



Weekly Newsletter Academic Year 24/25 Term 1 6th September 2024

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's already the end of our third full week, throughout which we continued to see excellent levels of student attendance, allowing us to move quickly through curriculum content. At the beginning of this week, we welcomed our visitors from Larrakeyah Primary School, Australia. The Larrakeyah students and Invictus students have been working collaboratively on projects for over a year, which culminated in artwork presented to the High Commissioner, Mr. Allaster Cox, at the Australian High Commission on Wednesday of this week. During our visit, students from both schools were given a presentation on the work of the High Commission and how this work significantly benefits both Singapore and Australia. The commissioner later took questions from students from both schools for almost an hour, as we learned what it's like to be a High Commissioner.

On Thursday of this week our Year 6 students visited the zoo with the Larrakeyah students, visiting the seals, butterfly enclosure, bird sanctuary, kidzone, and various animal enclosures. Concurrently throughout the week, our Bollywood dancers have been rehearsing their performance which was professionally recorded today by a videographer and will be shared in the coming weeks. We hope our relationship with Larrakeyah Primary School continues to flourish and that Invictus Bukit Timah students will take up the invitation to visit Australia in the near future. For now our Larrakeyah friends are preparing to fly back to Australia early tomorrow morning and we wish them a swift and safe journey home.

Again, in case you missed it please click HERE to access a PDF of our 2023/2024 Yearbook. Please note that a limited number of hard copies are available from our reception. Can we ask that we collect only one copy per family, please.

Wishing you a restful weekend and some quality time with your family before the next school week.



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Ms Poh Year 3B Form Teacher



Ms Neo Year 5B Form Teacher



Ms Stewart Year 8A Form & English Teacher



Ms Liu Year 2A Form Teacher



Year 4A Form & 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

Core Values

Invictus 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

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

Academic and Pastoral

Partnership with The Other Clinic

Invictus International School is pleased to announce the continuation of their partnership with The Other Clinic (TOC) to provide counselling and psychological services to students on the school premises.

TOC offers high quality psychological services in Singapore and internationally. They are an open and friendly team of counsellors and psychologists, experienced in supporting mental wellness across the age span (children, adolescents and adults), and catering to a broad range of mental health and developmental issues. They have long-established partnerships with various international schools in Singapore and across Southeast Asia and work closely with teachers and health professionals to promote the well-being of their clients.

For further information please see the TOC website: https://theotherclinic.sg/about-us/

Counselling services at Invictus International School will be provided by Lynne Atherton and parents will be able to find out more information and book sessions for their children by contacting Diana or Janice on hello@theotherclinic.sg or on +65 8809 0659.





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parental Drop-Ins: Parents, or up-to 2 adults are invited to the pupils' classrooms during the week of the 9th September from 8.25-9:00, and 14:30:15:00 for Year 1 and 2. Mrs Shaw has adapted the timetable for KS1 to better support the children's transition home. Pupils feeling their parents are able to take part in, and interested in their learning leads to improved outcomes and wellbeing. Please try to take the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and share their enthusiasm for their learning. When arriving at school, there will be a staff member available to help you sign in. IF you are unable to attend your child's parental drop-in, please let their form tutor know so that a 'big buddy' can be assigned to your child.

Monday 9th (8.25-9.00): Year 6

Tuesday 10th am (8.25-9.00): Year 8 and 5

Wednesday 11th am (8.25-9.00): Year 7 and 4

Thursday 12th am (8.25-9.00): Year 9 and 3

Thursday 13th (14:20-15:00): Year 1 and Year 2

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Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent teacher conferences will be happening in October!

When? 1st to 11th of October

- On Monday/Wednesday/Friday, PTCs will be online
- On Tuesday/Thursday, PTCs will be face-to-face in school

For this term,

KS1 - Parent Teacher Conferences will be to meet with the form tutors.

KS2/KS3 - Parent Teacher Conferences will be for the core subjects: Maths and English. You will need to book a timeslot. As for other subjects such as Chinese, Science, Art, Global Perspectives, Topic, Music and PE, teachers will be available for a meet/greet/chat on Tuesday (1st of October and 8th of October) between 3.15 - 5.30pm <u>in</u> <u>school</u>. This will not require a booking - you may just drop by as specialist teachers will be available.

*More details (including instructions on how to book) will be sent out next Tuesday, 10th of September via Tuesday Parent Communication.

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>

Term 1 Curriculum Letter

Curriculum letters outline the topics that will be covered by each year group in each subject during term 1. These will be available on this link from Tuesday afternoon: <u>Parent-Shared</u> T1 Curriculum Letters.

House Updates



Wow, so many points! Well done for each and every house point that you added in week 4!

Key Stage News

Our Key Stage One students have been demonstrating the school values in all areas of the curriculum. Though hands-on learning experiences, our youngest learners have demonstrated they are more than ready to take on challenges thrown their way. They have shown Empathy when working in teams, listening to one another's ideas, **Resilience** when problem solving and working on challenging tasks. They have shown that they are **Responsible** classmates and **Excellent** learners who are proud of the work they have accomplished. The students are very excited to share their learning with friends and family visiting next week for 'Parent Pop Ins.'





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



Road to Healthier Teeth!

We are pleased to inform you that Pure NZ Dental will be conducting a complimentary (free) dental screening for students at our school. This screening is designed to help identify any potential dental issues early and promote good oral health habits.

Details of the Dental Screening: Date: **8th October 2024, Tuesday** Time: **9am onwards**

Kindly fill up this <u>consent form</u> to indicate that you have consented your child / ward to attend the dental screening and submit your consent form by the 11th of September 2024, Monday. More information about the dental screening can also be found on this form.

Do not hesitate to contact the school nurse if you have any clarifications and concerns via email, **schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg**



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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: studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg

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