

# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2024/25 | 7 February 2025

## Message from The Principal



Sport continues to be promoted at Nexus as per our priorities. Each morning this week, our FOBISIA teams train for the upcoming games and this week I saw the teams concentrating on Swimming with our dedicated coaches. In addition our Primary Sports days were well attended and there was much friendly competition and collaboration. Next Monday we will be enjoying the Secondary event and I look forward to meeting lots of you there.



One of our fantastic PE staff is Mr Adli who is an Alum of Nexus and when he studied here he met a female learner named Amani. Last week I was thrilled to attend their wedding (A Nexus first) and wish them all the very best for their bright future.

On a final note, please note that in order to keep our learners safe, Parents are not permitted to give school tours to friends. It is also not permitted for visitors to take photos or videos of the learners. If you would like a school tour for any friends or family, we would be happy to arrange a tour with our admissions staff. Please contact the Admissions team or the Heads of school to do this.

*David Griffiths*

# Primary

The second part of Term 2 has begun with a number of Entry points as learners begin their latest IPC Units. Entry Points are designed to hook the learners in, get them excited about their new topic and allow them to start thinking of questions they would like to explore.

A tasty time for Year 3 and Year 4 learners as part of our 'What's on the Menu?' Entry Point this week. Learners dined on the finest cuisines from their Home Countries, what a great start to our new IPC unit! Sedap!



Y3/4 then walked to Nexus village to locate food outlets on a map as part of their “*What’s on the Menu*” IPC Unit. They have begun their research on how restaurant businesses are run, where the food comes from and who the customers are.

# Primary

To kick off our exciting IPC topic, The Holiday Show, Year 5 and Year 6 learners stepped into the world of tourism by dressing up as tourists and taking on roles as customers or staff in a hotel, café, museum, swimming pool, and tour bus. Their challenge? To be as badly behaved as possible! From impatient guests to messy eaters, they experienced firsthand the impact of different tourist behaviours. This immersive activity set the stage for our big question: Is tourism helpful or harmful?—a debate we will explore throughout our learning journey.



## Mobile Phones/Smartphones in school

We would like to remind parents/guardians that mobile phones are not to be used by learners during the school day. This policy also applies to smartwatches, as we've observed that learners are becoming distracted by messages and notifications coming through on these devices.

We kindly ask that parents ensure children do not wear smartwatches to school. If you need to contact your child in an emergency, please do so through the school office by contacting Miss Wani ([baharudin.i@nexus.edu.my](mailto:baharudin.i@nexus.edu.my)) or Student Services ([studentservices@nexus.edu.my](mailto:studentservices@nexus.edu.my)), and we will ensure the message reaches them promptly. Thank you for your support in maintaining a focused learning environment for all learners.

# Secondary

We were recently delighted to welcome Daniel Merza to Nexus. Daniel is an award-winning motivational speaker from Sydney, educator, transformational coach, and author, specialising in wellbeing and leadership.

Daniel's visit to Nexus International School, Malaysia, provided an educating and empowering experience. Delivering a dynamic "Power Hour" for Year 7 to Year 11 learners, his session was engaging, interactive, and impactful. Students explored the "5 monkeys" influencing poor mental health in young people and learned practical strategies to manage stress, anxiety, and depression while strengthening their emotional resilience. Additionally, they discovered the importance of reaching out for support and breaking the 'fear' barrier, leaving them equipped with valuable tools for personal growth and wellbeing.



# Secondary

Year 13 are well underway with their university applications. In Term 1 the focus for many is on the UK, the US and Canada due to the application window for these countries. All UK applications have to be submitted by the end of January and already many Nexus learners have received offers from their chosen universities. Some of the offers received so far include: Cambridge (Natural Sciences); Durham (Economics); Loughborough (Sports Science); King's London (PPE); Imperial (Aeronautical Engineering); Heriot-Watt (Psychology); Nottingham (Law and Legal Studies); St Andrews (Computer Science and AI) ; Exeter (Marine Biology) ; Bristol (Neuroscience); Cardiff (Politics and International Relations). These are just a small sample of the offers received with many learners already having several offers to choose from. There are still many more to come from the UK as well as further afield when offers from the US and Canada start to come in. For Malaysia and Australia, application usually begins after results. We are delighted that so many of the class of 2025 have already received great offers for their preferred courses and will update as more come in.

# Boarding

## Keeping busy with activities

This weekend we are looking forward to a range of different activities on and off campus for our weekend and also for the public holiday for Thaipusam on Tuesday.

**Friday** - evening walk to Putrajaya food trucks and ice-creams in the local village

**Saturday** - extra tuition help from Mr Piers and Mr Yousef and SIM Golf excursion

**Sunday** - picnic and games in the Putrajaya Botanic Gardens

**Tuesday** - cooking on campus and iOi Mall excursion

## Younger Boarder fitness focus

As part of our dedicated care for our youngest Boarders and the way we structure evenings and weekend free time, we focus this week on showing you the fitness and activity level of our younger Boarders.

Our sports hall and fitness gym are always a great distraction for our older Boarders but we also have begun a junior induction program so everyone can join in. Ms Siti, as a PE teacher and physiotherapist, has been leading the induction and teaching everyone what the equipment is used for and the benefits of exercise for all of us.



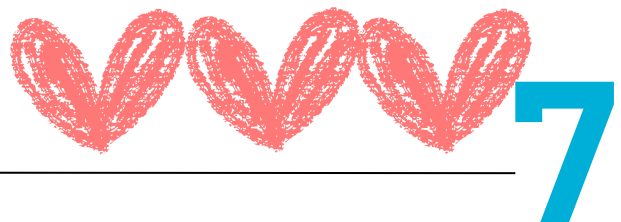
## Coming Soon - junior swim program

We are delighted that we will begin our junior swim program from Monday 17 February for our younger Boarders. All Boarders in years 6, 7 and 8 will begin the weekly program and join the swimming fun.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you all soon as we start to see the benefits of the focus on strength, conditioning, posture and breathing through swimming.

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**BBQ in the BH** - This week we loved dinner 'At home' when we set up our Teamwork Wednesday BBQ dinner right at the Boarding House. As usual we had lots of help from grilling volunteers. We also took some time to temporarily decorate our surrounding areas.



# Sports



## Nexus Wolves round up!

What a week of fantastic effort from all our Nexus Wolves teams! We've seen some great games, plenty of determination, and a lot of individual success. Here's a quick round-up of how our teams fared:

### Primary Football

Despite playing a great game, our U11 boys unfortunately lost their match. This was a very good experience for all involved as our young wolves prepare themselves for their AIMS competition next week. A huge congratulations to the U11 girls on their thrilling 2-1 victory against KH8! Well done, girls! A very positive start to your season ahead.

The U9 boys had a fantastic afternoon of games against KH8. While they didn't win, the matches were a great learning experience. It's worth noting that KH8 have been training all year, giving them a clear advantage. Our boys showed incredible improvement throughout the afternoon, which is a testament to their resilience and enthusiasm. Our U9 girls came out on top for another win for the Wolves securing a 2-1 victory. Fantastic work, team!

### U18 AIMS Netball

A huge well done to our U18 girls' team who recently competed in the AIMS competition! The team put in a fantastic effort and finished a commendable 5th overall.

The girls played with exceptional competitiveness throughout the tournament, demonstrating great teamwork and skill. They narrowly missed out on achieving an even higher placing in a few of their games, proving just how close the competition was. Despite the near misses, the team's performance was outstanding, and they should be incredibly proud of their achievement.







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