



Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2025,

Dear parents,

I wish our Muslim community a blessed Hari Raya. I hope that a restful and enjoyable break was had by all.

Next week, we will hold our Hari Raya assembly – on Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 13.30. As always, parents are very welcome to attend and we look forward to our wonderful Straits International School Rawang community coming together for the final cultural event of this academic year. Like recent assemblies, we will follow the updated (but now also very much embedded) safeguarding procedures of parents congregating firstly in our parent café area before making their way to our MPH for the event once all students have been seated. In addition, and also in line with recent events, those attending will need to pre-register online first so that we can ensure that we do not exceed capacity for health & safety reasons. I wish to thank not only our teachers & students but also our fantastic events committee for their superb contributions to this year's cultural events – without the ongoing support of our parent volunteers we would, quite frankly, not be able to deliver such incredible assemblies.

Following our Hari Raya assembly, of course, we have a term break. Students will return to school for the third and final term of this academic year on Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> at the normal time of 07.45.

For our older students, term 3 is exams season. Our Year 11 students have worked diligently up to this point for their important examinations and our teachers have supported their preparations thoroughly. At this stage, our internal predictions – based on our regular scrutiny of assessment information – indicate that we are very much on course to achieve higher than expected academic success. In order to further support student preparations, our expectation is that Year 11 students will continue to attend school daily throughout the entirety of term 3 - regardless of whether or not they have an IGCSE exam on any particular day. In the highest achieving schools worldwide – and certainly in my experience of leading schools – study leave is an anachronism and a throwback to a period

when students were simply left to their own devices prior to exams. In Straits International School Rawang, teachers of Year 11 classes will continue to deliver lessons – often targeted revision sessions – right up until all Year 11 IGCSE exams have been completed. There is no study leave for Year 11 students just as there is no time off for teachers during term 3; instead, we will work together in a relentless pursuit of academic excellence.

Finally this week, I would like to draw your attention to a Holiday Camp which is taking place at Straits International School Rawang during the first two weeks of the summer break – from Monday July 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Details and sign-up links have been sent already to parents via both Dojo and ISAMS (and I have copied them below as well!), and I know that our students would get a great deal from the varied and highly structured sessions which are planned. The camp is delivered by experienced and highly-qualified professional coaches from Active Learning Academy and the sessions will be making full use of the unrivalled facilities we have at our disposal on our school campus.

As always, if any parents would like to contact me about any of the points above, or indeed about any other issues, then you are always welcome to do so via the email address below.

Yours sincerely,



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