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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Singapore



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Weekly Newsletter
Academic Year 24/25
Term 1
11th October 2024

Bukit Timah

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday of this week, Y3 and Y6 engaged in a trip to the Singapore Sustainability Gallery which was incredibly interesting and a trip we will offer to other year groups in the future. On Tuesday our dental screening took place for all willing students. The individual results of this screening will be shared with parents in due course. Thank you again for supporting this initiative.

I had the pleasure of visiting Y8 Global Perspectives, and Y4 Mathematics and supporting both Y2 and Y3 swimming lessons. I'm happy to report that these students were fully engaged in their learning and very enthusiastic to attempt new tasks. Please continue to take an active interest in your children's learning as your support makes a tangible difference in the classroom.

Earlier this week I shared with you that we have now renewed our lease of our school building for a further 5 years until 2029. I hope this extension of our lease provides some reassurance as we continue to expand and develop our family of schools throughout Southeast Asia. In other news, we hope to begin the refurbishment of the car park play area over the October break to have these works completed by or shortly after our return to school on the 21st of October.

What's Ahead

- School Holiday 14th - 18th October.
- Term 2 begins on 21st October.
- United Nations Day 24th October.
- Year 9 Options Evening 26th November.

Wishing you all a well-deserved and restful October break with your families and a happy Deepavali to those who celebrate it.



Craig Cooper

KS Assembly



During the Key Stage 2 assembly at the end of today, I took the students back to 1985 when I was in Year 6. We discussed my concerns and expectations for the October holiday and Term 2. We also reflect on the events, learning and new experiences of this term. All of our students are very excited to have finished the first term of this academic year and even more excited to share the next week with their families. We wish you all a restful October break as we look forward to the beginning of the next term.

**In October 1985 (39 years ago),
I was in Y6**



Will I survive?

- Will the day feel too long?
- Will I like the subjects I study?
- How many friends will I have?
- Will the breaks be long enough?
- Will Term 2 in Y6 be harder than Term 1?
- What new things will I learn?
- Who will sit with me at lunch in T2?
- Is it all going to be too much?

What did you learn in Term 1?



Share one thing you have learned

Which subjects have you studied in Term 1?



Craig Cooper

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mr Cooper
Principal



Mr Morse
Deputy Principal



Ms Shaw
Key Stage 1 Lead



Ms Lu
Key Stage 2 Lead



Dr King
Key Stage 3 Lead & Head of Science



Head of PE & Sport
Mr Zulhilmi



Head of Arts
Mr Elisara



Head of Music
Mrs Zhang

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw
Year 1A Form Teacher



Ms Liu
Year 2A Form Teacher



Ms Khyati
Year 2B Form Teacher



Ms Joachim
Year 3A Form Teacher



Ms Poh
Year 3B Form Teacher



Ms Jing
Year 4A Form
& Chinese Teacher



Mrs Zhang
Year 4B Form & Music Teacher



Ms Aastha
Year 5A Form Teacher



Ms Neo
Year 5B Form Teacher



Mr Karunakaran
Year 6A Form & Math Teacher



Mrs Ferraz
Year 6B Form Teacher



Mr Tiui
Year 7A Form & Arts Teacher



Ms Stewart
Year 8A Form
& English Teacher



Mrs Lee
Year 9A Form
Teacher



Ms Wang
Chinese 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 Cai



Ms Devi

Core Values

Invictus Values

R

Resilience

Persevere through challenges and setbacks

R

Responsibility

Take ownership of your commitments and duties

E

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 accomodating 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



Homework

Just a reminder that no homework will be given on the first week of Term 2.

Curriculum Letters - Term 2

Curriculum Letters will be made available on the first Friday of Term 2.

Parent Teacher Conferences & Meet the Specialists

Thank you for booking in to see the teachers and for also making the time to see the specialists.



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: [Parent-Shared](#)

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: [Parent-Shared.T1 Curriculum Letters](#).

House Updates



Civets
3527



Pangolins
3247



Hornbills
3143



Otters
4169

Well, that is it for house points in term 1! Congratulations to all who added to the totals over the term and wore their house colours with pride!

Key Stage 1 - Music



Please click the
link to watch
Year 1 - Penguin
Video



Please click the
link to watch
Year 1 -
Minoesjka Pass
the Beat Video



Key Stage 1 - Music



As part of the curriculum - learning the beat, Year 2 was rolling the ball on the beat. It was a challenge as the ball reach their side and they have to wait until it was time to roll. [Please click this link to watch the video.](#)



Year 2 enjoyed Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. [Year 2A - Movement Activity Video](#)

Key Stage 2 - Music



Please click to watch 3B's video - When My Aunt Came Back



Please click to watch 3A's video - Dragon Ships

Key Stage 2 - Music



Yr 3 Individual composing - ta and titi using symbols



Yr 3 Group composing - ta and titi using notations

Key Stage 2 - Music



Year 4A -
Group Composing
Using Symbols



Key Stage 2 - Music



Yr 4 was learning Japanese clapping game about making mochi as part of learning the rhythm. [Please click here to see the video.](#)



Year 4B -
Group Composing Using
Symbols

Key Stage 2 - Music



[Please click to watch Yr 5A Ukulele - Best Day of My Life video](#)



[Please click to watch Yr 5B Ukulele - Best Day of My Life video](#)



[Please click to watch Yr 5A Ukulele - Sur Le Pont d'Avignon video](#)

Key Stage 2 - Music



[Please click to watch Yr 6 The Quartermaster's Store video](#)

[Please click to watch Yr 6 Rondo Alla Turca clapping video as part of learning Rondo's music pattern](#)



Key Stage 2 - Music

Here are some videos of the Year 6 group composing. They had to create new rhythms, including 'tim-ka' and 'triple-ti.' To watch, please click the picture. Enjoy!

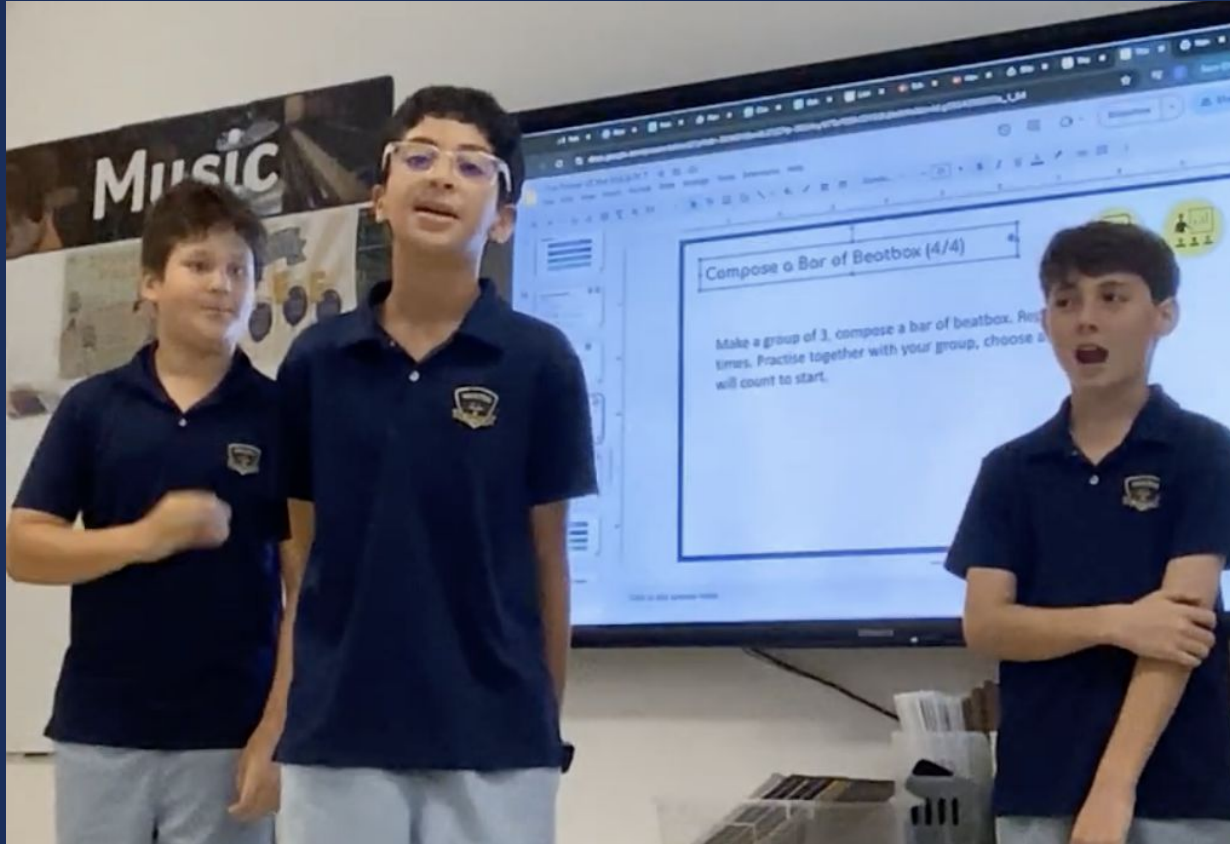


Key Stage 3 - Music

Please scan this QR code to watch their piano performance. In this activity, we learned to sing and perform the actions, followed by playing the piano by ear - without any music notation provided. Well done, Year 7! You did an amazing job!



Key Stage 3 - Music



Year 7 composed a beatbox rhythm and performed it during class. Please click this link to watch, enjoy! Well done on an amazing job for your first time beatboxing!

Key Stage 3 - Music

Please scan this QR code to watch Year 8 learning journey in music. This term, they created a movie soundscape or sound effects using their own voices, instruments, and items found in the music classroom. Well done, Year 8, you did an amazing job!



Key Stage 3 - Music

This term, Year 9 are focusing on looping using music technology and Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs). We utilized BandLab on the iPad for individual projects. Additionally, please scan this QR code to listen to their creations.



Key Stage 3 - Music

Other than learning loop using music technology apps, Band Lab, Year 9 also learned ukulele chords C, F and G. Please click on the title to watch the video.



[You Are My Sunshine](#)

[Best Day of My Life](#)

[Thunder](#)

[Thunder \(Advanced Strumming\)](#)

Key Stage News – Y3 & Y6 Excursion

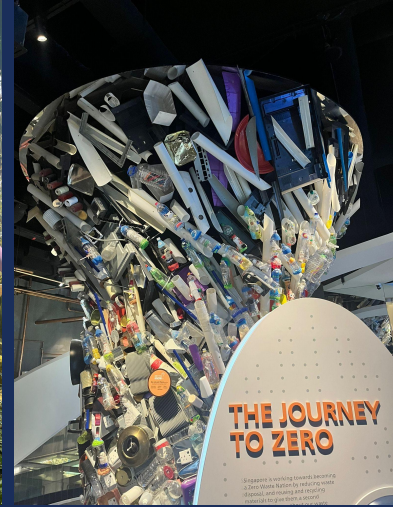
Y3s and Y6s had an unforgettable day at Marina Barrage and Gardens by the Bay. We learned about Singapore's innovative water sustainability strategies and its impressive flood control system. Crossing the Marina Barrage Bridge was a highlight, making learning about water conservation engaging and fun.



Key Stage News – Y3 & Y6 Excursion

Our visit to Gardens by the Bay was equally enjoyable. We marveled at the stunning views of the bay and the serene atmosphere. The trip concluded on a sweet note with delicious vanilla ice cream!!

This excursion has significantly impacted our students. Not only has it deepened their understanding of environmental issues, but it has also empowered them to become advocates for a more sustainable future.



Key Stage News – Y8 Excursion

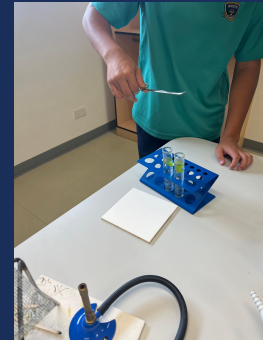
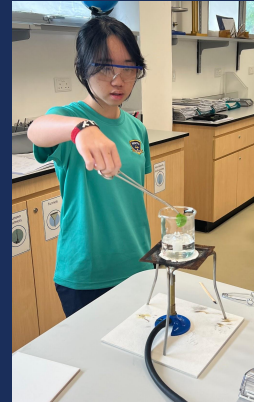
On Thursday, our Year 8 students applied their Global Perspectives skills to investigate one of the real-world environmental issues, plastic pollution. To answer the big questions, they've decided to research on two questions: What is plastic pollution? Where is the most polluted area in our local community?



Their field trip to the Food Centre in Beauty World Centre was a valuable opportunity to collect firsthand data. With excellent leaders guiding the data collection, little first-aiders on standby, and responsible recorders carefully documenting their findings, our students gained a deeper understanding of the extent and impact of plastic pollution. It was inspiring to witness their enthusiasm and dedication to this important project!

Key Stage News - Y9 Science

Lovely to see our year 9s flexing their scientific muscles this week with a practical commonly seen in IGCSE biology lessons! The Cambridge curriculum is heavily skill focused and we see common IGCSE required practicals, like this one, appear earlier in the curriculum in year 9! Our students rose to the challenge of a technically difficult practical to test leaves for starch. This requires boiling water to break cell walls and ethanol to dissolve away chlorophyll before the test can be done. Well done year 9!





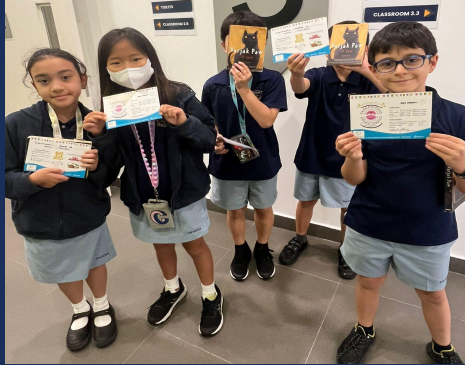
PURE NZ DENTAL
refresh your smile

Dental Screening @ IBT



Our very first dental screening at Invictus Bukit Timah was a success! A big thank you to the friendly nurses and dentist from **Pure NZ Dental** for visiting our campus to conduct dental screenings for all our students. Our students received valuable feedback and helpful advice on maintaining good dental hygiene and healthy teeth.

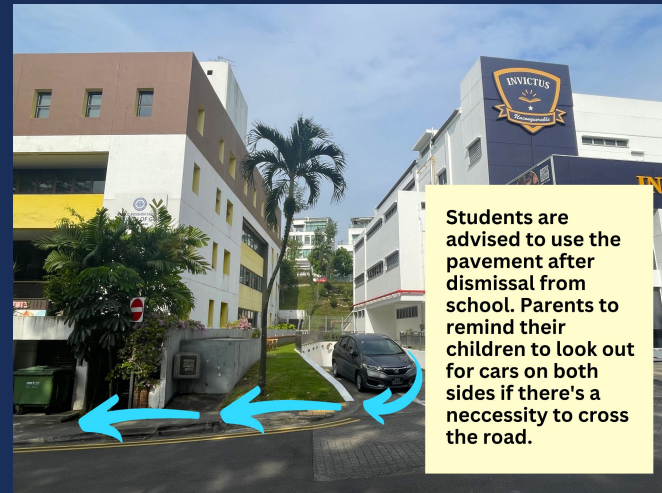
Here's a journey to better and healthier teeth!



Road Safety

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.





Invictus BT amazing parents 🥰
WhatsApp group



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!



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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: safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg (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 admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg 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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