

Welcome back to a new school year.

Welcome back!

I hope you had a great summer with your families and are rested ready for the new year ahead.

The children have settled back into the school routine and it is a joy to watch them arriving at school each morning eager for the day ahead.

I have been particularly impressed with our new Reception students who have settled quickly on their first day. They are an enthusiastic and confident group.

Naturally at the start of a school year we have many new people to welcome. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new families from around the world all the new Reception students and their parents and all the other new students and their families from across the school; across the year groups up to Y13.

I know they will all be well looked after and enjoy their time at KIS. Along with our new students we have some new staff members joining our School family. I will be introducing them to you at the meet the teacher evening

School refurbishment

Our next phase of renovations have started and some have been completed over the summer holidays; Canteen / PE office / PE toilets / Music Room / Tuck Shop.

Our plans for the following; Springboard / Counselling Room - we hope will start soon.

Meet the Teacher Evening

We plan to hold a '**Meet the Teacher Evening**' for Primary on September 12th and for Secondary on the 20th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn about the expectations for the year ahead.

The Primary evening will begin at 3:00-4:00 with an ECA exhibition of all planned ECA in the mini auditorium [room 415] for you to see and hear about ECA dates for non- sports are; 23/09-7/12/2018 Term 1 more details to follow.

This will then be followed at 4:15 by a short introduction in the gym by the school leadership team where they will; introduce the new teachers and talk about our projects and plans. After this you will meet your child's Class Teacher and Assistant in your child's classroom. This is an adult's only evening. If you have a number of children, you will have to decide which presentations you will attend.

(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.

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.

We are also proud to announce that; Marco Tang got into Penn State / Ivy Ho got into HKUST / Chris Lo and Jason Chan got into City U.

Message for parents

I would like to share with you some of our ideas for future plans and projects for this year 2018-2019. You can see from the chart below red indicates last academic year, in black are some of the plans for this year.

Whole school plans

Year 2017-2018	Year 2018-2019
Renovation of library	Renovation of the; Canteen / PE Office / PE Toilets / Music Room / Springboard / Counselling Room / Tuck Shop
Revitalizing the library system	IWB / more books in other languages / improved timetabling
More in depth academic studies in; English from RC-Y13	More reading in English /continue with English and look to Springboard during this year
Upgrading IT; Chrome books/ BYOD in Secondary / notebooks in classrooms / laptops	BYOD / cromebooks in Primary /staff laptops / new hardware / company sponsored
Timetabling; longer working week for Secondary Students	ALO activities changes / field work
Timetabling of Y7/8/9/10/11/12/13 into the library	Creative Arts Programme; Music / Art / Drama
Timetabling; earlier start for Primary enabling more circle time / PSHE / Reading time in the morning	House Activities / Music Assemblies

Timetabling to create a two week timetable for Secondary Timetabling to create more student leadership opportunities for the senior students at the end of day (Y10-11 have extended lessons once a week, Y12-13 twice)	Learning experiences out of school as Interns / OWN academy
Timetabling to create more student leadership opportunities	House activities driven by Y6 AYP / LLC
Calendar events; charity events whole weeks / special weeks / Open Day	Same

PRIMARY

Year 2017-2018	Year 2018-2019
Languages trials	Korean and Spanish additional language trial in Primary; Spanish = each class one lesson a week / additional language trial in Primary; all students to have exposure to the opposite first choice language = Chinese/Korean = for one class / one lesson a week; this means all students will experience some Korean language and culture exposure as we are the Korean International school.
New Y1 class [TEACHER AND ASSISTANT]	<u>New Y2 class</u> <u>[TEACHER AND ASSISTANT]</u> Springboard Primary; raise its profile and staffing levels / fund raiser / renovate speech therapy room
	KELY workshops for Primary
	Introducing new Cambridge assessments in primary [Movers / starters / flyers Develop exposure to more Korean culture; Korean celebrations / sports / music / language Improve and strengthen student support mechanisms / SENCO / EXTRA ESL / all classes have a TA

Secondary

2017-2018	2018-2019
Introduction of Drama for secondary students in Y7/8/9	Creative Arts Programme
Introduction of new IGCSE / A level courses = Computer studies / Global perspective / Enterprise / English Literature	Introducing new IGCSE / A level courses; Media Studies / Sociology / Geography
Springboard Secondary; raise its profile and staffing levels	Renovations / POST 16
Create more Student leadership opportunities for all	Re-evaluation of Prefects for Y11/12/13
Introduction of new Cambridge assessments in SECONDARY flyers / PET / KET Develop exposure to more Korean culture; Korean day / sports / music / language	Calendar events / Timetabling of Y7/8 for Korean and Spanish
Improve and strengthen student support mechanisms	<u>SENCO</u> <u>Extra ESL</u> <u>Secondary TA [Learning support]</u>

Staffing

2017-2018	2018-2019
CPD for staff; to keep offering excellent education tailored to our students needs	Emerging leaders course / Cambridge courses / ESF courses / School Advisor Ian Clayton
Leadership roles and allowances for curriculum leaders	New role and revised allowances
Staff recruitment Improved academic viability as a global international school	Increase of International fairs visited

Moving forward

This year sees us entering our third year of operation under new management. The vision and road-map have been underway and we now look ahead to the next three year plan. Here are some of our new projects that we are working on:

- The new Engage system will be fully operational soon; this will help in many areas especially data handling.

- Many areas of school organisation to be reviewed e.g. School fees [no rise next year] / the deposit for a school place / school reports / refund system for parents / assessments and reference package.
- Staff contracts / storage of student records / the system of paying student fees / campus safety and security issues.

Once a change has been decided e.g. last year the school fees were raised we had to get approval from the EDB. If we recommend an operational change we must inform you and we will also consult the EDB and seek their approval as needed; e.g. safety and security policy / complaints / and assessment fees polices. We will explore the idea of introducing Debentures / or Capital Levy's.

Dismissal at the end of the day

At the gate; it will be opened wider and a longer barrier will be put up we ask you to stay behind the barrier to receive your child.

For safety and security reasons please wait behind the barrier. The students will be brought down by their teacher and only dismissed if they know the pick-up person or that the child recognises the person.

Calendar

We are working on the following Chusok and Mid-Autumn assemblies.

Change of date; please note our planned **Parent Teacher conferences will now be on 2nd of November 2018.**

As I said at the beginning of this letter I would like to share with you some of our ideas for future plans and projects as we prepare for the 2018-2019 School Year and the planned organisation changes we feel we need for the next three years. These operational issues will take time to work through but our plan is to be ready for 2019.

Thank you;
HERE IS TO A GREAT NEW YEAR

C.Chadwick
Principal