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WEEKS AHEAD

KEY EVENTS

Fri - Tues, 12 th - 16 th Oct	Half term/ Hari Raya break
Wed, 17 th Oct	U13 B&G Football @EP
Thurs - Fri 18 th - 19 th Oct	Visit by Simon Clarke (ISCO) * Morrisby Test on 18 th Oct * Yr 13 Interview & Career Guide on 19 th Oct
Thurs, 18 th Oct	* O15 Boys Football @ EP * O15 Girls Volleyball @ EP * U13 Girls Basketball @ GIS
Sat, 13 th Oct	* O15 B&G Football @ GIS * Volleyball @ ISKL
Tues, 23 rd Oct	EP Swim Gala
Thurs, 25 th Oct	EP Chamber Concert
Fri, 26 th Oct	Visit by Trent University, Canada

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL AT FINANCIAL HALF TERM 26th October 2007

The financial half term date is Friday 26th October 2007. If your child is leaving at the end of the current term, written notice must be given to the Principal on or before 26th October 2007. Failure to notify the school will result in the forfeiture of the parent deposit.

If your child will be temporarily absent for all the first or second half of the next term (Term 2 of the academic year 2007/2008), written notice must also be given to the Principal before the above-mentioned date failing which, a full term's fees will be charged for the next term. Thank you.

Lim Chin Guan
Head of Finance & Administration

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week I've enjoyed meeting all of the parents of our Year 7 students at the last of our parent coffee mornings for the year. I have been pleased at the large turnout and have enjoyed taking people on a tour of the school to see lessons and the facilities.

School uniform has been a good topic of conversation at these coffee mornings. In response to this, I would like to enlist the help of one or two parents in convening a school uniform review group. I am interested in working with a small number of parents and students in looking at the options for a redesign of the school uniform at the secondary school. The intention is for a group to design and source one or

two alternative uniforms for presentation to the school's Leadership Team, the Head Students and the Student Council. If you are interested and have some expertise to bring to this group, please drop me a line via email at principal.ep@alice-smith.edu.my

Further to my message last week, I would like to remind all parents that on Monday 22nd October you will receive a questionnaire which will survey your opinions and impressions on a range of areas relating to the school. This questionnaire will need to be returned by Friday 26th October. Your help in this will be very much appreciated.

Coming up very soon is our school Swimming Gala. On Tuesday 23rd October, students will join in a day of activity in our 50m pool with races and relays. Parents are welcome to join us for the day and support the students.

Finally, I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all of our Alice Smith community "Selamat Hari Raya". I hope that you all have an enjoyable break and I look forward to welcoming you back next Wednesday.



With best wishes,
Richard Dyer, Principal

ISKL MINIMUM - A DELEGATE'S REPORT



Friday 5th October 2007 was the first day of the two day annual ISKL Model United Nations conference. The conference was attended by four schools around KL: ISKL (hosts); Alice Smith; Garden International & Mont' Kiara International.

As it was my first time going to an MUN conference, I didn't know what to expect. At 2.30pm on Friday we left our classrooms and went to get changed into our suits for the conference. Shortly after the bell rang it was time to embark on the half hour journey to ISKL in Ampang. When we got there, I have to admit, we didn't fit in! Yet, being the courageous people we are, we walked through the crowd, who were by now staring at us probably because of the suits, and split up into the two groups we were put into before the conference, Human rights and ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council).

The first day was specifically for delivering opening speeches and lobbying. This was a great chance to socialize with many other people. After learning about people's backgrounds, we finally got round to the main topic of the day, Resolutions. After about an hour of merging and amending home time was upon us. Thus with simple farewells, we all went our own ways, only to see each other bright and early at 8.00am Saturday morning!

The second day was about debating resolutions. ECOSOC (Economic and Social Committee), the council that I was in, passed 3 out of 4 resolutions and 'Tabled' one. The Human Rights council was, I'm sure, equally successful. Overall it was a great conference, and if you ask any one of the delegates who went, I'm sure they'll tell you that they can't wait till next year! Before next year however, I hope to be able to organise, with the help of some other *MUNers*, an MUN conference here at Alice Smith in early 2008.

Special thanks on behalf of all who went to ISKL to Mr. Street, Mr. Bennett and Ms. Brooks, who not only organised the trip but also took time out to come and support us. Thank You!

Selamat Hari Raya!

Ahmed Bobat (Year 11S)

THIMUN NEWS!

The THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) delegations have been assigned! Alice Smith is proud to be sending 11 delegates to The Hague in January to represent Papua New Guinea in the 40th anniversary of THIMUN. Preparations will be starting over the coming weeks, as students begin their extensive research into Papua New Guinea's policies and politics.



I am also delighted to announce that Amirah Al Idrus has been appointed ambassador for Papua New Guinea for this trip. It's a very prestigious position, one only available to very high calibre delegates, as the ambassador represents all the delegates going on the trip. Amirah won the position despite being against two very experienced delegates who also gave excellent speeches, Illa Afifuddin and Aiman Hussein.

Rob Street, MUN Director

CHAMBER CONCERT, 25th October at 7pm

We would like to welcome all parents, students and staff to the first Alice Smith Chamber Concert taking place on Thursday, 25th October in the Assembly Hall at 7.00pm. The concert will include performances by the School Choir, Chamber Choir, Chamber Music Ensembles, Wind Band, Pop / Rock Groups, GCSE / A Level candidates and (wait for it), the 25-piece staff choir singing in 4-part harmony - be very afraid! So, book this date in your diary.

JAMES BOND CONCERT at MPO

There are 40 places available for a trip to The Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra for the music of James Bond on Friday 9th November. Letters will be available from the music department next week. Come early to avoid disappointment as the event promises to be a showcase of everything BOND from Dr No to Casino Royale. Jackets and ties a must, authentic tuxedo and bow-tie optional.

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CHILDREN'S CANCER WARD AT HUKM (HOSPITAL UNIVERSITY KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA)

A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who sent in soft toys for the oncology ward at H.U.K.M. A lot of the children are in hospital for a long time and it's so nice to be able to give them a cuddly toy to keep. Once again a very big 'Thank you'.

Darina Walsh

THE SECRET LIFE OF RYAN GRANT

Ryan Grant is an ex-student of The Alice Smith School. He left us in 2003 after completing GCSE's and AS units to join the British Army.



The following has been extracted from BBC Sport:

Edinburgh have raided Border Reivers to sign Scotland A international Ryan Grant for next season.

Prop Grant, 21, has agreed a two-year contract. It will be Grant's first move into full-time senior rugby, having been an apprentice with Reivers while serving in the Royal Signals.

The latest additions bring Edinburgh's new signings to 12 for next season, but Grant was looking forward to playing alongside some of the established squad. "It is a positive move for me to be able to play alongside some big names at Edinburgh, such as Alistair Hogg, and learn from Allan Jacobsen, so I am really looking forward to next season," he said. The former Under-21 international made his Scotland A debut against Italy A at McDiarmid Park in February. Edinburgh head coach Lynn Howells added: "I watched Ryan against Italy A and he had a fine game. "He is a big, powerful player and one of the up-and-coming prospects in Scottish rugby, so we've identified him as one for the future".