

## NOTICE BOARD

### IGCSE Oct/Nov Series Exams

The exams have begun and we continue to wish those sitting for their IGCSE exams the best of luck!

### Student ID Card Distribution

We apologise that there has been a delay in printing the ID cards. We will begin distributing the ID cards next Monday, 14 October 2024.

### Deepavali Assembly

We are excited to announce that our Deepavali Assembly will be held on 23 October 2024 at 8:00am. To celebrate this joyous occasion, we invite all students to come dressed in Indian traditional costumes. If students do not have traditional attire, they are to wear their school uniform or PE attire.

### Mid-Term Break & Deepavali Holiday

26 October - 4 November 2024

All students are expected to return to school on 5 November 2024 (Tuesday).

### Sports Day 2024

Our 2nd Annual Sports Day will take place on 30 November 2024 (Saturday), which is a school day. The following Monday, 2 December 2024 will be a replacement holiday.



## WHY SHOWING UP TO SCHOOL MATTERS!

*By Mr Tristan Brendon Tann*

I still remember the mornings when my parents would remind me, "School isn't just about the grades; it's about showing up." At the time, I didn't fully grasp what they meant. What harm could one day off do? But looking back, I now see how those seemingly small moments of attendance shaped not just my academic journey, but my personal growth.

School isn't only about lessons and exams. It's the experience of being part of a learning community, engaging with teachers and friends, and facing challenges that can only be understood by being there. The missed class isn't just a lesson skipped—it's the lost opportunity to ask that one clarifying question, to participate in a group discussion, or to navigate an unexpected challenge with the support of peers and teachers.

I remember a student who missed a few weeks of school due to a family trip. While the break seemed harmless, catching up wasn't as simple as going over notes. Socially, the class had moved forward. Group dynamics shifted, jokes were missed, and returning to that familiar rhythm was more difficult than expected. It wasn't just about lost lessons—it was the sense of missing out on being part of the school's daily life.

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Parents want their children to succeed academically and socially, and a key part of that is ensuring they are present. Consistent attendance builds habits of responsibility, time management, and resilience. It also fosters relationships with teachers and classmates, allowing students to feel supported and connected. Students who show up every day are more likely to be engaged, develop friendships, and discover new interests.

In my years of teaching, I've seen it time and time again: the students who attend regularly are the ones who grow the most—not necessarily the ones who achieve the highest marks, but the ones who develop a sense of belonging and confidence. They learn not just from the lessons in textbooks but from the daily experiences of navigating school life.

There is an urgency in ensuring that our children attend school consistently. These years are brief, and every day in school is a day of possibility—a day where students can ask questions, explore new ideas, or develop essential life skills. The value of being present goes beyond academic success; it's about preparing students for life, for the challenges and opportunities that await them.

So when your child suggests missing a day, think of the bigger picture. Every day they show up is a day they won't miss out on, a day they will grow, learn, and be part of something bigger than themselves. Let's make sure they don't lose that chance.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ISLAMIC STUDIES



Alongside our PSHE curriculum, we are thrilled to offer dedicated Islamic Studies classes for our Muslim students. These weekly sessions provide an enriching opportunity to strengthen their faith, with recent lessons diving into reading the Iqra and performing solat. We take great pride in supporting our students' spiritual development as they grow academically, ensuring they build a strong foundation in both knowledge and values for life.



## HPV VACCINATION PROGRAM: A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD

In collaboration with the National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM), our recent HPV vaccination program was a resounding success. This initiative aimed to protect both our students and the public by offering essential protection against cervical and penile cancers, as well as other HPV-related diseases. We are grateful for the support of NCSM who ensured the smooth and safe administration of the vaccine.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection, and it can lead to serious health issues, including cervical cancer in women and penile cancer in men. Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer among women globally, with nearly 99% of cases linked to HPV. Similarly, HPV is a known cause of penile cancer, though less common. Vaccination is a proven, effective way to prevent these cancers and is most beneficial when administered before exposure to the virus.

By hosting this program, we have taken an important step towards safeguarding the health of our students and the wider community.

