

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians.

We have had another incredibly busy week, and I find it hard to believe that we are already at the end of week five of Term 3. It was lovely to see so many parents visiting the school during this week's drop-in sessions NB: Parent drop-ins, some pictures from which you will see later in our newsletter. Our KS3 project study took a new and interesting turn this week with students focusing on life skills, following on from the study skills and financial literacy work done earlier in the academic year. The first life skill involved cross-stitching, which we hope will lead to more adventurous projects in the coming weeks.

Please look for the parent survey link towards the end of this newsletter and submit your feedback as soon as can. As you are aware are committed to fostering open communication and we need your feedback and thoughts in order to continuously improve.

Mr. Tiui will be reaching out to the parents of our older students in the coming weeks to explore the possibility of an excursion to the Banksy exhibition in Singapore. I hope this trip will go ahead and that our students will take the opportunity to view Banksy's artwork firsthand.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a well-deserved rest.

Best regards,

Craig



#### Term 3 Parent Drop-ins

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for taking the time this week to drop in to your child's form class. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to gain insight on your child's classroom culture and how they are progressing with their learning. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's social or academic progress, please do reach out to their form tutors so that we can assist with it as soon as possible.

#### Term 3 Curriculum Letters

Curriculum Letters outlining next term's subject content are available <a href="here">here</a> for your perusal.

#### Subject Content

You may access the weekly subject content <u>here</u> to see what your child has learned this week and will be learning next week.



#### Year 6 and 9 Cambridge Checkpoint Parent Information Session

We are pleased to invite you to an informative briefing on the Cambridge Checkpoint Examinations. This session aims to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the Checkpoint assessments and our school's approach to preparing students for them.

Date:	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> of February	
	2.20 4.45	
Time:	3:30 – 4:15 pm	
Venue:	Online via Google Meet	
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Your participation is highly encouraged as it will enable you to support your child's learning journey effectively. Please complete the <u>Google Form</u> (click to access the form) indicating whether you <u>will/will not be able to</u> attend the briefing. Please confirm your attendance by **Tuesday**, 28<sup>th</sup> of **January**, 2025.



#### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be happening from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

#### Where will it be held?

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will be for online meetings. If you book an online meeting, you will receive an online meeting link to click on during your scheduled meeting. Please ensure you click on the meeting link as scheduled because once the 10 minutes is up, the meeting will automatically end.

Tuesday and Thursday will be face-to-face meetings in school. If you book a face-to-face meeting, you will need to visit the school. The Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in the Multi-purpose Hall (MPH). Please be punctual, as the timings will be rather tight between the conference sessions.



#### Parent Teacher Conferences

#### Who will I meet?

KS1 – (Year 1 & 2) All teachers (form and specialist teachers) will be available for booking.

KS2/KS3 – (Year 3 – 9) All subject teachers (including specialist teachers) will be available for booking.

\*If you would like to meet with your child's form teacher, please make the arrangement separately by directly contacting your child's form tutor via email.

#### What time will these sessions be held?

All Parent Teacher Conference sessions will happen from 3:15 – 5:30 pm during the entire week.

#### How do I book?

Please visit SchoolCloud via: <u>Parent Teacher Conference Booking</u> Bookings will commence on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 at 5 pm. You will have two weeks to book, before bookings are closed on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 at 5 pm.



#### **Core Values**

#### **Invictus Values**

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#### Commitment

In taking ownership of our responsibilities and duties A

#### **Aspiration**

In achieving our best R

#### Resilience

In persevering through our challenges and setbacks E

#### **Empathy**

In understanding, respecting, and showing concern for others

#### Student-Parent Handbook

Dear Parents,

The Student-Parent Handbook is an invaluable resource, providing essential details on school policies, core values, student expectations, communication procedures, and much more.

By staying informed, we can all work together to create the best possible learning environment for your child! Download the handbook today using the link below and be prepared for a great academic year ahead!

Download the Student-Parent Handbook HERE

#### **Invictus Uniform Sale**

Invictus International School has discounted its remaining uniform stock by **50%**. The Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah have agreed to distribute pre-ordered uniform between 15:30 and 16:30, Monday to Friday at our Bukit Timah campus. If you wish to purchase items, please reach out to Ms Hidaya on Tel: 69718210.

Discounted uniform prices are as follows:

Polo Shirt: Usual price: \$24, Now: \$12

**Shorts/Skorts: Usual price: \$23, Now: \$11.50** 

**PE Top: Usual price: \$23, Now: \$11.50** 

PE Shorts: Usual price: \$23, Now: \$11.50

Hoodie: Usual price: \$50, Now: \$25

Please note: Purchases can only be made in cash.

#### **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 & Fridays - 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



Please note a slight change to our uniform rules: Full PE uniform can now be worn on Fridays and not just the House top with school uniform as in the past.

We are aware that some students prefer a cotton based shirt.

Please note that Lim's are in agreeance to accommodating this by manufacturing a cotton version in the same style.

They require a minimum order of 5 but can make for example

3 in one size and 2 in a larger size.

Please process directly with Lim's;

Lim's Uniform

Address: 211 Holland Avenue, Holland Rd, #02-18 Shopping Centre, 278967

Opening Hours: Mon - Sat 10.30am to 7.15pm

Sun 10.30am to 6.15pm

## **Weekly House Updates**









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Otters 302

### Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Lu Assistant Principal Academic



Mr Cooper Principal



Ms Joachim
Assistant Principal Pastoral



Ms Shaw Key Stage 1 Lead



Mrs Lee Key Stage 2 Lead



Dr King
Key Stage 3 Lead
& Head of Science







#### Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw Year 1A Form Teacher



Ms Liu Year 2A Form Teacher



Ms Khyati Year 2B Form Teacher



Ms Joachim Year 3A Form Teacher



Year 3B Form Teacher



Ms Jing
Year 4A Form
& Chinese Teacher



Ms Swigin English & Topic Teacher



Mrs Zhang Music Teacher



Ms Aastha Year 5A Form Teacher



Ms Neo Chinese Teacher



Ms Fan Chinese Teacher



Mr Karunakaran Year 6A Form & Maths Teacher



Mr Jimmy Oh Year 6B Form Teacher



Mr Tiui Year 7A Form & Art Teacher



Mrs Lee Year 9A Form Teacher



Ms Wang Chinese Teacher



Mr Chong Science Teacher

#### Invictus International School Bukit Timah

Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team



Ms Florence



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Cai



Ms Devi



Ms Cheryl



In this interactive presentation, we will explore:

- what is attachment and how it affects our children's ability to thrive;
- how play builds attachment and positively affects our children's
- emotional regulation
- behaviour
- · choice making
- · academic performance; and
- how you can intentionally strengthen attachment with your child using play.

This in-person introduction session is designed for participants to taste the power of attachment & play in order to gift it to our children.

Come experience, play, ask and learn together

where: IIS (Bukit Timah) when: 13 Feb 2025 (Thursday) 3.15PM-4.30PM



### **Pastoral**

We are happy to announce an interactive presentation by Grace Lim, a registered play therapist. Please scan the QR code and register your interest by the 10th of February.

Date: 13th February

Location: Invictus Bukit Timah

Time: 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm



QR code for registration



### **Pastoral**

#### **Parent Workshops**

To all parents who have signed up for our workshops, we are pleased to confirm these workshops, which will run from the 10th of February to the 14th of February.

Please arrive at 9:20 am to register at our front desk. Upon registration, you will receive a lanyard. The workshop coordinator will meet you at our reception area to bring you up to the allocated room for the workshop.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing our teaching strategies and resources with you.



## **Physical Education**

#### Swimming Lessons (Year 1,2,3,7,8 & 9)

Swimming lessons will commence on the 3rd of February, following the Chinese New Year break, and will run until the 21st of March, spanning 7 weeks. Currently, the students are participating in offsite PE lessons for approximately 3 to 3.5 weeks while we wait for swimming lessons to commence.

#### Offsite PE Lessons (Year 4,5 & 6)

Students in Years 4, 5, and 6 will not be participating in swimming lessons this term. Instead, they will continue to with their PE lessons offsite at the field.

#### **Additional Notes**

With the weather heating up, keeping our students hydrated during PE lessons is a top priority. Water bottles would be mandatory for all PE lessons. For those with regular field activities, a thermal water bottle is highly recommended to ensure they stay cool and refreshed throughout their sessions.

## Physical Education

PE -Basketball Court Schedule for Year 1 to 3 Term 3 2024/2025					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3			
Mondays [11.20-12.40pm]	Wednesdays [1.40-2.40pm]	Thursdays [10.20-11.20am]			
06/01/25	08/01/25	09/01/25			
13/01/25	15/01/25	16/01/25			
20/01/25	22/01/25	23/01/25			
27/01/25					
PE -Swimming Schedule for Year 1 to 3 Term 3 2024/2024					
Year 1 (20s Bus)	Year 2 (40s Bus)	Year 3 (40s Bus)			
Mondays [11.20-12.40pm]	Wednesdays [1.40-2.40pm]	Thursdays [10.20-11.20am]			
Bus Arrival Time: 11.20am	Bus Arrival Time: 1.40pm	Bus Arrival Time: 10.20am			
Fetching Time: 12.20pm	Fetching Time: 2.20pm	Fetching Time: 11.05am			
03/02/25	05/02/25	06/02/25			
10/02/25	12/02/25	13/02/25			
17/02/25	19/02/25	20/02/25			
24/02/25	26/02/25	27/02/25			
03/03/25	05/03/25	06/03/25			
10/03/25	12/03/25	13/03/25			
17/03/25	19/03/25	20/03/25			

PE -Field Schedule for Year 7 to 9 Term 3 2024/2025			
Year 7,8,9 (40s Bus)			
Fridays [1.40-3pm]			
	10/01/25		
	17/01/25		
	24/01/25		
PE -Swimming Schedule for Year 7 to 9 Term 3 2024/2025			
Year 7,8,9 (40s Bus)			
Fridays [1.40-3pm]			
	07/02/25		
	14/02/25		
	21/02/25		
	28/02/25		
	07/03/25		
	14/03/25		
	21/03/25		

## Physical Education

PE -Field Schedule for Year 4 to 6 Term 3 2024/2025					
Year 6	Year 4	Year 5			
Tuesday [12.00-1.20pm]	Thursday [1.40-3.00pm]	Friday [9.00-10.20am]			
7/1/2025	9/1/2025	10/1/2025			
14/1/2025	16/1/2025	17/1/2025			
21/1/2025	23/1/2025	24/1/2025			
28/1/2025	06/02/25	07/02/25			
4/2/2025	13/2/2025	14/2/2025			
11/2/2025	20/2/2025	21/2/2025			
18/2/2025	27/2/2025	28/2/2025			
25/2/2025	6/3/2025	7/3/2025			
4/3/2025	13/3/2025	14/3/2025			
11/3/2025	20/3/2025	21/3/2025			
18/3/2025					

## Music

#### **Instrumental Music Programme (IMP)**

Did you know that our students can learn a musical instrument right here on campus on our in-house Instrumental Music Programme (IMP for short!). Our partnering music education company, McKee Music Pte Ltd, offers weekly lessons on piano, singing, guitar/ukulele, violin, drums, and more. Their teaching team are some of the finest musicians & educators in Singapore, so we encourage you to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to learn from the best!

One-to-one instrumental music lessons are 30 minutes per week and fees are \$55 per lesson, billed termly. If you have any questions you can also email our IMP coordinator, Duncan McKee, directly at duncan@mckeemusic.com.sg and he will be happy to help answer any of your questions.

If you would like to find out more, register your interest here: <a href="https://www.mckeemusic.com.sg/registration">https://www.mckeemusic.com.sg/registration</a>

## Parent Drop-ins - Year 1



## Parent Drop-ins - Year 2A



## Parent Drop-ins - Year 2B



## Parent Drop-ins - Year 3



## Parent Drop-ins - Year 4



## Parent Drop-ins - Year 5/6

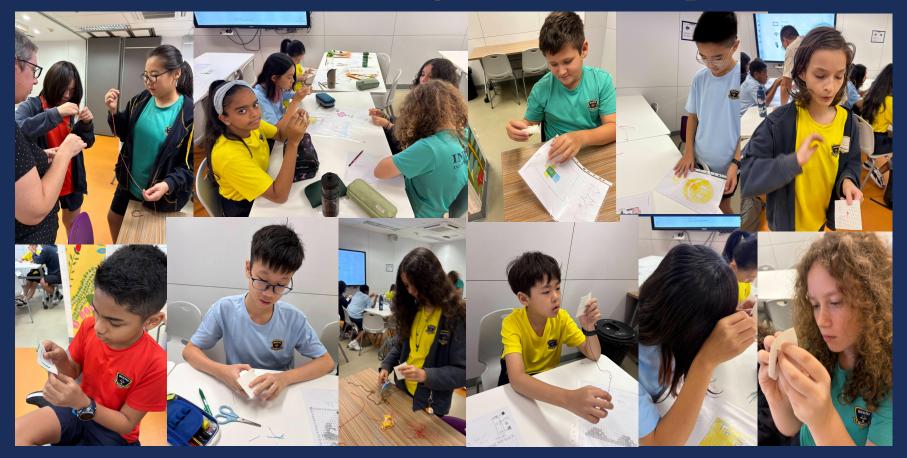


## **KS3 Project Study**

This term in project study we plan to focus on some more life skills, following on from your study skills and financial literacy work for market day! To start with we are going to introduce cross-stitching. Cross-stitch is the simplest way to learn how to sew and, if we do this well, then we can try different projects out!



## **KS3 Project Study**



### Parents' Feedback Form

At Invictus, we are committed to fostering open communication with our school community. To make it easier for parents and guardians to share their thoughts, we have implemented a standardized feedback form across all campuses.

Please use this form to submit compliments, informal complaints or general suggestions

#### **Submit Feedback Form**

Once your feedback is received, it will be directed to the appropriate staff member for prompt follow-up. We appreciate your insights and look forward to hearing from you!

### <u>Play Beyond - Empowering Play, Sustaining Tomorrow</u>

We are proud to announce a partnership with Play Beyond, providing a platform for children and families to contribute to a sustainable future with an option to donate or sell toys they have outgrown.

In January, Play Beyond will join us in our school to share more details with the children regarding their purpose in setting up Play Beyond and we will have a toy collection drive in our school.

For now, please visit their website as there is an option to donate used toys to Red Cross or sell them as well. On their website, there is a list of toys for sale, which might catch your child's eyes. What a better way to declutter outgrown toys especially with Christmas round the corner. Website: <a href="https://www.playbeyond.co/">https://www.playbeyond.co/</a>





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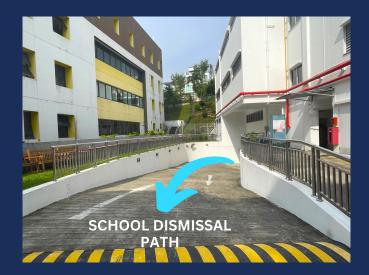
Great Deals, Quality Assured



### **Road Safety**

The school is situated on a quiet one-way road, but it's important that children are aware of our expectations regarding safe departure and arrival. To this end, pupils will receive their annual reminder regarding road safety next week from their tutors. The school has previously contacted the local authority regarding traffic calming options, but has been unsuccessful. We encourage parents to appeal should they wish to see signage or similar installed.

Parents are similarly encouraged to ensure pupils cross safely from the dismissal ramp, and walk only along the pavements. Younger children seeing safe use of roads is important for building their independence.





Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your child have been enjoying your time at Invictus Bukit Timah! Your feedback is invaluable to us and helps other families make the right choice for their child's education.

If you have had a positive experience with us, we would love to hear about it! Please take a moment to leave a Google review and share what you love about our school. Your kind words can make a big difference!

#### **Click Here to Leave a Google Review**

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community!



### **Medical Matters**

#### **Health Reminders:**

- Ensure your child's immunizations are all up to date.
- Advocate good hygiene habits to prevent the spread of illness and infections.
- Establish a bedtime and wake up time to ensure adequate and consistent sleep.
- Eat breakfast each day at home or at school.
- Assist in making appropriate clothing choices daily.
- Develop a routine for homework and after school activities.
- Keep an open line of communication with your child to ensure that he / she remains safe at school. If a concern arises, do not hesitate to contact the appropriate school officials immediately.
- If your child has a **health concern**, make it known to the school and school nurse.

Do not hesitate to contact the school nurse if you have any clarifications and concerns via email, <a href="mailto:schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg">schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg</a>

Kindly take note of the following school protocols and important medical information via this links:

**School Protocol and Information** 

**Nut Free Policy Letter** 





Thank you for helping us grow!

# REFER A STUDENT AND GET REWARDED\*!



\*Terms & Conditions apply

SGD 500 for every student as of January 2024



https://www.invictus.edu.sg/about-us/invictus-referral-programme

### **Key Contacts**

Safeguarding: <a href="mailto:safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg">safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg</a> (Please call 999 for any urgent safeguard matter)

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

Please contact <a href="mailto:admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg">admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg</a> 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.sq

General Queries: receptionist.bt@invictus.edu.sg

School nurse: schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sq

Student Services: studentadmissions.bt@invictus.edu.sq

### **Social Media**



