



Friday January 24th 2025,

Dear parents,

This week in school we have benefited from a number of external partnerships that we have actively sought to develop over the course of the academic year so far. On Wednesday, we were visited by professionals from Joshua Rayan communications so that members of our primary & secondary councils could increase their knowledge and understanding of potential local sustainability initiatives ahead of our ESG initiative beginning later this term. The session was wonderfully delivered and our students gained a great deal from it.

Today, we hosted another local professional – this a time a nutritionist – who spoke to selected students from Years 6 & 7 about the importance of healthy eating, specifically with regards to high performance in sports. The students selected were those who have either participated in sports events or who have been members of sports teams so far this academic year. Again, this session was of great use to us as a school and helped our students to gain new perspectives on issues which are clearly of great importance to us all in our Straits International School Rawang community.

Also today, although a little later in the day, we welcomed professional coaches from Southampton Football Club Academy Malaysia into our school in order to deliver a free session to our budding footballers. Today's session is a prelude to a longer-term arrangement between Straits International School Rawang and Southampton FC with regards to providing the young people in our care with high-quality football coaching from an English Premier League football club. Southampton FC have produced a number of very well-known professional football players over the years through their academy programme – including Gareth Bale, Ben White, Alan Shearer & Luke Shaw, to name but some – so our Straits students will be in very good hands here.

Clearly, we are seeking to be an outward-facing school who are not only serving the community but also making the most of the immense professional talent within it. If there are any other parents who feel that they may have connections

which might also benefit our students or enhance our provision further, then please do feel free to contact me directly via the email address below.

Alongside this week's letter you will also be receiving a copy of our new Straits International School Rawang learning & teaching vision statement. This document has been created by our teachers so that we can not only agree on what the essential components of amazing learning look like in our school but also so that best practice can be sought and shared amongst our teachers. Over the course of this term and beyond, both senior leaders and teachers will be looking at learning & teaching in our school in our build upon our current strengths and to address any areas where further improvement could be made. We will also be showcasing some of the best practice in our school via our social media channels. As parents, it's important that you are also familiar with the vision that we have for our high-quality learning & teaching will be delivered to your children whilst they are in lessons in all year groups and across all subjects.

Finally this week, our school is only open next week on Monday January 27th before we close for Chinese New Year. Our Chinese New Year assembly – organised superbly as usual by Ms. Haifaa and supported also by the wonderful efforts of our Music & Mandarin teams, as well as by teachers and other professionals – will take place on Monday January 27th at 13.00. Further details have already been communicated by Ms. Haifaa and I look forward to seeing parents at the event. I wish all members of our community a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year – we return to school on Monday February 3rd at the usual time of 07.45.

Yours sincerely,



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LEARNING & TEACHING VISION



Differentiation & Personalisation

The use of learning design and resources that create opportunities for challenging activities with real world connections. Positively using student led learning and questioning.

Inclusivity

Celebrate diversity embracing multilingualism and technology to foster understanding, collaboration and equity, ensuring all voices are valued.

Wellbeing

Putting students wellbeing at the forefront of learning. Ensuring all students are supported and valued. Allowing each individual to thrive socially and emotionally to reach their potential.

Learning Environment

Clear objectives and goals including the integration of technology, routines and high expectations lead to high engagement and motivation.

Progress

Progress is driven by structured lessons, reflections of learning, MTP's, peer coaching, and headlines to track continuous development.

