



Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2025,

Dear parents,

Welcome to term 3, and thank you to all parents for – as ever – helping us to get off to such an excellent start in terms of ensuring that students arrive to school punctually, are dressed in complete and correct Straits International School Rawang uniform and are fully prepared for the learning ahead.

Earlier this week, as has been the case at the beginning of each new half-term this academic year, we published our latest batch of Curriculum Overviews on our website and forwarded the links to you via Dojo.

These documents are highly valuable to you as parents of academically-able and high-achieving children, and I would strongly urge you to download whichever overviews are applicable to you and to become as familiar as you can with the learning which is scheduled to take place over the forthcoming period. Our Curriculum Overviews allow you to see not only what academic content your children will be studying in lessons but also what knowledge, understanding and skills they align with. In addition – because I know that, quite rightly, we have some very ambitious young people within our SIS community – there is also a column in the document which states '*what does excellence look like?*' The information here outlines what a student would need to both know and do in order to get the highest marks in a topic; should anyone be keen to do any additional study outside of normal lessons, this column would tell them what would be most worthwhile in terms of research tasks. Finally, there will also be a section which indicates how students will be assessed for each subject and topic over the course of the term. Again, this should provide clarity for those who are looking to prepare as thoroughly as possible for any upcoming examinations.

Later this term, during term 3.2 and towards the end of the academic year, all students will sit GL Assessment PTE and PTM tests (PTE is the English assessment and PTM is the Maths assessment). These tests will provide both teachers and school leaders with highly valuable summative information and will support our internal benchmarking

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exercises for the 25/26 academic year which follows. We will not be charging parents for these external assessments as a gesture which I hope demonstrates our commitment to the financial wellbeing of our Straits International School Rawang community. In addition to the external GL assessments, teachers in all year groups and in all subject areas will continue to deliver internal assessments based upon the academic learning which has taken place in lessons over the course of this academic year. Our recently appointed Heads of School – Ms. Katherine & Mr. Simon – will, along with our newly composed teams of Assistant Heads, be monitoring these assessment processes to ensure robustness, fairness and validity of data. The dates of the assessments will be communicated by Ms. Katherine & Mr. Simon via our weekly primary & secondary newsletters.

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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