



**INVICTUS**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
BUKIT TIMAH

**Academic Year 23/24**  
**Term 2**  
**12th January 2024**

# Welcome from the Principal



And so it begins...

A new chapter for the school but a refreshing start to the year for staff, students and families alike as I have very much enjoyed greeting all back onto campus this week; the school is a lonely place without its community heartbeat. Knowing our community here at Bukit Timah it has been easy to say that a new look does not change the heart but as with all new school terms in education, there is always an opportunity to celebrate our strengths and build on the reflections which we make. We continue to improve the teaching and learning and address the social developments which are firmly rooted in my standards and expectations for the school.

The recent restructure in leadership means that we retain familiarity yet continue to forge the importance we place on developing academics and pastoral approaches and it is pleasing to read from the recent parent survey that we are aligned in our thinking. The student and staff who have also completed a survey this week have; as expected, highlighted the positives of our school and areas which we are already making progress on improving and developing for the benefits of both professional and personal pupil satisfaction.

We have reviewed the way in which we approach snack and lunch times this week focussing on social development and reinforcing our houses and student role modelling. It has proved increasingly successful with new friends being made across year groups and has started to inspire some thoughts towards new house competitions and breaktime activities including table tennis which is quickly becoming a trend!

As we host a number of families this weekend at our launch party, we look forward to sharing our story, the pride demonstrated by our staff and students in the school and the exciting opportunities that are unfolding. It would be remiss of me of course to not be thankful for the wonderful support from our parent group who are hosting a movie night for students this evening and a Wine and Cheese evening for parents on the 2nd February.

I wish you all a very happy weekend ahead and a fruitful term.

Warm regards to all and thank you for your continued support.

Nick Belcher

# 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



Mr Teng  
Deputy Head



Mr Belcher  
Principal



Mr Morse  
Assistant Head



Ms Shaw  
Key Stage 1 Lead



Mrs Rainalter  
Key Stage 2 Lead & Head of Chinese



Mrs Belcher/Mrs Burke  
Interim and 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)

# Reminders

Uniform- All students should be wearing their Invictus uniform at all times.

Black shoes (Not Vans/Trainers etc)

Grey Invictus Skort/shorts

Blue Invictus Polo

Invictus Hooded Jumper

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.

Gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send your child to school with nut-based snacks.

## School Uniform



## PE Uniform





# Student Leadership in Action

Our leadership programme continues this term with the introduction of our Girl empowerment ECA in addition to presentations formed from last terms discussions on student proposed trips.

Our leadership programme continues to grow with further social responsibilities and we are very much looking forward to igniting Tier 2 leadership opportunities in the coming weeks.

# Weekly Subject content

Dear Parents,

You may access Term 2A weekly subject content here:

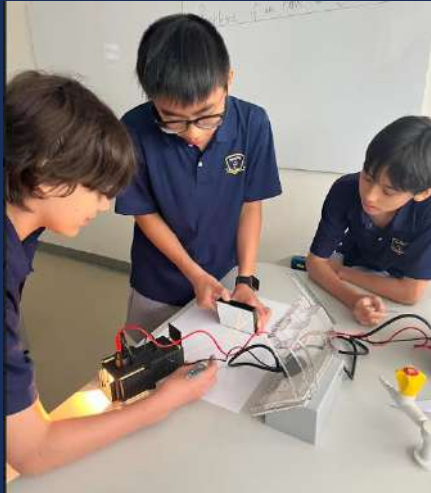
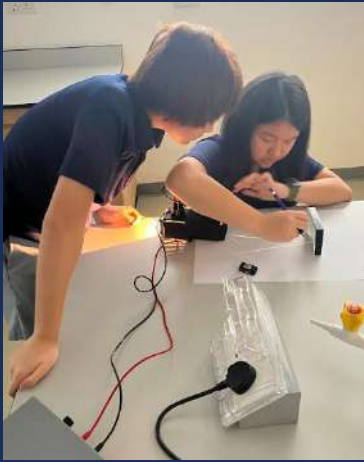
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# Art and Design

Welcome to the new term! Our year 8 class have begun exploring textures and materials used to create BUILT ENVIRONMENTS. They are using different media to create textures inspired by buildings. The pupils are using watercolour drips, chalk, pastel, collage and scrunching up paper! We hope to use these textured papers to draw buildings upon from the local area. Stay tuned as our investigations develop! -Mr Tiui



# Science



Welcome to term 2 in Science! We hope you had a relaxing and rejuvenating winter break. We heard from many students that their parents supported them conducting science experiments at home during the winter break! Thank you so much for this! It's wonderful to hear about the enthusiasm and curiosity displayed by our young scientists!

As always the science department has started the new term with a variety of practical tasks across the year groups. Students in key stage 1 did some plant dissections, borrowing equipment from the big labs like our magnifying glasses and lab tweezers. Key stage 2 have hunted for energy in the labs and tried to calculate the weight of carbon dioxide gas. Key stage 3 have started to unravel their big challenge question of 'how do we know what we know?' by finding evidence that helps us understand how light moves.

Practical tasks like these support the development of science skills like collecting and recording data, making observations and testing hypotheses and making this our standard methodical way of working in the labs.(Dr King)

# Music

In Music, we had an exciting week revising music notes, chords and keyboard notes. The students enjoyed learning and singing Chinese New Year songs preparing for their Chinese New Year Assembly. This week at Invigorating Instrumentals, many students were inspired by Duncan's electric guitar performance, playing Seven Nation Army. He was accompanied by Rahul and Aari playing on the Cajon. Well done students for starting term 2 on a high note. (Ms. Sara)



# Instrumental Music Programme

*Our in-house Instrumental Music Programme begins on 15th January and 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.*



**MCKEE MUSIC**  
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

\*To register your interest click <https://forms.gle/FzcVDtN6jSm6ozM36>

\*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

## *Invictus Bukit Timah Sports Day 2024 - Unleashing the Spirit of Sport*

We are thrilled to announce our very first Invictus Bukit Timah Sports Day, a day filled with spirited competition, camaraderie, and the vibrant display of sportsmanship by our talented students. Our students have been diligently practicing a variety of sports events during their PE lessons, honing their skills, and building camaraderie with their peers. Now, the time has come for them to showcase their efforts and compete in the true spirit of sportsmanship at the Invictus Bukit Timah Sports Day.

### **Event Details:**

Date: 2nd February 2024, Friday

Time: 10:00 am - 14:30 pm

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





# 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

**Welcome back old friends and hello new friends!**

We are so proud of how quickly our KS1 students have settled back into the school routine, with independence and enthusiasm after a well earned break. We have many exciting things planned for the term, and look forward to celebrating new milestones and achievements with you.



					
<b>Respect</b> Respect for all	<b>Resilience</b> Persevering and striving for progress	<b>Care</b> Caring for others in a safe, sustainable environment	<b>Collaboration</b> Developing the lifelong skills of working with others	<b>Excellence</b> Challenging ourselves to do our best	<b>Joyous Lifelong Learning</b> Taking pleasure in learning and growth

This term, we would like to encourage students take on the responsibility of bringing their hat to school each day in their bag.

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



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you well and that you had an enjoyable holiday with your loved ones. We are excited to welcome our returning families and extend our warm greeting to those who have recently joined the school! It's a pleasure to have the school community reunited and see our pupils looking smart in their new school uniform.



This week in form time, our pupils have been catching up with each other, sharing about their holiday adventures and diligently working on their new goals and targets for the rest of the term. We are excited about the upcoming weeks and the progress that will unfold as our pupils work towards their goals.

To a successful and fulfilling term ahead!

Gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send your child to school with nut-based snacks.

# Key Stage 3– Years Seven and Eight

We hope the newsletter finds you well and hope you had a restful winter break. As we embark on a new academic term we were thrilled to welcome back our excited and enthusiastic students looking extremely smart in their new uniforms!

We welcomed several new students this week who have joined our school community for the first time and they have already been making new friends and making themselves at home.

Form time this week has been mainly focussed on goal and target setting for the term ahead. It was great to hear that some of the students have included daily walks in their plans!

As a reminder please can I ask that you do not send your child to school with nut based snacks, we are a nut free school.



# Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah

## *Wine & Cheese*

Friday 2nd  
February 2024

19:00-21:30

Invictus Hall (BT Campus)

Hosted by the  
Parents Association

Order your tickets by

Friday 26th January

Free Flow- \$75

Non-Alcoholic-\$45

Purchase tickets in the atrium  
during Drop-off /Pickup; Cash only

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.

# 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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