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Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

**Re: Head of Secondary February Half Term Update 2025-26**

It has been a whirlwind half term! While short, these past few weeks have been jam-packed with academic milestones and vibrant enrichment activities.

**Academic milestones:** a huge congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students. They conducted themselves with remarkable maturity during their mock exams. We hope this experience has provided a clear roadmap for May, and that recent parent-student-teacher meetings have helped sharpen focus on revision techniques and core content. Remember: the next few months are the "final leg" of this journey, and we are fully committed to supporting you every step of the way.

**ISB Journey and Futures:** We have held several student and parent meetings and seminars linked to the ISB journey, pathways and futures. Our goal always is to ensure that every child leaves the school successful, confident and capable of bringing about positive change for themselves and society.

This term, our community has focused on the critical milestones that define each student's unique pathway. These events ensure every learner is supported as they move through the school continuum toward a successful life beyond our walls.

Year 5 & 6 families recently attended our 'Talk and Tour' exploring how we ensure a seamless transition into the Secondary phase, building the foundational confidence needed for the next stage of their education.

Year 9 students and parents have been finalizing IGCSE options, focusing on a broad and balanced curriculum that keeps diverse future career paths open.

Year 11 students have engaged in sessions regarding the Pre-U IB curriculum, mapping out the rigorous academic pathways that lead to global university success.

To support life beyond school, students have attended numerous university events, including our UK University Fair. With over 30 universities represented, the impact is already clear with many of our Year 13s having already received offers for 2026.

Looking Ahead, we remain dedicated to supporting every student in becoming 'Secondary ready' and, ultimately, 'world ready.' Next half term, we will be holding Careers Week to further explore professional pathways. Through our tailored curriculum and enrichment programmes, we continue to build the skills and resilience required for your child's future.

**Sporting Success & Spirit:** our athletes have been busy representing ISB with pride! From a medal-filled performance at the FOBISIA Swimming Meet to fantastic displays of sportsmanship in local netball and football friendlies, the energy has been high. As we speak, our U13s are heading to Thailand for the FOBISIA Games and we wish them the very best of luck.

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**Creativity and Competition:** our "Dare to Do" spirit is everywhere

- House Spirit: Congratulations to Red House for their powerhouse performance at the annual Tug-of-War!
- Public Speaking: Our "Dare to Speak" finalists are currently preparing powerful speeches on courage and risk-taking.
- Photography: Keep an eye out for the stunning entries in our "Dare to Do" photo competition.
- Current House in the lead is...Ingkat with 12132 points!

**Global Citizenship:** Last week, 36 of our students shone at the FOBISIA MUN conference. By debating critical issues like renewable energy and the protection of endangered species, they developed diplomacy and critical thinking skills essential for future global leaders. This is just the beginning; we are already gearing up to host over 300 students for our flagship Borneo Global International Conference (BGIC) next term!

**Music and Culture:** The energy in the theatre was electric for the "Battle of the Bands" final. This event is the heart of our inclusive ethos, involving every single Key Stage 3 student in the playoffs. While the talent across the board was staggering, a special "well done" goes to our winners, TROPICAL MONKEYS!

Finally, we wrapped up the week with a beautiful celebration of Friendship Day and the spectacular sights and sounds of Chinese New Year. From the thunderous Lion Dance to the student-led performances, it was a joy to see our student community come together. You can catch the highlights on our Instagram page.

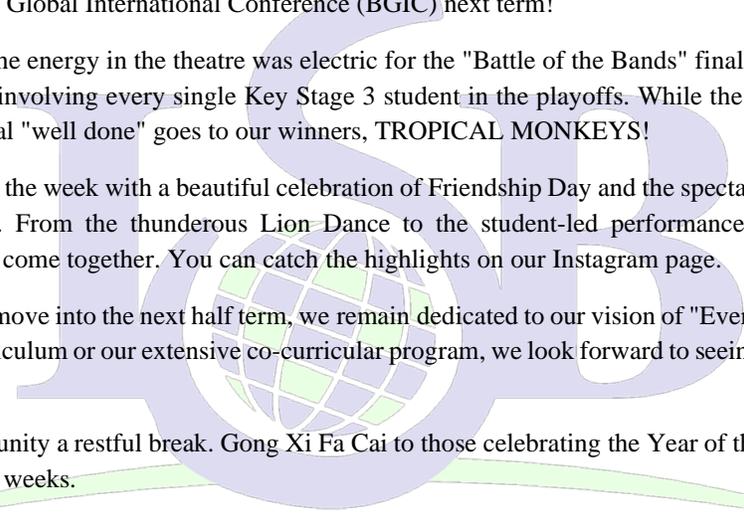
Looking Ahead, as we move into the next half term, we remain dedicated to our vision of "Everyone Excels." Whether through the formal curriculum or our extensive co-curricular program, we look forward to seeing our students continue to grow and thrive.

I wish our entire community a restful break. Gong Xi Fa Cai to those celebrating the Year of the Horse, and Ramadan Kareem for the coming weeks.

Warm regards,



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