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Welcome to our final e-newsletter for this school year as we enter the end of another successful academic year at ISS. Some of the many highlights that took place include the musical production, 'Into the Woods Jr.', which for the first time included both Elementary and Middle School students. Our Middle School students demonstrated their knowledge at Science Week, and Grades 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed their annual camping trip to different areas of Singapore, including Sembawang and Sentosa. Our students showed their creativity and enthusiasm during our Elementary and Middle School Arts Exhibition, MYP Arts Festival, and the Diploma Programme - concert at the Esplanade. The annual track and field meet for the Middle and High School students was a success, as was our inaugural Spring School. We also welcomed a pioneer teacher who taught at ISS from 1981-1982 and alumni from the classes of 1983 to 1988!

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, our students are encouraged to approach their learning by experimenting creatively as well as developing their creative and critical thinking skills. When we started thinking more about creativity and innovation at ISS, the Paterson Campus Design Centre also springs to mind. Introduced this academic year, the Design Centre is a place where students can go and ideate, dream and create. The results, thus far, have highlighted that invention is alive and well at ISS! Through the Design Centre, students have had the opportunity to explore more diverse, resistant materials and mediums such as wood, bamboo, plastics and polyurethane. The results have been stunning. All of our community can marvel at the 'universe' that has been

created outside the library; the span bridges that were engineered and stress tested; and the kites that were built and tested on the bottom oval.

The Grade 4 students used the design process and a drive to be more sustainable to re-purpose old musical instruments from the Performing Arts classroom to create new and practical objects. Each student came up with an original idea and each class then voted for the most effective one within each class. We ended up with wind chimes for our student garden, an alternative bell for both playgrounds, and a model of the solar system. Next time you are on campus, please have a look.

As we look towards the new academic year, there is already an excitement and expectation as our students are empowered to apply their learning to new situations with creativity and innovation. As we see Paterson Campus evolve into a more K-8 learning approach and the Preston Campus continue its strong links to performance and community service, ISS as an institution continues to be a lead school. This is reflected in our innovative approaches to learning opportunities such as the Student Action Leadership Team (in PYP); the World of Work (in the MYP); and the Week Without Walls (Grades 6 to 11).

Enjoy the long break from school, return with tales of wonder and excitement from wherever your journeys take you. We cannot wait to see everyone return, in what will be another year of fulfilling education and rigorous learning.

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Standing Up for Service. With a Chair.



The four beautiful chairs our students created



Working together with students from the Rainbow Centre on this beautiful chair



Getting our hands painted for the chair!

ISS International School students collaborated with the Rainbow Centre on their 'Rainbow Chair-ity' project, to design chairs that expressed abstract ideas of awareness, inclusion and empowerment for children with disabilities. This is just one example of the many 'Creativity, Activity, Service' projects that students can select and engage in, to help identify their core strengths, while supporting community causes.

These chairs started off as four classic Louis XV armchairs. By the end of about nine months of collaborative work, ISS International School students and beneficiaries from Rainbow Centre had transformed them into limited-edition works of art that provided creative interpretations of the disabilities that some children in society have to live with.

One chair had wings representing the empowerment of children to break free from their disabilities. Another chair had been completely transformed into a whimsical forest land, like a child's mind waiting to be explored.

Along with works from other organisations, the four chair creations were displayed at Ion Shopping Centre, where members of the public could pledge their donations for a new extension wing for Rainbow Centre at its Margaret Drive school. The charity serves children and young people with a diverse range of moderate to severe special needs, including autism, physical, visual and hearing disabilities.

At ISS International School, such service projects are part of the 'Creativity, Activity, Service' (CAS) requirement in the IB programme. The underlying philosophy is that education should extend beyond the intellectual to include the development of socially responsible attitudes as well as thoughtful and appropriate actions.

In addition to the 'Rainbow Chair-ity' project, a number of other community organisations have benefited from the school's CAS projects. ISS International School students have built a basketball court for an orphanage in Indonesia, constructed boats for children to go to school in the Philippines and taught drama skills to children in Cambodia. They have also provided tuition for domestic workers and worked with animal welfare groups locally. Students have also performed for elderly and ill patients at various local hospitals, to bring joy and laughter, thus combining both the creativity and service aspects of CAS. Starting with supporting local causes, students have taken their CAS commitments global and have participated in projects where they can demonstrate how young people can make a difference and help address world concerns.

From a young age, at elementary school, students are already immersed in a wide variety of meaningful projects designed to help them meet their IB learning objectives, while developing their social and civic conscience. By high school, their personal and interpersonal growth through service learning projects, as recorded in their reflections, help support their applications to Higher Education.

According to Schezin, a student from Asia, her participation in the Rainbow Chair-ity project was also

a journey of self-discovery. She said: "This project is going to benefit my thought process as a human being in general. While interacting with the children at the 'Rainbow Chair-ity' project, each of us observed a change in our behaviour as we found ways to overcome communication barriers with the children."

Emellia, another student from Europe, added: "It's something I never really thought I would have a chance to do. I benefitted from this experience because working with kids with disabilities showed me that anything is possible."

While supporting good causes, CAS projects have also provided life-changing experiences for some students. Mao, an alumnus, was so moved by her service experience teaching swimming to children that she is now pursuing a degree in education in the hope that she can inspire others to pursue service learning to make a difference in the lives of others.

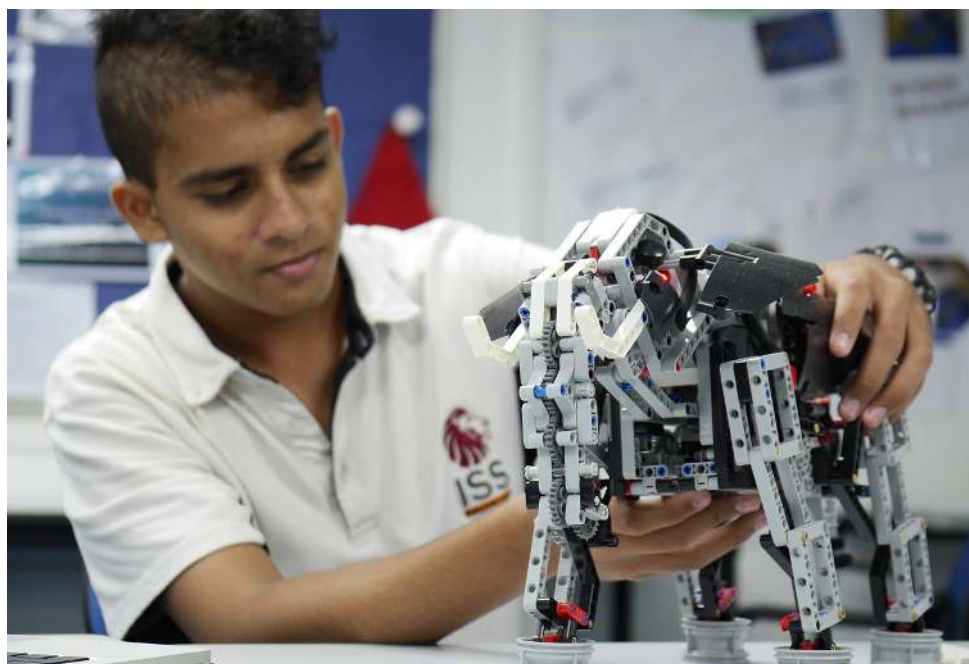


A huge contingent of students participated in the Breast Cancer Walk



Students across all schools (elementary, middle and high) participated in the Urgent Run

A Techno-wizard in the Making



Robotics is one of his passions!

When Tarish enrolled at ISS International School, little did he know that he would one day become the resident computer expert among his friends.

When Tarish enrolled at ISS International School at age 14, he was unsure of what he wanted to do in the future. However, at ISS International School, the nurturing small school environment, customised approach to teaching and enriching broad-based curriculum, soon helped him explore opportunities through a wide range of subjects to find his true passion in computing.

He reminisces that his turning point was when he enrolled in the 'Design and Technology (D&T)' class. He had some interest in 'Real Time Strategy Games' at that time, but it was the D&T class which accelerated his learning about how things were created, including the subject of robotics and programming.

"Our teacher, Mr. Taylor, had an interesting way of inspiring us. He provided us with all the materials and information and then encouraged us to discover and create for ourselves," Tarish explains. The methodology of the class guided the students to investigate, plan, create and evaluate as they built robots using Lego Mindstorms EV3 kits and programmed them to perform a task.

"There was no spoon-feeding, and I was very excited to tinker with the software and robot and to meet up with Mr. Taylor to research further into different programming styles," he adds.

As Mr. Taylor built on his curiosity to discover more, his interest in programming was ignited. He went further to learn about how programmes were structured and how programming languages were created.

"I was always fascinated by the concept of computers and what they could do," says Tarish. "When I learnt about different programming styles, I was suddenly made aware that the human brain is actually a biological programme. Once I made the connection between robotics and humanity, the subject matter engrossed me."



Tarish has developed useful technical skills



Tarish was an intern at our ISS IT Department

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– Tarish, ISS Student

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Article: **“A Techno-wizard in the Making”** continues.

Driven by his new-found passion, Tarish pushed himself to build the largest robot in class able to perform the prescribed task of pushing several cans and obstacles in the fastest time. Resulting from this impressive performance, Tarish and his friends were recommended to participate in the National Youth Council's New Age Hackathon 2.0 to develop a mobile app to assist senior citizens. He also gained a job during his summer vacation as an IT support assistant at a marine company.

“Computing fascinates me as small programmes with a few lines of code can perform big tasks to benefit so many people,” says Tarish. “It's incomprehensible that there are so many endless possibilities and developments in the field, many of which happened only in the last century.”

“I look up to the school motto of ‘Realising Potential’ as I am thankful to have discovered this passion while studying at ISS International School,” he says. He notes that it was the school's unique customised approach to nurturing each student as an individual that allowed him to learn more about himself and transform his interest into a lifelong passion. “In fact,” Tarish adds, “ISS has taught me various life skills that I will require later in life.”

Apart from computing, he is also interested in the business aspect of running a technology company. One day, he hopes to work for an innovative technology company like Valve or Blizzard Entertainment. In the meantime, he continues being the “mini IT support guy” for his friends in school.



Tarish enjoys working with technology

Getting to Know Our Board Member



Dr. KH Chia has had the privilege and honour of serving the ISS school board (both for the Singapore and Beijing campuses) since 2014. He is a surgeon in private practice and has been a doctor for 31 years. He is currently serving as an elected member of the Singapore Medical Council. Prior to starting his private practice, Dr. Chia taught medical students at the undergraduate and post-graduate level and was a clinical Associate Professor at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine.

He understands the importance of a good education and how continuous learning has helped furnish him with the necessary skills and knowledge to become a qualified doctor. Dr. Chia hopes to inspire and guide young students in equipping themselves with life skills so that they may continue to face life with confidence and vigor.

Dr. KH Chia

Dr. Chia's hope is for ISS to continue to play a vital role in equipping a child for life and to bring and develop a child to his/her potential.

Into the Woods Junior

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The idea of being able to portray a character; stepping out of the shoes of a student and into the shoes of a knight or a wolf is very challenging, but entertaining.

– Thykar, ISS Student

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Our Grade 5 to 8 students offered an amusingly different way to think about everyone's favourite fairy tale through their production of "Into the Woods Junior".

With a book by James Lapine and music and lyrics by the famous master of Musical Theatre; Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods, Junior. is based on the original Broadway production that won several Tony Awards in 1987.

Our ISS junior version of this musical theatre masterpiece has been specially adapted to suit the appropriate needs of our young performers while giving them a chance to experience hints of the demanding skills of professional theatre.

We hosted children from the Down Syndrome Association and Lakeside Family Centre, who were very excited to be there as it was their first time at a

musical! Our high school students work with these two associations throughout the school year, helping them with their schoolwork and playing sports like basketball with them.

The musical tells us about a baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse and end up changed forever.

Into the Woods taught us how to know what we wish for. Its story is a journey to meet the unexpected, master obstacles and emerge victorious.

Our students got a chance to perform in a real professional surrounding with professional technicians. Furthermore, our students performed in front of an audience they did not know, hence giving them a real taste of theatre!

Into the Woods Junior. was a real theatre experience for all audiences!



Into The Woods Junior was a success!



"How was the festival? And the prince?"

"I love musical theatre because it gives me a chance to feel confident. It just puts a smile on my face when I get to act."

– Thea, ISS Student

"I learnt that there is a lot that goes into a production and that one part has to be revised many, many times!"

– Karl, ISS Student

"I love musical theatre because it is a unique way of expressing oneself, and it combines singing, dancing and drama, some of my favourite forms of art. I wish to make a difference and inspire others!"

– Olivia, ISS Student

"I like musical theatre because I like the process of creating a show from scratch as a team."

– Yuvraj, ISS Student



"I wish... I wish the cow would give us milk!"



"Rapunzel... Stay with me..."



"Agony! That can cut like a knife..."



Little Red Riding Hood's going to granny's



"Hello little girl, what's in your basket?"

Middle School Science Week



One of the sustainable homes



"How does static electricity work?"



Asking some questions after the talk!

Science Week was amazing! Students (and staff!) had a diverse range of opportunities to learn something new. There were films highlighting why we must look after our planet; the ever popular Science Exhibition; and the challenge of the Science Quiz.

At the Science Exhibition, our students presented their science projects to their peers, juniors, parents and teachers. Grade 6 shared the sustainable home models they created, as well as the research they did to address different environmental factors such as floods and avalanches. Our Grade 7 students presented projects on various science topics and questions, such as "How does static electricity work?" Grade 8 talked about different scientists they chose and researched, how they contributed to science and what they learnt through the process.

One of the highlights was the visiting scientist from Eurofragrance. A chemist by trade, she enlightened and inspired our students with tales and descriptions of working for a major perfume company. All present had a new found respect for how and why we create perfumes, soaps and shampoos, and some of us were inspired to consider a career in chemistry!



Grade 8 sharing with students from younger grades



This home will be in Switzerland, and can withstand avalanches

Middle Years Programme (MYP) Arts Event



Little Red Riding Hood going to Granny's



Hansel & Gretel with their parents

"The dreamer awakes, the shadow goes by, the tale I have told you, that tale is a lie, but listen to me, for the tale is a lie but what it tells is the truth. T'was an eve of such melody, such laughter and such twist that the grimm was woke till dark upon Preston."

The May 2017 MYP Arts Showcase, commenced with harmonious tunes of greeting, and instrumental composition. Followed by the "not so magical" drama productions of Philip Pullman's fairy tales, where students' inquiry met reality regarding what actually went on in the mythical wonderlands of fiction.

The props, which made the performances a further success, were created by the Grade 9 visual art students. The props were created with an overall theme of reusing and recycling paper, reflecting the re-telling of grimm tales for thousands of years.

All in all the effort was only made a reality due to the hard work of the students and teachers involved.

Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition



One student's DIY maglev train!



Sharing their research on products that don't test on animals

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition displayed amazing learning. All of our students worked hard with great commitment to working collaboratively while conducting an in-depth inquiry into a real life issue or problem and engaging in deep and meaningful action. Some students researched animal cruelty and highlighted brands that do not test their products on animals. Another group made their own maglev train using magnets and plastic 'train tracks'.

Students collectively synthesised all of the essential elements of the PYP and shared their learning journey with students, parents, teachers and members of the ISS community.



Talking about "Screen-Off Wednesdays", one of this group's initiatives



Our students presented their projects to their schoolmates, teachers, parents and friends!

High School Graduation



We've graduated!

It has been another memorable year for us here at ISS International School. Our Grade 12 class of 2017 graduated on Friday, 19th May, at the Japanese Association and we once again recognised the official completion of graduation requirements and the successes of each of our graduates. Over the course of the past four years, our students have taken advantage of the breadth of opportunities that are available at ISS and have been active in and outside of the classroom.

We have seen our students take initiative and undertake, without adult supervision, service learning projects such as Bangkok Smiles, Random Acts of Kindness, Reshape Dhaka project, and various orphanage and school sponsorship programmes. Our students have completed Week Without Walls activities in Brunei, Cambodia and the Philippines where they all worked with the local communities. Whether it was building a dam wall in Cambodia, a house in Brunei or teaching and preparing meals in the Philippines for the local students, we are impressed with the commitment and goodness each of our students demonstrated as they really made a difference. Twelve of our students also took part in the Singapore Junior Achievement Award during their final year, and won second place and the best commercial video award.

Academically our students have found success in the many offers they have received from highly ranked universities. These include from:

the United Kingdom:

- Imperial College London
- King's College London (University of London)
- UCL (University College London)
- Durham University
- University of Bath
- University of Warwick
- University of Manchester
- Cardiff University

the United States:

- Purdue University-USA
- UC Davis
- New York University

In Japan:

- Keio University
- Waseda University

And in Australia:

- The University of Sydney

Our students have now completed their educational journey at ISS and we will miss them all. As we say goodbye, we are reassured that an education at ISS means that each one of them leaves with a greater understanding of the global challenges we all face, they are knowledgeable, empathetic, caring and open-minded. An ISS student has the resilience and will seize opportunities, to really make a difference.



Ms. Jeyaram sharing her wisdom



Taking Photos with Ms. Tsumura



Alumni of ISS



Celebrating their high school journey

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Some of my fond memories at ISS are my friendships with people of various nationalities. I especially enjoyed my Economics and English classes which were taught by very experienced teachers.

– Bennet Chang, ISS Alumnus

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Bennet (standing extreme left), at our Alumni Reunion in April 2017

I am from Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, and started studying at ISS in 1983. After graduating from ISS in 1987, I took up Hotel Management courses at the Hotel Institute of Montreux. I have been working in hotels within Southeast Asia ever since in Sales & Marketing and eventually moved to General Hotel Management. I am now the General Manager of Oakwood Hotel & Residence Kuala Lumpur.

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ISS Alumni

Our alumni are all over the world and remain an important part of the ISS International School community. In the future, alumni will be invited to attend special gatherings such as networking events, professional talks, annual reunions or dialogue sessions.

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We love to hear about what our alumni are accomplishing on their lifelong learning journey, and how their time at ISS has influenced who they are, what they do, and the part they play in the global community.

Join our Facebook group for the latest updates on our alumni activities and events!

www.facebook.com/groups/issgalumni/

Spring Delights and Summer Discoveries @ ISS

Spending spring break or the summer holidays in Singapore? Both the ISS Spring School Delights 2017 and Summer School Discovery 2017 have lined up a series of fun-filled and enriching programmes for students of all ages to explore, discover and learn.



ISS SPRING SCHOOL DELIGHTS

The inaugural ISS Spring School Delights 2017 took place in March. An all new intensive English language programme was developed to help students from Kindergarten 1 to Grade 10 with their English language acquisition skills. The lessons were geared towards building each student's confidence in grammar, vocabulary, writing and speaking in a friendly group environment. Our approach was individualised and student-centred, with our experienced teachers customising the English programme based on each student's needs and proficiency level.

By the end of Spring Break, each student was equipped with a stronger foundation in English, enabling them to flourish in their reading, listening and speaking abilities. They were more confident in their English language abilities, in both conversational and task-based assignments!

"I liked making new friends and playing with them at Spring School. I also enjoyed reading, writing and speaking in English with my teacher."

– **Riku**, ISS Spring School 2017

"I can speak better and understand the teacher better now after Spring School because I have learnt new words and have a better understanding of English vocabulary."

– **Ryo**, ISS Spring School 2017

"Spring School classes were fun and I especially enjoyed the opportunity to present and speak in front of the whole class. My confidence has grown as my speaking and reading skills have improved."

– **Minchan**, ISS Spring School 2017



ISS SUMMER SCHOOL DISCOVERY

ISS Summer School allows kids aged 4-18 years (K1 to G12) to explore the fields of language, arts (arts, crafts, drama, music), STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), and adventure sports.

Each day's programme has been designed as a learning journey for you to uncover new ideas and experiences. Begin the mornings with Language Discovery and transition to afternoons filled with hands-on experiences in stimulating STEM Discovery, creative Arts Discovery, and athletic Discovery Adventures.

STEM Discovery

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics are brought to life in the STEM Discovery programme. You can live the life of an astronaut by launching a space adventure; build your own robot or laser game; pilot a mini-drone; write code to create the music of the future in Sonic Pi; and travel back in time to the Jurassic world to meet the dinosaurs.

Arts Discovery

In the Arts Discovery programme, budding artists can hone your skills in music, art or drama. It's time to play, experiment and discover your hidden talents! Learn about photography and sculpture. Compose your own musical score using Sonic Pi. Become a rock-star, or join in a drama performance to bring the house down.

Language Discovery

Excitement surrounds the Language Discovery programme. Fast-track learning English as a second language,

or explore new ways to read, communicate and express your ideas. Try your hand at creative writing, interactive play and story-telling. By the end of summer, you will certainly become a better English language speaker.

Adventure Sports

Unleash your energy with Discovery Adventures! Develop your physical abilities in a range of adventure sports including archery, rock climbing, water fun and martial arts, coached by specialists in the field. It's all about fitness, agility, body control, spatial awareness and fun.

The four weeks at ISS Summer School Discovery 2017 will offer a variety of courses. The lessons, activities and challenges change each week for the same course. Each day holds a new adventure waiting to be discovered!

ISS SUMMER SCHOOL DISCOVERY AT A GLANCE

Dates:

- Week 1: 3 – 7 July 2017
- Week 2: 10 – 14 July 2017
- Week 3: 17 – 21 July 2017
- Week 4: 24 – 28 July 2017

Daily programmes are 9am – 4pm. Half-day programmes also available.

Age Groups:

- Young Explorers (4 – 6 years old)
- Brave Pathfinders (7 – 10 years old)
- Courageous Adventurers (11 – 13 years old)
- Bold Pioneers (14 – 18 years old)

Discovery Programmes:

- Language Discovery
- Arts Discovery
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Discovery
- Discovery Adventures

Programme Fees can be found in www.isssummer.edu.sg

For more information and registration for ISS Summer School Discovery 2017, please visit www.isssummer.edu.sg. Or contact us by email: summerschool@iss.edu.sg or phone: +65 9722 5340.

Pioneer Teacher Visits



ISS International School in 1981 – 1982. (Valerie is sitting, 3rd row, 10th from the right)

ISS international School was founded in 1981 with 27 students enrolled at the school in the inaugural year. Valerie McDonald, or Valerie Staermose as she was better known then, was one of the few pioneer teachers at ISS in 1981 and 1982.



Valerie McDonald, a pioneer teacher at ISS



Visiting the zoo!



Running a race

“Those were challenging years. But despite the hard work and challenges, they were also very satisfying years. There was a small number of teachers, and the existing staff had to cover multiple subject areas. I was the only High School humanities teacher and taught all the humanities subjects! I didn’t even expect to be recruited as a teaching staff as I had only just arrived in Singapore with my husband who was transferred here to work, and I was enrolling my children at ISS. However when George Hoffmner, who was the Principal then and with whom I had worked in Cairo, saw me on the first day of school, he immediately recruited me!” So reminisced Valerie when she visited our ISS Preston campus, whilst she was on holiday in Singapore.

“Despite being small, ISS grew very quickly and in the following year, our enrolment numbers grew and we became 127 multinational students, with an equally multinational teaching staff. The school community was always close-knit, with a strong caring and supportive teaching staff even then,” shared Valerie. “It was a joy for me to teach in a school environment where a student’s overall well-being was a priority.”

The school then was located along Clementi Road and despite it being a school with limited facilities, “our students had the opportunity to try all varieties of sports and activities – football, basketball, sports day with a local school whom we shared the field with, and even visits to the Singapore Zoological Garden. It was just sheer fun!”

Many of the anecdotes and memories shared by Valerie had one underlying message. The ethos of ISS being an inclusive school where: the community is small with a strong family feel; the students are skillfully guided; their well-being is a priority; and the focus is on providing students with multiple opportunities to grow into a well-rounded person. These were the building blocks of ISS. We were established 35 years ago on the very principles that remain a cornerstone of our values and culture right through to 2017. This strong ethos and foundation are what ISS will carefully nurture and develop for many years to come.



Playing Basketball

Rollin' Good Times from the 80s



Reunited... and it feels so good!

“The canteen used to be here. There were tables, and we’d have lunch all together here. Now it’s the hall!”

said one when the school tour brought them to the Main Preston Hall.

“Was this the exact spot of the library when we were here?” questioned another.

“The female changing room seemed bigger when we were here in the 80s. My my, we have all grown because it just doesn’t seem that big anymore!”

said a third alumnus.

“Oh, oh, the stairs are still just as strenuous!”

amidst laughter from all the other alumni from the 1980s.

These were just some of the comments overheard amongst the alumni from the classes of 1983 to 1988. Thirty two alumni from all over the world, some with their families in tow, returned to Singapore to visit their alma mater. In total, we had a huge group of over 50 at our Preston campus that 28th April afternoon.

There were hugs and smiles all around as everyone excitedly spotted friends they recognised from years before. We had so much fun looking through old yearbooks, laughing at how we used to look, reminiscing about our times at ISS, and catching up with one another!

Our Grade 11 student ambassadors then took groups of alumni around the campus on a school tour, which brought back many memories and feelings of nostalgia.

That afternoon, we had the privilege of our CEO, Mrs. Chan Ching Oi, our Head of School, Dr. Margaret Alvarez and all the principals attend this afternoon celebration. This underscores the importance of our alumni to the school.

It was truly good to meet and connect with these alumni. As Dr. Alvarez so aptly summarised, this visit was truly about “the joys felt when seeing old friends reunite!”



Our student ambassadors chatting with their school seniors



Going on a tour of the school!

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Coming back to ISS brought back many fond memories. I was excited to see my schoolmates whom I have not met for over 30 years. Some of us have lost touch with one another, and it was so great to be able to reconnect and continue our friendship through social media with plans to visit one another in the various countries where we stay!

– Bennet, ISS Alumnus

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School Activities

March to June

Grade 11 Play in a Box (27 April)

Our grade 11 students wrote, directed, and performed an original play called Play in a Box. They explored political ideas, norms and stereotypes with their play. Afterwards, they had a discussion with the audience who asked questions and gave feedback.

Grade 4 & 5 Camps (3 to 5 May)

Grade 3 Camp (4 to 5 May)

Our annual camps for grades 3, 4, and 5 are lots of fun and a great way to finish off the school year. They are full of great teambuilding activities.

Middle School (MS) Disco (5 May)

Our middle school students had a blast at the last disco of the school term! We love any chance to spend time together with our friends.

High School (HS) Graduation (19 May)

After years of hard work and perseverance, our Grade 12 students finished their high school experience with their graduation. Thank you for coming to support our students as they embark on the next adventure of their lives!

Elementary School (ES) + Middle School Art Exhibition (26 May)

We showcased our elementary and middle school students' artwork at this art exhibition in May. There was a large variety of artwork with different mediums, inspiration and subjects.

Teacher Visit from Pakistan (26 May)

ISS strengthened its global connection this week when, Naila Izhar, a visiting Teacher Leader from Karachi, Pakistan, participated in an eventful week of learning from teachers and students at the ES and MS Campuses. Naila was taken on a campus tour by the Student Action Leadership Team members, Liem, Ayesha and Mia, to begin her week of learning. She participated in classroom observations, teacher meetings, and workshops on Assessment, Inclusion, Design and Literacy. In addition, Naila joined Mr. Ballanger on the G7 trip to places of worship in Singapore. Naila mentioned that her experience at ISS was a once in a lifetime opportunity and was grateful for this chance to bring her learning back to share with teachers in her home country.

Elementary School Swim Gala (5 June)

Our elementary school students participated in various water events during the swim gala in June. It was a lot of fun!

Middle School Grade 8 Celebration (6 June)

Our grade 8 students graduated from middle school, and will move on to high school the following school year. They finished their middle school journey with a fun celebration!

Middle School Service as Action Day (7 June)

Service as Action is a big part of our curriculum, and at the middle school, we like to finish off our school year serving the community in Singapore.



G11 Play in a Box



Grade 4 Camp



Grade 5 Camp



Grade 3 Camp



MS Masquerade Disco



PYP Exhibition



Teacher Visit from Pakistan

Events to Look Forward To

July to September

School Orientation for New Students (4 August)

We hold an orientation session for all our new students so that they can familiarise themselves with the campus and meet their teachers before school starts!

Grade 10 Personal Project Day (17 August)

Our grade 10s will have an exciting and meaningful time finding out and planning their personal project. They will be able to pursue a project that's of their personal interest, with a global perspective.

Grade 12 Lunchtime Music Recital (25 August)

Our Grade 12 students will perform several songs during the lunch time break at our Preston campus. Come by to enjoy some lovely music while you eat your lunch!

PTA Meeting (28 August)

Please join us for the first PTA meeting of the year! The PTA is a great way to meet other ISS parents, get involved and play a role in your child's experience at ISS.

Middle and High School MYP Mother Tongue Information Evening (29 August)

At ISS, students are able to continue studying their Mother Tongue. Join us for an information evening to find out how we help your student learn their mother tongue, and ways in which you can support them in their learning as well.

Teaching and Learning in the PYP and MYP (7 September)

We organise talks for our parents to learn more about the IB curriculum and the different subjects we teach at ISS. Join us for our coffee mornings, to learn more about what your child is learning in school.



School Orientation for New Students



G10 Personal Project Day



G12 Lunchtime Music Recital



PTA Meeting



MS & HS MYP Mother Tongue Information Evening



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