

## Staff Appreciation Day 2026



The games brought out everyone's competitive spirit — staff members who are usually found behind desks and whiteboards were cheering, laughing, and giving it their absolute all. There were moments of nail-biting tension, surprise victories, and plenty of good-natured rivalries that had the whole crowd roaring with excitement.

And through it all, one thing was crystal clear — the bond within the Imperial family runs deep. Whether winning or losing, every single person showed up with heart, and that is what made the day truly special. Safe to say, our staff proved they are just as unstoppable off the clock as they are in the classroom!

# Interact Club – Crossing Borders



## International Culinary Exchange with Interact Club Nova Prata

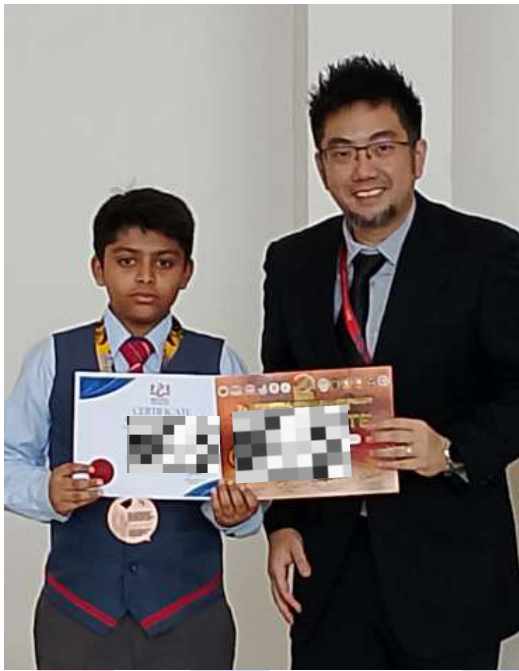
The Interact Club recently embarked on an exciting cultural collaboration with the Interact Club of Nova Prata, Brazil. Connecting via Google Meet, our Interactors had the wonderful opportunity to engage directly with four Brazilian students, fostering global friendships and cross-cultural understanding.

The highlight of the virtual exchange was a live cooking session. Our students introduced the Brazilian interactors to the traditional Malaysian delicacy, Kek Batik, whilst the Brazilian club shared their recipe for Pacuou. Both desserts turned out beautifully on both sides.

Beyond the kitchen, the session served as a vibrant platform for socialisation. Students from both clubs bonded over shared experiences, discussed their respective cultures, and participated in popular TikTok trends together. The event was a memorable success, combining meaningful cultural diplomacy with fantastic fun, leaving our Interactors inspired for future international collaborations.

~BY SUDHARSHINI

# Assembly Highlights



## Recognising Students' Sports Achievements

Academic excellence will always be at the heart of education — but that is not the whole story. Sports achievements deserve equal recognition, and here is why.

Sport teaches what classrooms cannot: discipline, resilience, teamwork, and grace under pressure. A student who dedicates themselves to their craft on the field or court is demonstrating the same commitment and character we admire in any top scholar.

Recognising these achievements matters. It tells students their efforts are valued. Academic and sporting success are not in competition — they complement each other. When we celebrate our student athletes, we invest in well-rounded individuals ready to take on the world.

# Private International School Fair (PISF) 2026



## Connecting Families with the Right Education

Finding the right school for your child just got a whole lot easier. The 24th Private & International School Fair Kuala Lumpur brought together top schools, learning centres, and education providers under one roof on 16 & 17 May 2026 at the Mid Valley Exhibition Centre — and we were proud to be part of it.

Imperial was thrilled to participate alongside Peninsula Private School, connecting with families, answering questions, and helping parents navigate one of the most meaningful decisions they'll ever make for their children.

Events like these are a reminder that choosing the right school goes beyond rankings and facilities — it's about finding the right fit, the right community, and the right values to nurture every child's potential.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." — Riley B. King

# Star Education Fair 2026



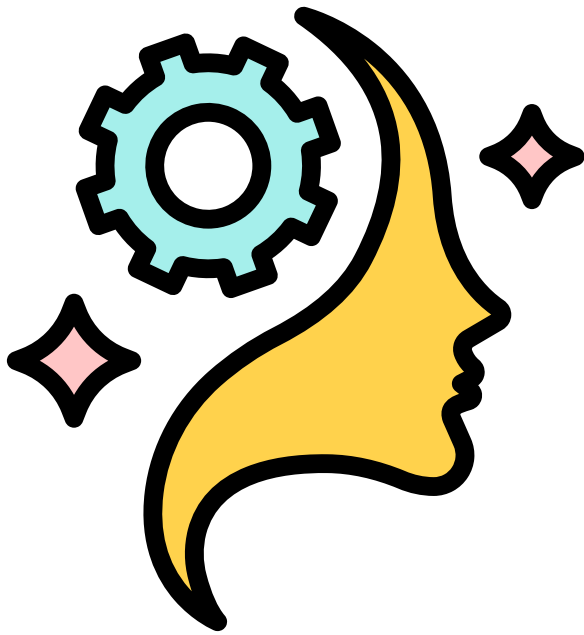
## Imperial at the Star Education Fair, Penang

Imperial International School was proud to participate in the Star Education Fair at Setia Spice, Penang — one of the region's most prominent education events. The fair provided a valuable platform to connect with families and students, while strengthening our presence within the wider education community.

A key highlight was our feature by The Star, both online and in print — a significant milestone for the school. We were equally honoured to have our Principal, Shawn Shim, share his thoughts on education, future readiness, and the vision of Imperial International School through the Star Podcast and interview session.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who visited our booth and engaged with our team. We look forward to continued opportunities to connect, inspire, and shape the future of education together.

# Dealing with exam stress – BY MS JERRICA



Exam Stress: Understanding It and How to Cope

Exams can feel overwhelming, but it helps to know that some stress is normal — even useful. The key is recognising when it becomes too much and having the right strategies in place.

Exam stress can stem from many things: feeling unprepared, fear of failure, external pressure, or simply worrying about the future. It affects everyone differently — emotionally, physically, and mentally — so there is no one-size-fits-all solution.

Here are some practical ways to cope:

- Breathe and stay calm — mindfulness and breathing exercises sharpen focus and reduce anxiety.
- Take care of your body — aim for 8–9 hours of sleep, eat well, and get at least 30 minutes of exercise daily.
- Set realistic goals — break your revision into manageable steps to avoid burnout.
- Study with others — group study provides both academic support and emotional encouragement.
- Stay confident — replace negative thoughts with positive affirmations and acknowledge how far you have come.
- Ask for help — reaching out to friends, family, or a teacher is a sign of strength, not weakness.



Before Exams:

- Make time for enjoyable activities.
- Open up to others about your feelings.
- Strive for balance in your life.
- Prioritise your physical health.
- Focus on your own well-being.

During Preparation:

- Join a study group for collaborative learning.
- Create a revision timetable that suits your style.
- Find a study environment that enhances your focus.
- Tailor your revision techniques to your preferences.

On Exam Day:

- Prepare ahead; organise your items the night before.
- Start your day positively.
- Ground yourself with calming breathing exercises.
- Take your time during the exam.
- Remind yourself that the pressure will soon lift.

Post-Exam Reflection:

- Refrain from comparing answers with others.
- Reward yourself for your efforts.
- Shift focus to the next steps.
- Allow yourself moments of relaxation before the next exam.

# Journal Entry – BY QI BIN



Date: April 9, 2026

I never wanted to go. When Malina came home beaming about the holiday she had won, my first thought was not excitement — it was the kitchen. The crumbling walls. The half-finished floors. The house that has been a construction site for longer than I can remember. I would have gladly traded that prize for the cash, but the contest rules had other ideas. So, against every instinct I had, I packed my bags.

I spent most of the trip by the hotel pool, under a palm tree, watching the sun beat down on water I had no intention of swimming in. While Malina went off to explore the town, I sat — stewing. Every ringgit she spent on trinkets and gifts felt like a nail pulled from our renovation budget. I dragged myself to one temple just to keep the peace, but honestly? I was not impressed. Stone and dust. We have plenty of that at home.

Then came the final day. Malina, in her enthusiasm, signed me up for kayaking. I should have said no. I should have stayed by that pool. Instead, I found myself on a river — and then, without warning, in it. One accident. One broken arm. Just like that, everything changed.

Now I lie here in this hospital bed, staring at the ceiling, and the irony is almost too painful to bear. The holiday that was supposed to be a free gift has cost us everything. I cannot lift a hammer. I cannot demolish a wall. I cannot do a single thing to move us forward. The kitchen will wait. The house will wait. And I will wait — frustrated, immobile, and more convinced than ever that we simply cannot afford to be distracted until our home is finally fit to live in.

I just hope Malina understands that now too.

But what if she doesn't?

# My Idol – BY SAMUEL



## 我的偶像

我的偶像是家喻户晓的华语女歌手——G.E.M.邓紫棋。她不仅在音乐上才华横溢，还是一位跨界小说家。去年一月，她开始创作一本名为《启示录》（The Path of Revelation）的小说。这本小说长达20万字，共有537页，融合了爱情、科幻与神学元素。除了文学创作，她的音乐作品更广受欢迎，比如《光年之外》、《唯一》、《多远都要在一起》和《再见》等热门歌曲，都是大家耳熟能详的经典。

2023年，邓紫棋开启了备受瞩目的“I Am Gloria”世界巡回演唱会，至今已举办了180多场。她不仅被誉为全球最具影响力的华语女歌手之一，还打破纪录，荣登全球巡演女歌手票房第四名，票房收入高达4.24亿美金。此外，她更成为首位成功解锁中国五大体育场以及三个国家级体育场的女歌手。

前段时间，她在香港连开五场演唱会，吸引了超过二十万名歌迷到场支持；在上海连开十二场演唱会时，门票更是在开票那一刻一秒售罄。除了新书当天狂卖二十万册、收益超过四千万以外，她在演唱会中还身兼数职，同时担任总导演、音乐总监、宣传者、服装设计师和造型设计师。她真是一位全能的实力派偶像！

# OUR NEW STAFF!



Ms. Farah holds a Bachelor of Education from Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Bahasa Antarabangsa, bringing a solid foundation in modern pedagogical practices and a dynamic perspective to the teaching team. Currently serving as a teacher assistant, she is deeply passionate about creating interactive and meaningful learning experiences that support student development. Driven by the philosophy that children must be taught how to think, not what to think, she looks forward to collaborating closely with the school community and actively contributing to our students' academic growth.



Born and raised in Penang, Ms. Karunya is a branding and strategic communication professional who serves as our marketing person. With a strong foundation in storytelling and a unique knack for turning creative ideas into memorable experiences, her skill set is further enhanced by her fluency in Mandarin. Thriving on building genuine, impactful connections, she views education and growth as a lifelong journey. Inspired by her island roots and a love for new adventures, she firmly believes that "the world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page."



Ms. Ng serves as our Boarding House Parent, bringing eight years of dedicated experience in student pastoral care from her previous roles as an international school Boarding House Parent and Assistant Boarding House Nurse. In this role, she specializes in mentoring teenage students and supporting their overall health, safety, and wellbeing. Beyond her school experience, she holds a diverse administrative background, which includes helping to establish the Welfare Department at UTAR Hospital in Kampar, Perak. Her profound dedication to community care is further highlighted by her past international outreach work supporting women and children in South Africa and Senegal.



Ms. Annabelle, warmly known by her students as Ms. Anna, joins our Early Years department while currently completing her Bachelor of Education. She brings two to three years of experience teaching young children in a creative music school setting, fostering a deep passion for interactive learning and child development. Fluent in both English and Mandarin, Ms. Anna looks forward to building meaningful connections with students, families, and colleagues alike, embracing her time here as an opportunity for mutual learning and growth.