



IGCSE NEWSLETTER Volume 1, Issue 1

DEAR PARENTS,

It gives me great pleasure to write the first newsletter from the IGCSE Coordinator's desk. It seems like yesterday when we embarked on our journey 2009-2010 under the leadership of our new head of school Mrs. Nandini Mitra. The school which opened on 3rd of August had to close down for a couple of weeks right after due to swine flu and we resumed classes almost at the end of August. This forced break did not give our students much time to settle in their new classes after coming back from the long summer vacation. However, things started to look up once again at the end of August when the school reopened.

Our days have been packed with numerous activities ever since we opened. Academics, sports, inter-house events, boarding activities have not only kept our students busy but have also provided them enough opportunities to value and learn essential things about student life.

Academics

Right after the inception of this academic session, we had an orientation session with the students of grade 9, the newest entrants to the IGCSE program. The excited new batch was explained about the subject choices and ICE certification. This event was soon followed by the Orientation program for parents on 29th of August. This was a great event as parents got the chance to interact not only with the Head of School, the IGCSE coordinator but also with the teachers who would be teaching their loved one in the classrooms. The coordinator once again explained the important details about the IGCSE program which met many queries of the parents. Parents were given a support pack which contained an initial informal calendar, a feedback form, details about IGCSE program and some other important documents. We welcome the new Business Studies teacher Mr Rakesh Kumar and Ms Mridul, our new Chemistry teacher who have joined us recently to strengthen our existing team of experienced faculty.

The Term 1 assessment tests for grade 9 and 10 are scheduled from 6th to 9th of October 2009.



Campus News

In school we would be celebrating various events through normal and special assemblies. In August & September assemblies we celebrated 'International Literacy Day', 'World Ozone Day' and 'International Day of Peace'.

Special assemblies were conducted to celebrate the 'Teachers Day' and 'Hindi Divas' .

The 'Investiture Ceremony' of the student council for the academic session 2009-2010 was held on 22nd September, 2009 in the school atrium. The student leaders of SPIS have been selected to assume many responsibilities and to take upon important leadership role.

We had a team of IGCSE students who went to take part in the Edinburgh Drama Festival in Scotland and did extremely well. They all made us proud. Thank you Mrs Penny & Mr Prashant.

Scholastic Books organized a Book Fair in the school atrium. Students enjoyed browsing and buying the books from the fair; Mr Sharat Pavate was ever enthusiastic in helping this event organized.

We are happy to announce that from 29th September onwards non-vegetarian lunch will be served in the school dining hall. The pure vegetarian lunch will continue to be served for our vegetarian students separately.



Sports

IN SPIS we have ample facilities of various sporting activities. We offer a number of Group Sports and Individual Sports during the sports hour. Among the group sports we have soccer, basketball, cricket. Lawn tennis, Badminton, Table tennis and Swimming are among the individual sporting activities we offer. Students have been participating actively in all sporting activities ever since the school opened. The initial confusion is getting cleared for making way to beautifully structured sports and games activities.

Students participated in various inter-house tournaments . In senior inter-house soccer tournament 'Elephant House'

defeated 'Sun House' in the final.

In senior inter-house table tennis Sushant from 'Dragon House' defeated Shyam of the same house in final. In inter-house chess Shawrya from Dragon House was the winner and ----- from ---- house was the runner up. The inter-house basketball tournament will also get completed very shortly.

We are also arranging Invitational Tournaments for Soccer, Tennis and Badminton on 2nd October, 2009 onwards. Students from various schools from Pune and Mumbai will be participating in these tournaments.



SPIS Adventure Camps:

SPIS IGCSE students lead a taste of intense adventure both in campus as well as outside the campus at Nilshi where they had a great learning experience in Kayaking and swimming on 4th September, 2009.

This adventurous streak further fueled by an In-house Over Night Camping Experience on 18th September, 2009. They strengthened their team building schemes and worked together in small teams. This began with a night trail in the close by mountains range

followed by soccer matches at night. Heightening this even more were the rappelling and flying fox experience. They also regaled in the water sports and trekking.

So all in all a great learning experience being amidst nature and hearing nature beckon to them into her wilderness.



SPIS Boarding News:

SPIS Boarding students stay busy in various sporting and non-sporting activities throughout the week. Most of them actively took part in the Nilshi camp as well as in the over night camp organized inside the school campus.

On 24th September the boarding house students celebrated Navaratri and Dussera Festival with a lot of enthusiasm. Four students from the boarding house dressed up as Mythological Characters and were present during the 'Ravana Dahan'. After that the youngest student of the boarding house 'Rekharani' did 'Devi Puja' and 'Arati'. This was followed by 'Dandiya' dance performed by the students and staffs present. The program ended by a grand dinner organized by the RKHS (Sodexo) in the school dining hall. All students, Teachers and staff members present enjoyed the evening.

In SPIS we encourage our Boarding house students to keep their room and belongings presentable at all times, in return we give them Room Check Party once every month; this month our Room Check Party is scheduled for the 30.09.09.

After getting written approval and wholehearted support from a large majority of parents and students we are changing the dinner timing for the boarders from 6-7p.m. to 8- 8:45p.m. Supper timing will also change from 8:30-8:45p.m. to 6-6:15p.m. This revised timing will be in effect from 29th September, 2009.



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