

Friday February 21st 2025,

Dear parents,

Today is the final day of the first half of the second term of the 2024/2025 academic year. This means that we are now at the halfway point of the school year and that the journey towards the end of the academic year – exams season and all – has begun. School will resume on Monday March 3rd at the usual time of 07.45.

We have achieved a great deal together this year already, including updating and refreshing many of our key systems and processes around learning & teaching, safeguarding, student welfare & wellbeing and communication – to name but a few, and we remain committed to further improvements to our school over the remainder of the academic year and beyond.

Your input and feedback as parents will always be key to the decisions we take and the improvements we make as a school. If something isn't working for you, then we need to know as swiftly as possible, so you are, of course, always welcome – and indeed highly encouraged! – to contact either me or any other teachers directly in order to inform us of your valuable perspectives.

A key piece of information from the recent ISP-led parent surveys, for example, was that many parents felt that they were not really fully aware of what we are doing with regards to our Future Pathways programmes in school. In all ISP schools, this is what we mean by Future Pathways:

ISP Future Pathways offers students from 5 - 18 years practical, transferable skills and careers-related learning opportunities so they leave school.

Informed

We help all students stay informed about the latest insights on future jobs and careers. Leveraging our global network of experts, we support students to create a future full of possibilities.

Supported

Creating a supportive learning environment isn't just about helping students feel welcomed – it's also about supporting families. Transformative learning happens best when families, advisers, students, and schools work together, so we help create a network of support for each student.

Empowered

About their next steps - our Future Pathways offer is designed to empower students at every stage of their academic journey. Through the support they receive, students can build the confidence in their ability to make more informed decisions about their professional paths.

In Straits International School Rawang, we have implemented a number of initiatives this year already as part of our Future Pathways provision. In term one, we held a careers fair for all secondary students and we hosted a session for Year 9 students by a renowned locally based translator. More recently, during this term, we have held a session for students from Years 9 & 10 about maximising personal ambitions and been visited by an expert team from ISP central so that all secondary students could become fully informed about the wonderful Unifrog resource we have at our disposal. In addition, Mr. Simon has facilitated early talks with Year 9 students about their IGCSE options processes, which will be formalised at a later point during this term.

Ms. Tapisha, our school counselor, is using her experience and expertise to lead our Future Pathways programmes, and already under her leadership we have seen this important ISP pillar blossom into an integral component of life in Straits International School Rawang. Over the course of this year and beyond, we will ensure that all students are set up for success, now and in the future, and that they are offered bespoke initatives which guides them to make well-informed decisions about their future beyond school.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Miles.

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