

Hi there,

Well we had some close calls, but we survived the terrible typhoon!

We got over the school closure due to Typhoon Mangkhut, and yes we did have some damage to work on and at the moment there are still some closed off areas (just as a precautionary measure) in school.

Then another typhoon hit us ...the message from the EDB. So on the advice of the EDB, we had to suspend our fee paying ECAs, due to issues brought up by a complainant. This suspension is temporary while we actively work with the EDB to resolve the matter. Once this case is resolved, we will resume our ECA programme and keep you informed. We would like to thank you in advance, for your patience and understanding, during this time while we work on resolving the matter. This situation is entirely out of our control and we are just as disappointed as you and your children. The school leadership and admin teams have been working hard to resolve this issue; just to remind you they have asked us to;

- Temporarily suspended until further notice all fee-paying ECAs at the Korean International School.
- return all cheques to parents via the classroom teacher.
- ECA Sports run by KIS Staff will continue. "Cricket, Netball, Basketball, Cross Country, Touch Rugby, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee" will carry on FREE as planned for Term 1.

We have finished the process of returning all of the ECA cheques. We sincerely thank everyone for their support during this process.

The ECA committee that consists of Chris Chadwick / Kim Ashman/ Conrad Ackerman can be reached at cchadwick@kis.edu.hk, kashman@kis.edu.hk and cackerman@kis.edu.hk

This week another typhoon hit us ...the message from EDB read that an anonymous parent reported to them some more issue. When we spoke to EDB about this they told us that they are getting many complaints from Korean Section parents and on some days as many as three complaint message are received!

They told me that I must answer/respond to these messages. I pointed out – how can I do that if I am not aware/included in the loop? I didn't receive them so how could I respond?

I know there were some unhappy Korean Section parents voicing their concerns outside the school and they asked parents to contact the EDB about certain issues, but unless someone includes me in the conversation I don't know how I can answer.

So please let me say that; it is better to come and see me or the leadership team or consult our teachers first with your concern rather than jumping to tell the EDB. Please, please feel free to come in person/or in writing where we can hear your concern and help deal with it professionally. Let us try to work it out together and not after the EDB has become involved.

Assembly

The last assemblies we learnt a little more about some of our fellow students who celebrated; Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving.

(I)GCSE and A Level results 2018

We are extremely proud to announce another great set of IGCSE and A Level examination results and are truly delighted for the students as there are significant individual achievements across the board. What is particularly remarkable about the students' achievements is that KIS is an inclusive school, catering for students of all abilities.

Re-sit exams: We have posted the schedule onto the website. The school's growing success at IGCSE and A Level is the result of a highly personalised approach to teaching and learning, placing the highest value on effort, giving outstanding levels of support for individual students and maintaining the highest expectations of all. We wish to congratulate all our 2018 students on their fantastic achievements.

I know I speak on behalf of the whole school community when I congratulate the students on their fantastic achievements. Equally, a considerable debt of gratitude is due to the staff. KIS is fortunate to employ an incredibly talented and professional group of teachers and educational assistants who have worked tirelessly to support our students. We are also very appreciative of the continued home-school partnership that ensures that our students are given every opportunity to succeed. Cambridge has invited us to the awards ceremony on Saturday, 10th November - **'Cambridge Learner Awards'**.

Student leadership opportunities

I am delighted that student leadership opportunities have continued to develop significantly this year in all phases of the School.

I was impressed by all the students who have assumed leadership roles and are poised to make a positive difference to the School.

House Captains X4 from Y6

Student Council:

Primary

Class	Student Councilor #1	Student Councilor #2
Y2F	CHAN, Ian	CHAN, Constance
Y2P	BALI, Anushka	BHARGAV, Saanvi
Y2S	BAKSHI, Uma	CHAHAR, Saanichi
Y3F	LIU, Brenton	YUN, Zia
Y3C	HO, Cayden	MOK, Chelsea
Y4B	KANG, Loua	YAU, Jonathan
Y4C	LEE, Kingsley	NG, Hailey
Y5Y	GARCIA, Sofia	KIM, Matthew
Y5L	LAU, Gianna	TUNG, Nathan

Secondary

Secondary Student Council Representatives 2018-2019

Head Prefects – Ian (Y12) and Gen (Y13)

Prefects – Phoebe, Jennifer, Casper, Presley, Sid, Catherine, Fabia, Jayan, Jasmine, Radia, Matin, Aryan (all Y12)

Form Group Representative

7AL Hector

7CJ Valentino

7DH Tara

8HN Catriona

8TM Kaylie

9AL Alpha

9WM Santi

10JW Claire

11HR Lok Yin

11YC Andy

All of the students who put themselves forward for consideration were worthy of high praise. I know you will want to join me in congratulating all of our student leaders and our new Head Prefects. I'm confident that they will all represent the School with distinction and will have a positive impact on the school community.

Message from the Diwali Team

Dear Parents,

You are warmly welcomed to our Primary Diwali assembly. It will be held on Friday, 9th November 2018 at 8:30am in the school Gymnasium. The dress code for the day is Indian or Traditional Attire. If your child is dressed for the occasion, a donation of HK20 or more would be much appreciated. There will also be samosas sold at school during recess break. The money collected will be handed out to the school charity committee. The school lunch for 9th November will be a special Indian Diwali menu. Please note that the original 9th November lunch menu choice is now switched to 6th November.

Sincerely,

Diwali Team

Message from Mr. De Pauw

This week it has been a bit quieter at KIS, with most of our Secondary students out on trips. I wanted to take the opportunity to give you a quick update:

Last Thursday we had our KAPLAN seminar. The representatives spoke about US university applications and requirements. It was nice to hear them talk about our last year's graduate Marco Tang who broke their records as he was admitted to all 10 universities he applied for. He is currently studying at Penn State University.

Yenny, from year 12 will join our team of prefects. Currently the prefects are helping Mr. Chadwick with morning duties and school tours. And they also keep an eye on the younger kids,

to make sure they are safe and on their best behaviour. In the near future, we'll extend the duties a bit and include afternoon gate duty. Our head prefects are looking into Halloween, and will organize some activities. Please note that you can still register for the Young Doctor Program by InvestIN. The link is in my previous email. Please also note that Monday, 22nd October is a professional development day for staff. Students won't come into school that day.

Calendar events

- Monday – Friday Secondary Overseas Trips / 8th-10th October – Primary Camp of Y6
- 15th to 19th October Mid-term Break – No School

Week 8

- Monday, 22nd October – Staff Professional Development Day – Students won't come into school that day.
- Tuesday, 23rd October – Shark Assembly
- Wednesday, 24th October – Mental Health talk for Y3/4/5/6

Week 9

- Wednesday, 31st October – Halloween happening Y4/5 Camp-31st October – 2nd November
- Wednesday – Friday, 31st October – 2nd November – Y4/5 Camp
- Friday, 2nd November – Parent Teacher Conferences

Week 10

- Monday – Wednesday, 5th – 7th November – Photo Days for classes
- Thursday, 8th November – Diwali Assembly Secondary
- Friday, 9th November – Diwali Assembly Primary
- Saturday, 10th November – Cambridge Learner Awards

Week 11

- Wednesday, 14th November – Elephant charity event

Seeing our students grow, blossom and flourish over the year ahead will be hugely satisfying for us all here at KIS.

I'm acutely aware that teaching and supporting children at its best arises from healthy staff that are well rested, open minded, clear thinking and empathetic towards the challenges of learning. Equally, I'm aware that an overwhelming amount of research shows that promoting the health and wellbeing of children within schools has a significant impact on their happiness, readiness to learn and academic achievement.

May I wish all of you a wonderful midterm break. I look forward to welcoming all our students again on Tuesday, 23rd October.

With kind regards,

C. Chadwick
Principal