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Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Re: HoS letter, End of Half Term 1 2025-26**

The first half term has been a wonderful start to the academic year. We began by celebrating our outstanding IB Diploma 2025 results. Many of our graduates received Board Awards for their exceptional attainment and progress, supporting their next steps in higher education. We were also delighted that Ahmad Shufiady was one of only five students in Brunei to receive the prestigious Sultan's Scholarship. He will now study Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Melbourne, one of the world's top 50 universities.

The success of our IB programme, our students' excellent results, and the impressive university offers they have received reflect the high-quality teaching, learning, and guidance provided at ISB. We wish the Class of 2025 every success in their future studies. Next half term, we will celebrate the achievements of our IGCSE 2025 cohort, many of whom will continue at ISB to pursue the world-renowned IB Diploma Programme.

Across all year groups, students have made a strong academic start. Most have now received progress grades, which should be seen not just as numbers, but as indicators of learning-showing knowledge, understanding, and skills that guide the next steps for improvement. Just as important is each child's attitude to learning, and we continue to nurture a *growth mindset* that builds confidence and resilience.

Student care and well-being remain central to our mission. Our tutors and pastoral team are available to support students' emotional and mental health. This year, we are developing an action plan focused on well-being and confidence. In the next half term, tutors will hold individual "360° conversations" with students in Years 9, 11, and 13 to celebrate successes and identify areas for further support. We will also host a Well-being Week, featuring activities that encourage reflection, and a **Parent Workshop on Mental Health First Aid Awareness on 31st October**-we warmly encourage you to attend.

This term has also been rich in enrichment and community events including House Challenge Day, Geography trips, Maths workshops, university talks, Digital Citizenship Week, and the House Swimming Gala (thank you to all who joined us!). Congratulations also go to Rayaana (Year 8), our Musician of the Year, and to the students establishing our new Red Crescent organisation. Next half term brings the Duke of Edinburgh expedition (Year 10), Year 7-8 showcases, and our much-anticipated **International Day on 24th October**.

Finally, thank you for your continued support. Whether you're attending events, encouraging your child at home, or simply asking about their day, your involvement is invaluable to their learning and well-being.

Wishing you a restful and happy half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

Yours sincerely



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