

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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Our Vision

To be recognised as a leading provider of education that balances academics with holistic human development, rooted in a caring and community-centric environment.

Our Mission

To balance the individual and the collective in everything we do – providing personalised education suited to the needs of each student while emphasising the importance of collaboration and shared growth.

In doing so, to nurture compassionate, well-balanced young adults with the hard and soft skills necessary to succeed wherever life takes them.

NEWSLETTER



Dear Secondary Parents,

Thank you for your support over the course of the first half-term at Straits International School Rawang. We have made much progress together in just a few months and I am very much looking forward to what is certainly a very bright and exciting future for our school community.

This will be my final written contribution to our secondary newsletter as Mr. Simon will be with us full-time as Head of Secondary from the beginning of next term. At that point, I will leave all secondary phase communication via this format in his highly capable hands.

Under Mr. Simon's leadership, our secondary phase will be laser-focused upon academic excellence whilst at the same time placing huge emphasis on our ISP vision of developing confident learners and curious minds. In addition, we will continue to prioritise international learning opportunities for students and ensure that future pathways are clear. Your secondary-aged children will flourish in our school and leave us after their IGCSE examinations fully-equipped for whatever comes next in their academic careers.

Part of our journey towards ensuring that we support the important elements listed above will be a detailed review of our curriculum provision as well as some adjustments to our staffing model so that we can be certain that we are utilising all the resources we have at our disposal and getting the best out of our expert subject specialist teachers. This process will take place over the course of term 2, with any changes communicated well in advance of their likely implementation in term 1 of the 2025/2026 academic year.

Indeed, transparency of communication will always be a key component of our journey together here at Straits International School Rawang. Both Mr. Simon and I want secondary parents to feel empowered to reach out to us at any time via our email addresses so that issues can be dealt with swiftly and in a spirit of openness and cooperation.

I wish all secondary parents a safe and restful break.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Miles





Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
	In EFL, students studied the character of the Artful Dodger, annotating the text to understand how his character is presented in Oliver Twist.
Y7	In ESL, students wrote sentences using present continuous, conjuctions, and comparative and superlative.
VO	In EFL, students studied the differnces between a novel and a play and analysed the plays of Shakespeare.
Y8	In ESL, students focused on present perfect tense and wrote sentences with the timeline given.
	In First Language English, students focused on methods of characterisation, and how to write convincing and believable characters.
Y9	In ESL, students wrote a paragraph using past perfect, conjuctions, and comparative and superlative.
	In First Language English, students read extracts from Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', and compared the descriptions of the characters to their portrayals in the film adaptation, evaluating whether the characters are presented effectively or not.
Y10	In Literature, students read Chapter 14 and discussed the language, answering some comprehension questions to ensure understanding.
	In ESL, students wrote sentences using present continuous, conjuctions, and comparative and superlative.
Y11	In First Language English/Literature, students continued to make use of the past papers and revision resources provided to them in order to prepare for the Mock exams.
	In ESL, students completed the third set of past paper in reading and writing, using skimming and scanning, note-taking, multiple-matching and email writing.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES MATHEMATICS

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Students learned various different ways to collect data followed by Christmas celebration and house competition.
Y8	Students gathered data from their classmates on various topics followed by Christmas celebration and house competition.
Y9	Students learned about circles followed by Christmas celebration and house competition.
Y10	Students learned about equations about perpendicular lines followed by Christmas celebration and house competition.
YII	Students practiced question on using differentition to find the turning point of curved graphs.
Y10 Add Math	Rehearsal for Christmas celebration and house competition.
Yll Add Math	Students worked on past papers to prepare for the Mock Examinations.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

SCIENCE

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Students completed a quiz on the chapters they have studied.
Y8	Students completed a quiz on the chapters they have studied.
Y9	Students continued practising on writing chemical and word equation.
	Biology - Students worked on revision questions recalling content learnt thus far.
Y10	Chemistry - Students worked on revision questions recalling content learnt thus far.
	Physics - Students continued practising past paper questions on Unit 1.
	Combined Science - Students continued learning about electrolysis.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

SCIENCE

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y11	Biology - Students worked on past papers in preparation to the IGCSE Mock.
	Chemistry - Students worked on past papers in preparation to the IGCSE Mock.
	Physics - Students continued practising on past year questions focusing on paper 4 and 6.
	Combined Science - Students continued learning about fertilisation and menstrual cycle.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES HUMANITIES

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Enterprise - Students completed a quiz on the chapters they have studied.
	History - Students completed a quiz on the chapters they have studied.
Y8	Enterprise - Students did a role play on the attitudes to risk based on the given scanarios.
	History - Students studied the Spanish Armada using a secondary source.
	Enterprise - Students did a presentation on marketing of a real-life business.
Y9	History - Students examined weapons and the conditions in the First World War using secondary sources. They also examined the Treaty of Versailles.

PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES HUMANITIES



Y10	Business - Students learnt about Government Objectives and Policies.
	Economics - Students learnt about The Factors of Production.
	Travel & Tourism - Students completed a quiz to revise all they have learned in Units 1 & 2 so far.
	History - Students demonstrated their understanding of the topics so far by creating revsion questions and quizzes in groups.
	GP - The students have completed their reflection worksheets.
Y11	Business - Students practised some past-year questions on accounting ratios.
	Economics - Students practised some past-year questions under timed condition.
	Travel & Tourism - Students continued to make use of the revision resources and exam-style questions provided to them in order to prepare for their Mock exams.
	History - Students demonstrated their understanding of the topics so far by creating a revsion board game in groups.
	GP - Students continued working on writing their indivual report and tem report.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

ICT

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Computing students observe the operation of a 3D printer, learning how to design and create objects using 3D printing technology.
Y8	Computing students observe the operation of a 3D printer, learning how to design and create objects using 3D printing technology.
Y9	Computing students created simple christmas themed project using Scratch App.
Y10	Computing students observe the operation of a 3D printer, learning how to design and create objects using 3D printing technology.
YII	Computing students worked on past papers in preparation to the IGCSE Mock.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES MUSIC

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	The students have completed their reflection worksheets.
Y8	The students have completed their reflection worksheets.
Y9	The students have completed their reflection worksheets.
Y10	The students have completed their reflection worksheets.
YII	-



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES

ART

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	This week, students have been participating in the ISP program and followed by celebrations.
Y8	This week, students have been participating in the ISP program and followed by celebrations.
Y9	This week, students have been participating in the ISP program and followed by celebrations.
Y10	This week, students have been participating in the ISP program and followed by celebrations.
Y11	Students are actively preparing their preparatory work for Component 1, focusing on refining their skills, techniques, and ideas. They are working to ensure their coursework aligns with the assessment criteria and effectively demonstrates their creative growth. The major assessment will be graded based on their progress and development within Component 1.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES MANDARIN

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Intermediate - The Year 7 Mandarin Intermediate Class focused on reviewing their term's learning by completing a word search activity featuring the Chinese characters they have studied. Advanced - Students will create a presentation based on the topics they have studied: vegetarianism, school uniforms, and electronic devices. This will help them review the material.
Y8	Intermediate - A week before the end of term, students practiced dialogues about seasonal activities, applying learned vocabulary and sentence structures. Advanced -The Year 8 Mandarin Advanced Class dedicated this week to dance practice and rehearsals for their upcoming Christmas performance.
Y9	Intermediate - A week before the end of term, students practiced writing about their Chinese learning experiences, focusing on accuracy and fluency. Advanced - Through the article 《李子柒为何火遍全球》, students will understand and learn about the inheritance of China's traditional intangible cultural heritage, and then complete related exercises.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES MANDARIN

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y10	Foreign Language - This week, students studied comprehension passages and vocabulary related to extracurricular activities. Second Language - This week, students studied a comprehension passage and vocabulary about the Youth Life. First Language - This week, the Year 10 First Language Chinese class explored the topic of Al's impact on human life, engaging in meaningful discussions about its implications.
Y11	Foreign Language - A week before the end of term, students practiced writing essays reflecting on their language-learning journey. Second Language - A week before the end of term, students explored regional food traditions through discussions and presentations. First Language - This week, the Year 11 First Language Chinese class explored the topic, "Does AI expand or limit human life?" through thoughtful discussions and reflections.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES BAHASA

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Year 7 students engaged in speaking practice to improve their Bahasa Melayu communication skills and learned how to accurately fill in forms by focusing on understanding and applying key information.
Y8	This week, the Year 8 students completed extra practice in their workbooks and engaged in speaking practice to enhance their Bahasa Melayu skills.
Y9	This week, the Year 9 students completed extra practice in their workbooks and engaged in speaking practice to enhance their Bahasa Melayu skills.
Y10	Year 10 students engaged in speaking practice to improve their Bahasa Melayu communication skills and learned how to accurately fill in forms by focusing on understanding and applying key information.
Y11	This week, the Year 11 students completed extra practice in their workbooks and engaged in speaking practice to enhance their Bahasa Melayu skills.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Students played some fun games focusing on movement and the improvement of basic fitness components.
Y8	Students supported rehearsals for the end of term assembly.
Y9	Students went for the Christmas assembly
Y10 & Y11	Team sports students had a fun mini basketball match, individual sport students continued to work on their table tennis skills while healthy living students planned and conducted their fun activities.



PARENTAL SUBJECT UPDATES EAL (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE)

Year Group	What was covered this week in secondary lessons
Y7	Students learnt some techniques to write an account of their first weeks at secondary school for the school website.
Y8	Students completed a multilingualism poster
Y9	Students learnt new vocabulary related to jobs and did a spelling test. They also constructed sentences using these words.
Y10	Students completed a writing task similar to exam style questions.
Y11	-

NO MEDICINE WITH STUDENTS

ALL MEDICINE IN SCHOOL - PRESCRIBED AND NON-PRESCRIBED - MUST BE ADMINISTERED BY OUR NURSE, AND NOT SELF-ADMINISTERED BY STUDENTS.

PLEASE LIAISE DIRECTLY WITH NURSE YAU IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO TAKE MEDICINE IN SCHOOL.













Help Us Create Our New School Motto!

"Non Mihi, Non Tibi, Sed Nobis—"Not for me, not for you, but for us"

has been our guiding motto for years.

Now, we're looking for a fresh motto that truly captures our school's spirit and values.

Have an idea? We'd love to hear it!

Let's shape our school's future together!





END OF TERM AWARD

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English 1	Divyasri Rajendran (Year 11)	
English 2	Baek Seung Hyeon (Year 7)	
English as an Additional Language	Cherish Lim Yen Qi (Year 10)	
Mathematics	TSANG MAN SUM (Year 8)	
Additional Mathematics	Daniel Dinesh Rao (Year 11)	
Science	Sophie Chan Yilin (Year 9)	
Biology	AIDEEN TAN FANNIE (YEAR 11)	
Chemistry	Alexis Teau Xin Yi (Year 10)	
Combined Science	Tanusha Reddy (Year 11)	
Physics	Aideen Tan Fannie (Year 11)	
Travel and Tourism	Heng Zhi Xuan (Year 11)	
Global Perspectives	Callum James Rogers (Year 10)	
Business Studies	Kim Bom (Year 10)	
Economics	Wong Chi Hong (Year 10)	
Enterprise	Lucas Manuel Salgado Gomez (Year 7)	
History	Jaelyn Sim Yi Jeen (Year 8)	
Computing	Sophie Chan Yilin (Year 9)	
Music	Edward Eric Lim (Year 9)	
Art and Design	Chong Khai Lynn (Year 11)	
Mandarin	Yoo Rue Earn (Year 9)	
Bahasa	Aideen Tan Fannie (Year 11)	
Physical Education - Athletics	Chan Zhi Yuan (Year 7)	

END OF TERM AWARD



Physical Education - Badminton	Yap Kai Ze (Year 8)	
Physical Education - Swimming	Chan Si Xuan (Year 9)	
Physical Education - Healthy Living Pathway	Maia Gitanjali Stanislaus (Year 10)	
Physical Education - Individual Sports	Alexis Teau Xin Yi (Year 10)	
Physical Education - Team Sports	Law Wei Yen (Year 11)	
	How Kim (Year 7)	
	Tsang Man Sum (Year 8)	
Achievement Award	Sophie Chan Yilin (Year 9)	
	Alexis Teau Xin Yi (Year 10)	
	Aideen Tan Fannie (Year 11)	
	Baek Seung Hyeon (Year 7)	
	Damian Lim Kai Xuan (Year 8)	
Progress Award	Kavinaash Reddy (Year 9)	
	Han Daesung (Year 10)	
	Tan Le Hao (Year 11)	
	Lee Qing Roy (Year 7)	
	Yudai Imoto (Year 8)	
Multilingual Award	Hana Hirota (Year 9)	
	Liu Man Ying (Year 10)	
	Tan Le Hao (Year 11)	















EXAMS - IMPORTANT DATES 2024/2025

Date	Events	
30th Sept - 4th Oct 2024	TERM 1 MINOR ASSESSMENTS	
25th - 29th Nov 2024	END OF TERM 1 ASSESSMENTS	
8th - 21st Jan 2025	IGCSE MOCK	
3rd - 7th Feb 2025	TERM 2 MINOR ASSESSMENTS	
24th - 28th Mar 2025	END OF TERM 2 ASSESSMENTS	
13th - 19th May 2025	TERM 3 MINOR ASSESSMENTS	
16th - 26th June 2025	END OF TERM 3 ASSESSMENTS	

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Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our students safe





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