a top priority. Water bottles would be mandatory for all PE lessons. For those with regular field activities, a thermal water bottle is highly recommended to ensure they stay cool and refreshed throughout their sessions.

# **Physical Education**

PE -Basketball Court Schedule for Year 1 to 3 Term 3 2024/2025		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Mondays [11.20-12.40pm]	Wednesdays [1.40-2.40pm]	Thursdays [10.20-11.20am]
06/01/25	08/01/25	09/01/25
13/01/25	15/01/25	16/01/25
20/01/25	22/01/25	23/01/25
27/01/25		
PE -Swimming Schedule for Year 1 to 3 Term 3 2024/2024		
Year 1 (20s Bus)	Year 2 (40s Bus)	Year 3 (40s Bus)
Mondays [11.20-12.40pm]	Wednesdays [1.40-2.40pm]	Thursdays [10.20-11.20am]
Bus Arrival Time: 11.20am	Bus Arrival Time: 1.40pm	Bus Arrival Time: 10.20am
Fetching Time: 12.20pm	Fetching Time: 2.20pm	Fetching Time: 11.05am
03/02/25	05/02/25	06/02/25
10/02/25	12/02/25	13/02/25
17/02/25	19/02/25	20/02/25
24/02/25	26/02/25	27/02/25
03/03/25	05/03/25	06/03/25
10/03/25	12/03/25	13/03/25
17/03/25	19/03/25	20/03/25

PE -Field Schedule for Year 7 to 9 Term 3 2024/2025			
Year 7,8,9 (40s Bus)			
Fridays [1.40-3pm]			
	10/01/25		
	17/01/25		
	24/01/25		
PE -Swimming Schedule for Year 7 to 9 Term 3 2024/2025			
Year 7,8,9 (40s Bus)			
Fridays [1.40-3pm]			
	07/02/25		
	14/02/25		
	21/02/25		
	28/02/25		
	07/03/25		
	14/03/25		
	21/03/25		

# **Physical Education**

PE -Field Schedule for Year 4 to 6 Term 3 2024/2025				
Year 6	Year 4 Year 5			
Tuesday [12.00-1.20pm]	Thursday [1.40-3.00pm]	Friday [9.00-10.20am]		
7/1/2025	9/1/2025	10/1/2025		
14/1/2025	16/1/2025	17/1/2025		
21/1/2025	23/1/2025	24/1/2025		
28/1/2025	06/02/25	07/02/25		
4/2/2025	13/2/2025	14/2/2025		
11/2/2025	20/2/2025	21/2/2025		
18/2/2025	27/2/2025	28/2/2025		
25/2/2025	6/3/2025	7/3/2025		
4/3/2025	13/3/2025	14/3/2025		
11/3/2025	20/3/2025	21/3/2025		
18/3/2025				



#### Instrumental Music Programme (IMP)

Did you know that our students can learn a musical instrument right here on campus on our in-house Instrumental Music Programme (IMP for short!). Our partnering music education company, McKee Music Pte Ltd, offers weekly lessons on piano, singing, guitar/ukulele, violin, drums, and more. Their teaching team are some of the finest musicians & educators in Singapore, so we encourage you to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to learn from the best!

One-to-one instrumental music lessons are 30 minutes per week and fees are \$55 per lesson, billed termly. If you have any questions you can also email our IMP coordinator, Duncan McKee, directly at duncan@mckeemusic.com.sg and he will be happy to help answer any of your questions.

If you would like to find out more, register your interest here: <u>https://www.mckeemusic.com.sg/registration</u>



# **Celebrating Chinese New Year**



Last week, selected students from Years 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 had the wonderful opportunity to perform at Tanglin Mall in celebration of Chinese New Year. It was a memorable event, and the students did an excellent job, showcasing their talent and hard work.

We hope this experience helped to build their confidence and provided them with a sense of accomplishment.

Wishing you all a joyful and prosperous Chinese New Year!



# **Chinese New Year Assembly**



Year 2A FCL Doing a sing along "新年 好 xin nian hao"

Year 1A FCL Performing a dance to the song "过新年guo xin nian"



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# 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!

## <u> Play Beyond - Empowering Play, Sustaining Tomorrow</u>

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>



Sustainable Play, Circular Savings



Hassle-free Decluttering, Positive Impact



Great Deals, Quality Assured





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.





#### 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: <a href="mailto:safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg">safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg</a> (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: <u>admissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg</u> General Queries: <u>receptionist.bt@invictus.edu.sg</u> School nurse: <u>schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg</u> Student Services: <u>studentadmissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg</u>

## **Social Media**





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