



Weekly Newsletter Academic Year 24/25 Term 1 13th September 2024

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# Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we hosted parent drop-ins and the attendance levels of parents were very high. It was wonderful to see so many parents engaging with their children's learning, whilst taking the opportunity to look at exercise books and visit classrooms. Thank you for your continued support of this initiative and the valuable feedback we have received.

On Wednesday of this week, we held our first fire drill of the academic year. Our students remained calm and orderly as we moved to the muster point before a full headcount. I'm happy to report that the school was evacuated within the stipulated time frame and the successful drill met all safety requirements.

I have recently made contact with the Executive Engineer for the Deputy Director of Traffic Schemes Design Development with LTA Service via their link: <a href="https://onemotoring.lta.gov.sg/content/onemotoring/home/topwebsite/contact-us.html">https://onemotoring.lta.gov.sg/content/onemotoring/home/topwebsite/contact-us.html</a> Please feel free to raise your concerns through the link if you wish. I have already communicated our concerns with the lack of road safety signs and road markings warning traffic of the school and the likelihood of children crossing the road. The LTA has responded to say that they are now looking into our concerns with the aim of visiting the site in the coming weeks. I will keep the community updated on our progress and hope to report that the necessary improvements will be made to calm traffic very soon.

#### What's Ahead

Please encourage your child to express an interest in the student leadership opportunities that will be advertised in the coming weeks.
Please also look out for the Invictus BT Carnival event scheduled for the 4th October.

Wishing you a restful weekend and a happy Mid-Autumn Festival on the 17th September to those families that celebrate it.



## Invictus International School Bukit Timah



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Ms Stewart Year 8A Form & English Teacher



Ms Liu Year 2A Form Teacher



Ms Jing Year 4A Form & Chinese Tea<u>cher</u>



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

## 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

# **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

# <u>Academic and Pastoral</u>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 in the MPH

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 in school. This will not require a booking - you may just drop by as specialist teachers will be available.

\*Step-by-step instructions on how to book an appointment were sent out on Tuesday, 10th of September via Tuesday's Parent Communication. Please refer to the instructions for assistance on booking an appointment. Booking slots will open on Friday, 13th of September at 5pm. Please ensure you book with the right teacher. If you experience any difficulties, please contact: <a href="mailto:studentadmissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg">studentadmissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg</a>



## 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.





Well done for each and every house point that you added in week 5!



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Mid-Autumn Festival is a major public holiday in China, and is celebrated annually by Chinese communities worldwide. This festival, observed on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar, usually falls in September or early October. It's a time for families to reunite, reflect, and enjoy special foods, like mooncakes, while appreciating the full moon—a symbol of unity and harmony during the harvest season.







This year, the Mid-Autumn Festival will be celebrated on September 17, 2024. In Chinese class, we held a variety of engaging activities to celebrate the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival.





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Here are some photos from today's KS2 Assembly:





In week 4, teachers and students from Larrakeyah School, Darwin reconnected with us during their Study Tour Of Singapore. It was a very meaningful and fruitful time as the respective Year six students bonded over a cultural Art project and a trip to The Singapore Zoo. The students also experienced a little of 'A Day in the Life of a High Commissioner' at the Australian High Commission, and learned the importance of international relations between countries. They also presented their Artwork to the High Commissioner by explaining the cultural significance of each of the art pieces.







#### **Preparing Art Panels**

The dining hall buzzed with busyness as students from the two schools worked together to complete the collaborative Art project. Our teachers witnessed great interaction amongst the students and were extremely proud of the way our Invictus students rose to the occasion by welcoming the Australian team and making them feel at home.



#### **Completed Art panels**

The art panels reflected the Australian and Singaporean cultures, and each part showed students' creativity, perseverance, excellence and fantastic teamwork.



# Key Stage News



## Making Memories At The Zoo

One of the highlights was an excursion to the Singapore Zoo, where students developed ties and friendships in an outdoor environment. The students had a fantastic time and took away some wonderful memories.





### **Bollywood Dance**

The week culminated in the filming of the eagerly awaited Bollywood Dance, performed by students from Years five, six and seven. The students donned colourful traditional Indian costumes and against the backdrop of shimmering banners, they looked amazing as they twirled and swayed in the dynamic and expressive piece. We are grateful for this partnership with Larrakeyah and the fond memories born from this rich experience. A huge well done to our fantastic students!





## **Parent Pop-In Session**

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming many of you to our Parents Pop-In Session! It was a fantastic opportunity to step into the classroom and experience the life of your children in school. We were happy to see so many of you engage with teachers, explore the learning environment, and share valuable moments with your children.

Your involvement means the world to us, and we are so grateful for your time and support. This collaboration between parents and teachers helps us create an even more enriching experience for our students!

Thank you once again to all who attended. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!



## **Parent Pop-In Session**

Students in Key Stage 3 created powerpoints to share with parent visitors. They are linked below. If you were unable to attend the Key Stage 3 pop in, then please ask your child to talk you through the slides to give you an insight into the first fews weeks of term 1!

### Year 7 Parent Pop In

Year 8 Parent Pop In

Year 9 Parent Pop In





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 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!

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

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* 



# 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: 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

# **Social Media**





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