



**INVICTUS**  
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**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Academic Year 23/24**  
**Term 2**  
**26th January 2024**

**Bukit Timah**

**FUBISIA**  
ESTABLISHED IN 1988

# Welcome from the Principal



As I am sure you can imagine, there is a lot of excitement around next week's Sports day which as a whole school we are very much looking forward to enjoying and participating in. Information has been available regarding this for a number of weeks in our previous newsletters and Tuesday/Friday communications and there will be a final reminder of expectation sent next week.

I have particularly enjoyed our Tier 1 student leadership meeting today which discussed lunchtime house seating, competitions, further responsibilities for students and activities. It is very pleasing to see how the students are moulding initiatives for structure and community to an advantage and benefit once they begin to embed and adaptability is certainly a strength of our school.

With so many projects ahead to continue to develop and enhance, we hope as a school that you will recognise our efforts to continue to drive our high standards and increased pastoral and academic success.

This includes being part of FOBISIA of course and we welcomed Nick Magnus to the school to refresh our commitment as a school to uphold our membership standards for the benefits of teacher professional development and student opportunities earlier this week. As you will see from the image above, being a part of FOBISIA is a very important aspect of our schools standards and the leadership conference I recently attended in November and the next Heads conference I will be attending in March is one which brings many Principals from schools of excellence together to ensure that quality of education is ensured.

Have a wonderful weekend ahead and I look forward to seeing you at Sports Day on the 2nd February.



# Vision and Mission

## Core Values



### **Respect**

Respect for all



### **Resilience**

Persevering and striving for progress



### **Care**

Caring for others in a safe, sustainable environment



### **Collaboration**

Developing the lifelong skills of working with others



### **Excellence**

Challenging ourselves to do our best



### **Joyous Lifelong Learning**

Taking pleasure in learning and growth

# Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mrs Burke  
Assistant Head: Pastoral Care



Mr Belcher  
Principal



Mr Morse  
Deputy Head- Academics



Ms Shaw  
Key Stage 1 Lead



Mrs Rainalter  
Key Stage 2 Lead & Head of Chinese



Mrs Belcher  
Interim Key Stage 3 Lead



Head of Science  
Dr King



Head of PE & Sport  
Mr Zulhilmi



Art Lead  
Mr Elisara



Head of Music  
Ms Ngooi

# Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw  
Year 1.1 Teacher



Ms Liu  
Year 1.2 Teacher



Ms Metcalfe  
Year 2.1 Teacher



Ms Joachim  
Year 2.2 Teacher



Ms Lu  
Year 3.1 Form  
& Maths Lead



Ms Mishra  
Year 3.2 Form  
& English Teacher



Ms Wang  
Year 4.1 Form  
& Chinese teacher



Ms Yu  
Year 4.2 Form  
& Chinese Teacher



Ms Ferraz  
Year 5.1 Form  
& Humanities Teacher



Mr Elisara  
Year 5.2 Form  
& Art Lead



Mrs Lee  
Year 6.1 Form  
& Humanities/GP Teacher



Ms Ngooi  
Year 6.2 Form  
& Head of Music



Ms Stewart  
Year 7.1 Form  
& English Teacher



Mr Burke  
Year 8 Form  
& Maths Lead



Ms Wang  
Chinese Teacher

# Invictus International School Bukit Timah

## Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team



Ms Yusop



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kalaihselvan



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Makose



Ms Hu



Ms Cai (Temp)

# Uniform reminders

Uniform- All students should be wearing their Invictus uniform

Black shoes (Not Vans/Trainers etc)

Grey Invictus Skort/shorts

Blue Invictus Polo

White socks

PE days- House colour t-shirt, Invictus PE shorts and trainers are allowed.

Every day- Invictus cap or bucket style hat for outdoor play.

Please note that as per school tradition, students are invited to wear their house shirts on a Friday regardless of curriculum activity as we are encouraging Fridays as a day for house competitions in the near future.

## School Uniform



## PE Uniform





# Weekly Subject content

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/15MVMLGU5k9v5bzEBG5fyZ4vlvKwTv6Mq/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15MVMLGU5k9v5bzEBG5fyZ4vlvKwTv6Mq/view?usp=drive_link)

# Term 2A Curriculum Letter

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kON76FTw-7tk3Auop1KDuhfi8EzCvTda?usp=sharing>

# Pastoral Updates From Mrs Burke

Next week a group of Year 6's are taking part in an exciting peer mentoring workshop. During this course they will learn a range of techniques such as:

- How to spot bullying,
- How to make a good friend,
- Active listening,
- Effective communication.



After this the pupils will be the schools Friendship Champions to help guide and provide friendship advice for younger years. This is both an excellent leadership opportunity for our Year 6's and also a brilliant opportunity to help younger year friendships.

# House Updates

This is a very exciting week for our houses as we are currently in the process of voting for the new house names. The voting started on Thursday and results will be announced on Monday in time for the big reveal on sports day.

The 3 name options are:

- Native animals
- Mythical creatures
- Dragons

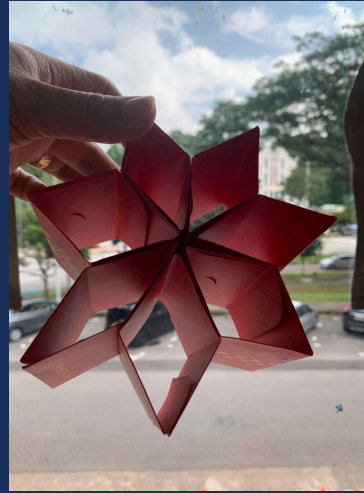
House Names :

Let the best house name win!

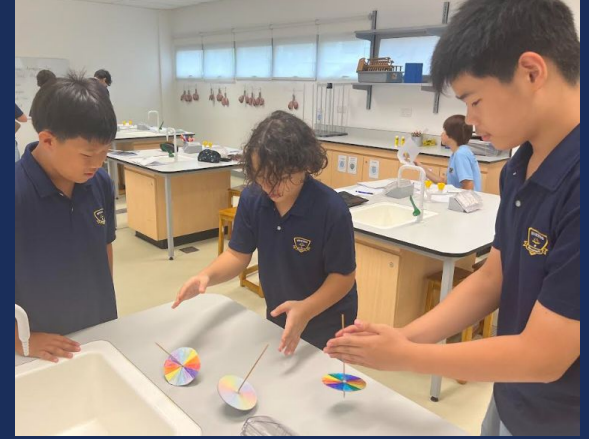
29<sup>th</sup> of January 2024

# Art and Design

As we prepare for Chinese New Year celebrations in art all classes are making lanterns! The younger years focused on the design of the dragon scales. Years 4 to 6 utilised the Ang Pao packets to fold crisp lines and create symmetrical shapes. For years 7 and 8 we focused on the sequence of folds and string to bear weight culminating in a completed design.



# Science



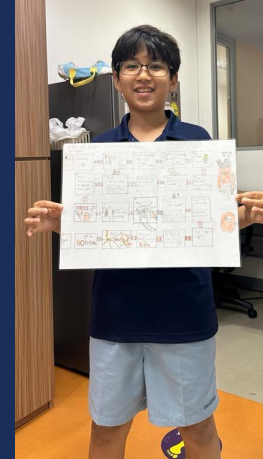
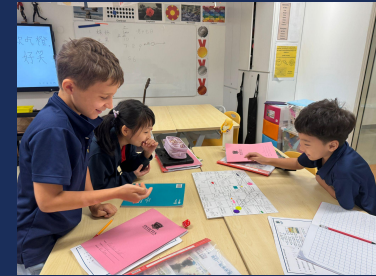
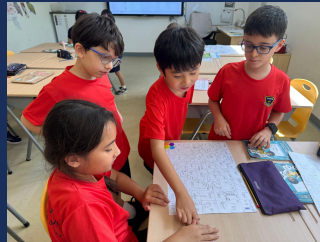
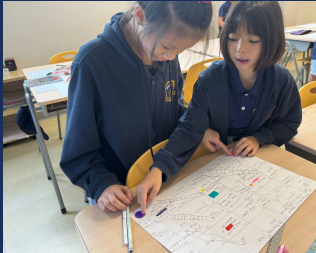
Our passion for learning continues this week in science with students involved in investigating many different topics! KS1 went out with their excellent teachers and some magnifying glasses to investigate our natural world. Year 6 were looking at physical changes by experimenting with melting different substances, Year 3 were completing fact files on different vertebrates. Year 5 have started to think about balanced diets. Year 4 have been thinking about energy and starting to look at energy supplied by food, by measuring out sugar found in different foods. Year 7 have continued learning about food webs and started to think about the water cycle. Year 8 have finished their topic and experiments on light, mixing colours and making a Newton Wheel to provide evidence for what we know about white light!



# Chinese Language

Combining the learning objectives with enjoyable activities ensures that learning a language becomes an engaging and rewarding journey.

Engaging students in the creation of board games serves as a dynamic and effective method for consolidating their learning. As pupils immerse themselves in the process of designing and constructing their board games, it gives them the opportunity to revisit their acquired knowledge, developing a deeper understanding of the content. When pupils played the games they have spent time crafting, it instills greatly a sense of accomplishment. Moreover, this collaborative approach encourages teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills, which are integral aspects of the learning process.

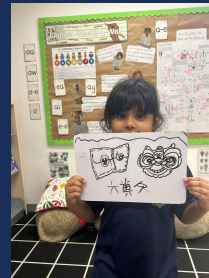
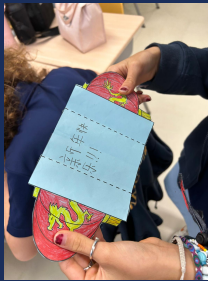




This week, our pupils are also eagerly preparing for the upcoming Chinese New Year, learning about the traditions and immersing themselves in the cultural richness this festival brings. Through the acquisition of key vocabulary related to the celebration and activities associated with Chinese New Year, pupils gain a deeper understanding of the traditions and customs. Our pupils had a go at crafting well-wishes cards and writing greetings in characters, making lanterns with red packets and cutting paper dragon. Looking ahead to the next week, pupils are anticipating the opportunity to write calligraphy couplets for their class.

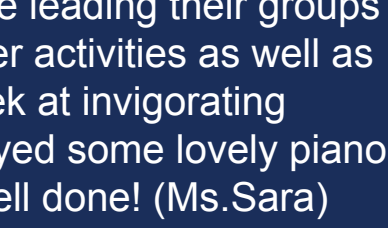
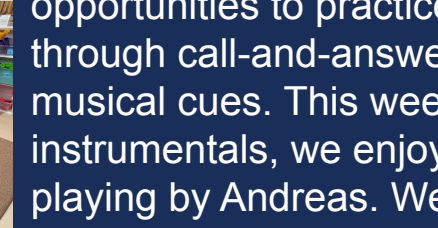
We are also seeking for enthusiastic parent volunteers who can spare some time on 5th and 6th February to assist with assembling the handmade lanterns. Please register your interest by filling out the Google Form provided in the link below by 1st February. You will be contacted to confirm your participation. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community.

<https://forms.gle/rNPUNxY5FRNqpbmm67>



# Music

This week, the school hallway is filled with the sounds of drums and percussions as the students work on various percussion ensembles. The students worked on rhythm reading and playing in a percussion ensemble effectively. They were given opportunities to practice leading their groups through call-and-answer activities as well as musical cues. This week at invigorating instrumentals, we enjoyed some lovely piano playing by Andreas. Well done! (Ms.Sara)





# Instrumental Music Programme

*Our in-house Instrumental Music Programme registration is still open. If you would like to enroll your child to learn to play a musical instrument at school please complete the registration form by following this link:*

[www.mckeemusic.com.sg](http://www.mckeemusic.com.sg)

*The IMP runs weekly during school hours and lessons are 30 minutes one-to-one on piano, violin, guitar, ukulele, drums, and singing. You can also request other instruments and the McKee Music team will be happy to help arrange them, depending on the teacher's availability. Lessons are \$55 per 30 minutes, billed termly.*

*You can also email our IMP coordinator, Duncan McKee, directly at [duncan@mckeemusic.com.sg](mailto:duncan@mckeemusic.com.sg) and he will be happy to help answer any of your questions.*



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MUSIC EDUCATION SERVICES



# Solo Trinity College London Performance Arts Grade Qualification Programme

Every child possesses unique talents waiting to be discovered. Whether your child craves the spot-light or is shy with a hidden talent, our Performance Arts Programme will help them grow into expressive and self-assured individuals, ready to conquer any stage life brings their way. 3rd year running at the campus, we pride ourselves in nurturing confidence and bringing out the best in every student. Singing, dancing, juggling, or simply expressing themselves, we'll help every child illuminate the stage as we celebrate their unique gift.

Our 30 minute lessons will be rotated weekly and carefully scheduled during class time rotate lesson times so the same classroom lessons are not missed consecutively. Fees range from \$50 for lower grades (Initial, Grade 1 & 2) and \$55 and above for higher grades (Grade 3 upwards). Graduating with flying colours, your child will earn a level appropriate Trinity College London Grade Certificate, a badge of their achievement with our tried and tested programme! Our 2022/23 cohort achieved a 100% Distinction rate.

We create Exposure & Experience for our students as they develop Expression & Creativity while building Confidence & Resilience and their Portfolio. GROWTH

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\*To make an enquiry email us on [hello@playhouseworkshop.com](mailto:hello@playhouseworkshop.com)

\*Or to find out more visit [www.playhouseworkshop.com](http://www.playhouseworkshop.com)

\*Get to know the specialist teacher – Jayanthi Lecolley

<https://www.playhouseworkshop.com/our-founder-director>

[jayanthi@live.com](mailto:jayanthi@live.com)



# Physical Education



## Event Details:

Date: 2nd February 2024, Friday

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Venue: Nanyang Polytechnic Stadium 186 Ang Mo Kio Ave 8,  
Singapore 569833

**CAR PARK AVAILABLE ONLY at CP9 and CP10**

**Please note; Parents will be spectating from the stands and not permitted on the track and field.**

## Reminder:

**To pack your child/ren morning snacks and lunch for Sports day. Victus Catering will not available on the day.**

**All students will be back to school after sports day and continue according to their school timetable.**

## INVICTUS SPORTS DAY 2024 [2ND FEB 2024, 9AM - 1PM]

## PROGRAMME FLOW

START TIME	END TIME	DURATION (MINS)	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	REMARKS	
9:00	10:00	60	NYP Set up + Preparation									
			Briefing, Welcome speech by Invictus's Principal and Individual Warmup								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For vehicles coming into NYP:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>NYP parking is chargeable</b> and no indiscriminating parking.</li> <li>- Buses to enter from <b>Ave 9</b> vehicular entrance, and alight at <b>car park 9 &amp; 10</b>.</li> <li>- Refrain from Ave 8 vehicular entrance due to height limit of 2.2m.</li> <li>- if buses wish to park on campus, may consider parking at CP 10 (subject to availability)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
10:00	10:10	10	Movement									
10:10	10:15	5										
10:15	10:30	15	SACK RACE, STANDING LONG JUMP, BEAN BAG THROW, EGG & SPOON RACE, SHUTTLE BEAN BAG RELAY, 50M SPRINT	Basketball Push, Triple Jump, Javelin (plastic), Bean Bag Throw  Javelin (plastic) to complete by end of 200M			100M HEATS			Collate results and take top 8 after all heats completed		
10:30	10:35	5	CHANGE OVER				CHANGE OVER					
10:35	10:50	15	ROTATION 1				200M FINALS			Collate results and take top 3		
10:50	10:55	5	CHANGE OVER				CHANGE OVER					
10:55	11:10	15	ROTATION 2				400M FINALS			Collate results and take top 3		
11:10	11:15	5	CHANGE OVER				CHANGE OVER					
11:15	11:30	15	ROTATION 3				4 X 100M FINALS			Collate results and take top 3		
11:30	11:40	10	CHANGE OVER				CHANGE OVER					
11:40	11:55	15	ROTATION 4	100M HEATS			Collate results and take top 8 after all heats completed					
11:55	12:00	5	CHANGE OVER	COLLATE RESULTS AND TAKE TOP 8			Discus, Javelin (plastic), Shotput, Long Jump  Discus & Javelin (plastic) to complete by end of 200M					
12:00	12:15	15	ROTATION 5	200M FINALS				Collate results and take top 3				
12:15	12:25	10	CHANGE OVER	400M FINALS				Collate results and take top 3				
12:25	12:35	10	ROTATION 6	4 X 100M FINALS				NYP to start packing up equipment loaned from Invictus  Collate results and take top 3				
12:35	12:45	10	100M FINALS						NYP to pack up and return SDAR equipment			
12:45	12:50	5	GATHER BACK AT STANDS, SETTLE DOWN AND SPECTATE TRACK EVENT	STAFF 100M FINALS						All Year 4-8 students to gather back at the stands to spectate the finals and get ready for prize ceremony		
12:50	12:55	5	PARENTS 100M FINALS						Prepare prizes and line TOP 3 athletes of each event up			
12:55	1:05	10	PRIZES FOR WINNERS									
1:05	2:05	60	CLEAN UP									Ensure field and stands are clean

# Physical Education

## PE -Field Schedule for Year 1 to 4 Term 2 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
9/1/2024	10/1/2024		11/1/2024

## PE -Swimming Schedule for Year 1 to 4 Term 2 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
16/1/2024	17/1/2024	15/1/2024	18/1/2024
23/1/2024	24/1/2024	22/1/2024	25/1/2024
30/1/2024	31/1/2024	29/1/2024	1/2/2024
6/2/2024	7/2/2024	5/2/2024	8/2/2024
20/2/2024	21/2/2024	19/2/2024	22/2/2024
27/2/2024	28/2/2024	26/2/2024	29/2/2024
5/3/2024	6/3/2024	4/3/2024	7/3/2024
12/3/2024	13/3/2024	11/3/2024	14/3/2024
19/3/2024	20/3/2024	18/3/2024	21/3/2024
26/3/2024	27/3/2024	25/3/2024	28/3/2024

## PE -Field Schedule for Year 5 to 8 Term 2 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
15/1/2024	11/1/2024	12/1/2024	9/1/2024
22/1/2024	18/1/2024	19/1/2024	16/1/2024
29/1/2024	25/1/2024	26/1/2024	23/1/2024
5/2/2024	1/2/2024	2/2/2024	30/1/2024
19/2/2024	8/2/2024	9/2/2024	6/2/2024
26/2/2024	22/2/2024	23/2/2024	20/2/2024
4/3/2024	29/2/2024	30/2/2024	27/2/2024
11/3/2024	7/3/2024	8/3/2024	5/3/2024
18/3/2024	14/3/2024	15/3/2024	12/3/2024
25/3/2024	21/3/2024	22/3/2024	19/3/2024
	28/3/2024		26/3/2024

# Key Stage 1 – Years One and Two



**Joyous Lifelong Learning**  
Taking pleasure in learning and growth



This half term, our KS1 science topics have had a strong environmental focus.

Year One have been learning about ‘Our Garden City, an investigation into plants’. They have learned to identify parts of a plant, and observed this in action by growing plants from seeds in class. They took their learning outside, looking ‘like scientists’ at the plant life in our local park, and making sketches of their observations, ready to label back at school. Year Two are learning about habitats and biodiversity, exploring what plants and animals need to survive in a variety of environments and how we can conserve them.



# Key Stage 2- Years Three, Four, Five and Six

The students in Year 6 took the lead in sharing their cultures with their classmates. They dressed up to show their traditions and we're grateful for the support from parents. It wasn't just the student speakers who enjoyed preparing and presenting, but their schoolmates also took part by expressing their own self-identities and what influences them. In our school, we always emphasize the value of "Respect." This is a wonderful reminder of the benefits of having a multinational community, as we can learn from and appreciate each other's cultures.

## American Maths Olympiad

A huge well done to all the participants of AMO 2023-24 ! In preparing for this our pupils worked hard, played hard and thought hard, in doing so improving their knowledge of maths through solving unseen and challenging problems. Through participating our pupils have also deepened their understanding of the fabric of maths and collaborated with those around them in finding new ways to think about problems. Congratulations to all our pupils and the following pupils who received awards: Kouki (Y6 - Gold) and Juho (Y6-Bronze), We are exceptionally proud of them all.

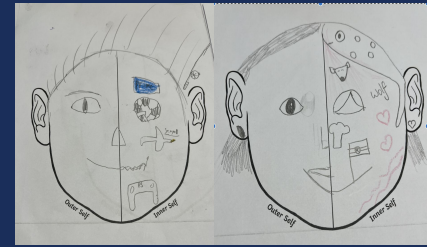
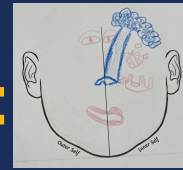
Ms Winnie Wang is currently on maternity leave and will return end of May. We would like to welcome Ms Jollyn Lin (林老师) who will be stepping in as a relief teacher for Ms Winnie's classes during this period.

Should you need to connect with Ms Lin, please feel free to reach out to her via email at:

[meijiang.lin@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:meijiang.lin@invictus.edu.sg) .



# Key Stage 3– Years Seven and Eight



This week Year 8 have been working on their interests on Unifrog and finding out which of the six Holland codes they match: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising and Conventional. From this they were then able to search the Unifrog Careers library by keyword or by one of the six Holland codes to help find careers that link to their interests.

We also had an assembly this week from Mrs Lee and some of the Year 6 students. They shared about their own cultures to help us understand and appreciate our identities. We learned about the different things that make us who we are and thought about what influences our identity. By appreciating cultural differences, we can respect others' identities and feel proud of our own cultures too.

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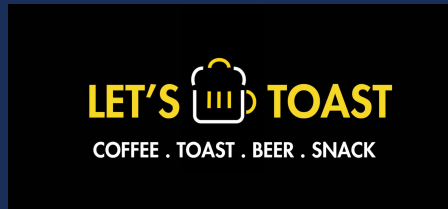
CLICK BELOW TO FOLLOW US, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILDREN GET UP TO AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND THE CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!

# Discount card for our families



We are very excited to announce an Invictus Bukit Timah discount card for our community of families with a variety of local businesses and restaurants in and around the Bukit Timah area.

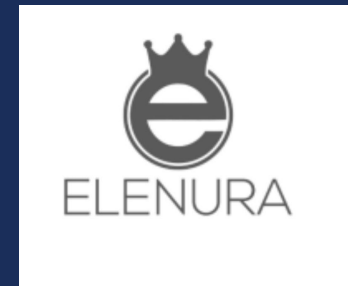
We will be issuing families with parent ID cards within the next few weeks. Once these cards are issued you will be able to use these by taking them into our sponsors shops/restaurants. Watch this space for more partners and chances to win prizes! Watch this space for more information!



*10% off!*



*10% off!*



*30% off your 1st facial!  
15% off your 1st lash or nail treatment!  
10% thereafter!*

# Friends of PTA Bukit Timah News

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news of Mrs. Sumbal Waqas's retirement after more than two years of dedicated service to our school and the founder of our parent community. Her departure leaves a void that will be deeply felt within our community.

May the road ahead for Mrs. S. Waqas be filled with joy, fulfillment, and exciting adventures. While we will miss her presence dearly, we are confident that the positive imprint she leaves behind will continue to resonate within our school for years to come.

Friends of PTA Bukit Timah would like to announce that the following changes have been made and they would love invite other parents to join the group in its mission to support the school.

Lauren Hanker: shall be assuming the role of the Head of PTA  
Laura Torchi: Vice Chair  
Pricilla Wilson: Secretary

We are always looking for members to join our already successful PTA team. If you would like to join us (however little or much of your time you are willing to dedicate) please get in touch. Please email: [friendsofpt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:friendsofpt@invictus.edu.sg)



# Friends of PTA Bukit Timah Wine & Cheese Night



Adult's mixer

FREE FLOW  
WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY  
19:00-21:30

\$75/each- Alcohol  
\$45/each Non- Alcoholic Option\*

**\*\*Extended deadline\*\***  
**Tickets will be sold until 1st of February.**

PayNow to: 9637-5113  
Cash: at the front desk

\*Proceeds will go to PTA General Fund for future events.



Please join our Cheese and Wine Night - there are still tickets available and it will be a fun adult only event hosted by our PTA.

A designated parent representative will be available in the atrium for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up to facilitate ticket purchases.

Parents whose children do not partake in drop-off and pick-up can reach out to their child's form teacher via email. They should notify the teacher about their child having an envelope and will subsequently receive the requisite number of tickets to bring home. Please note that this is an adults-only event, and childcare services will not be available.

# Friends of PTA Bukit Timah Successful Movie Night

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm thank you from the Parent Association for making our Movie Night on January 12th a delightful success! We were thrilled to see so many smiling faces and happy children enjoying a fantastic welcome back to school.

The fresh popcorn from our popcorn machine added a special touch, filling the air with a tempting aroma. The joyous atmosphere, coupled with tasty popcorn and refreshing juice, created a perfect setting for our little ones to reconnect with friends and welcome the new school term.

Their presence and enthusiasm made the event truly special, and we are grateful for your ongoing support. Looking forward to more shared moments that bring our school community together.

Cheers to a wonderful start to Term 2!

Warm regards,  
Friends of PTA



# Key Contacts

Safeguarding: [safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg) (Please call 999 for any urgent safeguard matter)

For subject teacher and curriculum matters, please email the form tutor directly, the keystage lead or subject teacher.

Please contact [admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg) for any urgent appointments required or call the school at Tel: 6971 8210.

Please use the following contacts for any of these areas:

Admissions: [admissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:admissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg)

General Queries: [questions.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:questions.bt@invictus.edu.sg)

School nurse: [schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg)

Student Services: [studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg)

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