



ICTUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter Academic Year 24/25 Term 2 29th November 2024 6:

Singapore

## **Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had another incredibly busy week at Invictus Bukit Timah. I visited some Global Perspectives and Music lessons this week to see what our students were studying. There were several environmentally focused investigations into renewable energies in Global Perspectives and some wonderful artwork inspired by Jean Basquait involving complex collage and stitching in Year 6, whilst our Year 7 students were deeply invested in a Wayang puppetry project which involved the articulated limbs of puppets to create stories for stop-motion animation generated through iMovies.

Please note that 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.

Note: Please look out for information coming soon regarding our Winter Celebrations which will take place over two days on Thursday the 12th of December and Friday the 13th of December, depending on Key Stage.

Wishing you all a well-deserved and restful weekend with your families.





## School rides made easy

Your child deserves the best in school transport. RushOwl makes that happen. From morning pickups to afternoon drop-offs, we ensure safety and comfort every step of the way.



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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.



## Parental Survey T2: 2024

Dear Parents,

We'd like to invite you to share your feedback with us by using the link below. The feedback will be anonymous by default. However, should you wish to follow up on any matter here, as always, the school's leadership team would be happy to arrange to meet with you.





# Academics

### **ECAs and Enrichment**

This week (Week 6) is the last week for ECAs and Enrichment. Please take note and make the necessary changes to pick-up arrangements.

### Homework

Next week (Week 7) will be the last week of which homework will be assigned. No homework will be given out in the last week of school.

### Term 3 Curriculum Letters

Curriculum Letters outlining next term's subject content will be made available on Friday, 13th of December for your perusal.



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 2 Curriculum Letter

Curriculum letters outline the topics that will be covered by each year group in each subject during Term 2. These are available here: <u>Parent-Shared</u> T2 Curriculum Letters.

# Pastoral

### 6th December

Students from Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 have prepared an art piece each, which will be sold to raise funds for Pearl's Hill Care Home.

### 12th December

Our KS1 students are also participating in this project to raise funds for Pearl's Hill Care Home and their artwork will be displayed in the MPH.

Our Head Students and Student Council members continue to finalise performances and activities to engage the resident from Pearl's Hill Care Home when they visit us on the 10th of December.

Please support our project by purchasing your child's artwork.





## Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mr Cooper Principal



Mr Morse Deputy Principal



Ms Joachim Assistant Head Pastoral Year 3A Form Teacher



Key Stage 1 Lead

Head of PE & Sport Mr Zulhilmi



Dr King

Dr King Key Stage 3 Lead Head of Science



Head of Music Mrs Zhang

## Invictus International School Bukit Timah









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

## **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 347 angolins 494 Hornbills 291

Otters 335

# Winter Concerts

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance	
Date	Thursday, 12 December 2024
Time	9:00 - 9:45 am
Dress code	Red, green or white festive clothes
Year 3, 4 and 5 Winter Concerts	
Date	Thursday, 12 December 2024
Time	1:45 - 2:45 pm
Dress code	Red, green or white festive clothes
Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 Winter Concerts	
Date	Friday, 13 December 2024
Time	9:00 - 9:45 am
Dress code	Red, green or white festive clothes

# **Art Sale!**

We eagerly await the respective <u>Key Stage Art Sales</u> coming up in the next two weeks. Here are some examples of artwork that will be displayed and put up for sale. All proceeds will go to charity. We can all agree that each of these is truly a wonderful work of art, so come on down and support us for a good cause!

<u>KS 2 and 3- Thursday, 5th of December</u> <u>KS1- Thursday, 12th of December.</u> Do come and support our budding artists!









**KS1** Students have been working extremely hard this term in various exciting Art projects! Using elements of art such as lines, patterns and textures, they have created individual and group art that reflect their knowledge, skills and art experience. They have been encouraged to try new techniques, refine their work and to embrace challenges as ways to improve their artistic thinking and art making. The Year 1 students also drew inspiration from famous artists such as Friedenreich Hundertwasser and Wassily Kandinky to create Lollipop Trees and concentric circles in squares, while Year 2 students drew inspiration from Julian Opie to make self portraits using simple lines and colour blocks. Other artwork included sculptures, clay work and 3D art. It has been extremely rewarding to observe the students' passion for and growth in the Arts and every lesson has provided them with opportunities to grow as capable and evolving artists.





Year 6 students created art based on the artist Jean Basquait. They have used collage, stitching, negative space and mixed media to create their own unique expressionist art! Jean Basquait.

Year 7 students have focused on Wayang puppetry and their moving limbs to create stories for their stop motion animation on iMovies.









The year 8's have explored various emotions in a single composition. The linocutting creates expressionist lines influenced by the powerful emotions of artist Kathe Kollwitz.

The year 9's have explored identity through life artists such as Cezanne and Roy Lichtenstein. They have also explored landscapes from their memories growing up.































# **Christmas Carol @ Tanglin Mall**



Get into the holiday spirit with **Invictus International School**! Our talented students will be performing LIVE at **Tanglin Mall Atrium** on **7th December**.

Date: 7th December 2024, Saturday Time: 12:00 - 12:30 PM Venue: Tanglin Mall Atrium, 163 Tanglin Rd, Singapore 247933

Admission is free!

Enjoy the cheerful melodies and festive vibes as we celebrate the season together. Don't miss this magical event, see you there!

## **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**

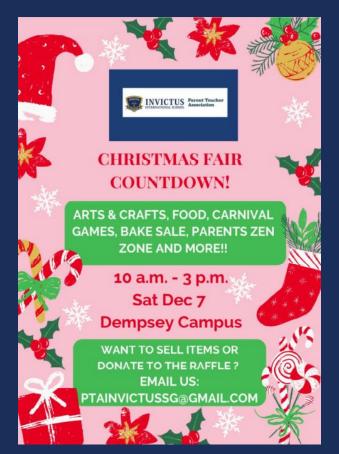
We are looking forward to seeing the incredible projects that our students will create, and we hope to see many of our students participating in this enriching experience. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the event coordinators below:

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!

## **Christmas Fair at Invictus Dempsey Campus**



Invictus Dempsey PTA warmly invites our Bukit Timah students and families to the upcoming Christmas Fair on Saturday, 7 December 2024. No registration is required and purchase of vouchers for food, games etc can be made at the campus.

Please refer to the flyer for more information.

## <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.

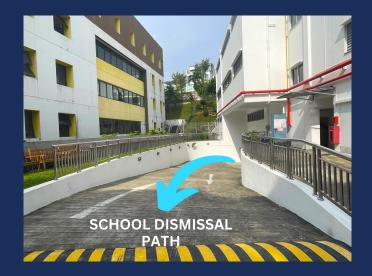
For now, please visit their website as there is an option to donate used toys to Red Cross or sell them as well. On their website, there is a list of toys for sale, which might catch your child's eyes. What a better way to declutter outgrown toys especially with Christmas round the corner. Website: 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





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** 



# 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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