

# CONNECT01

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# Whole School

## Holiday Next Week

A quick reminder that the school will be closed for holidays next week on **Tuesday 14th** and **Friday 17th** January.

## Sports Fixture Schedule January 2014

Date	Fixture	Vs	Venue	Time
Saturday 11th	U15 Boys Rugby	Tournament	ISKL	7.30am – 1pm
	U13 Boys Football	Tournament	Nexus	8am – 12pm
	U13 Girls Football	Tournament	Nexus	8am – 12pm
Saturday 18th	U15 Boys Rugby - Finals	Tournament	Nexus	7.30am – 1pm
Monday 20th	O15 Boys Basketball	Tenby	Tenby	3.10 – 5.30pm
	O15 Girls Basketball	Tenby	Tenby	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U9 Boys Football	Tenby + GIS	Tenby	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U9 Girls Football	Tenby + GIS	Tenby	3.10 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 21st	U13 Girls Football	GIS	GIS	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U11 Boys Football	GIS	Nexus	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U13 Boys Football	GIS	Nexus	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U15 Girls Basketball	ISKL	ISKL	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U9 Boys Football	GIS	Nexus	3.10 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 22nd	U11 Boys Football	Tenby	Tenby	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U15 Boys Basketball	Tenby	Tenby	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U9 Boys Football	Tenby	Tenby	3.10 – 5.30pm
Thursday 23rd	U11 Girls Football	GIS	Nexus	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U9 Girls Football	GIS	Nexus	3.10 – 5.30pm

Saturday 25th	U9 Boys Football	Tournament	LFKL	8am – 1pm
	U15 Boys Basketball	Tournament	ISKL	12pm – 6pm
	U15 Girls Basketball	Tournament	ISKL	12pm – 6pm

Sunday 26th	U12 Girls Football	Tournament	LFKL	8am – 1pm
	U13 Boys Football	Tournament	LFKL	8am – 1pm
	U15 Boys Football	Tournament	LFKL	8am – 1pm

Monday 27th	O15 Boys Basketball	ISKL	ISKL	3.10 – 6pm
	U15 Boys Basketball	ISKL	ISKL	3.10 – 6pm

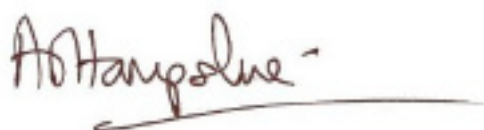
Tuesday 28th	O15 Girls Basketball	ISKL	ISKL	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U15 Boys Basketball	League Finals	MKIS	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U9 Girls Football	ISP	ISP	3.10 – 5.30pm
	U9 Boys Football	ISP	ISP	3.10 – 5.30pm

Wednesday 29th	O15 Boys Basketball	Tenby	Nexus	3.10 – 5.30pm
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- Please note that all fixtures are accurate as of January 2nd and are liable to change at short notice.
- End times are approximate

For up to the minute information on fixtures, please go to the PE Fixtures website:  
[http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=smith.a%40nexus.edu.my&ctz=Asia/Kuala Lumpur](http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=smith.a%40nexus.edu.my&ctz=Asia/Kuala_Lumpur)  
 or contact **Andy Smith** at [smith.a@nexus.edu.my](mailto:smith.a@nexus.edu.my)

Regards,



**Alison Hampshire**  
Principal

# Primary

## Class Websites

Please be aware that the information given in Connect is a summary of the highlights within the school. For detailed and more personalised news for your child's class please visit the class websites, listed below:

EY1	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/nursery-learning/home">https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/nursery-learning/home</a>
EY2	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/eys-reception/">https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/eys-reception/</a>
Y1	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-1-2013-2014/home">https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-1-2013-2014/home</a>
Y2	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-2/">https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-2/</a>
Y3	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-3-new/home">https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-3-new/home</a>
Y4	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-4-site/">https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-4-site/</a>
Y5	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-5-new/">https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/year-5-new/</a>
Y6	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/y6/">https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/y6/</a>

## IPC Regional Networking Meeting

As part of the schools role in being the only school in Malaysia to be accredited at Mastering level for the IPC, Nexus will be hosting the first regional meeting **next Wednesday afternoon**. 15 delegates from IPC schools across KL will join together to discuss the best ways of learning with the IPC.

## Congratulations

Nexus learner's sporting achievements outside of school continues with **Year 6 learner, Miqail Lob** who has been selected to represent PKNS Football Club as a goalkeeper. The team will take part in 1MCC (1 Malaysia Cardiff City) League and Mikhail will train three times per week.

## MP3 Spotlight

We are learning to write a balanced argument. We are learning about mass and weight and the effects of gravity.

Year 5's space cadets have been busy this week preparing themselves for a possible space mission. There is a buzz of excitement in the Nexus Space Academy and the questions on everybody's lips are: 'Where will we go?' and 'what will we take with us?'

### 'Where will we go?'

The choice is a one-way trip to either Mars or Venus and the opportunity for their names to go down in history. I decided to interview some of the cadets to see which destination they favored! Lieutenant Naufal informed me that he felt Mars would be the best choice as it has a similar day and night pattern to Venus. Alternatively Lieutenant Yi Chen argued that Mars might not be such a good option as there is not enough oxygen in the air for astronauts to breath without their space suits. Another cadet (Lieutenant Ariane) stressed that nobody wants to be stuck in a space suit for the rest of his or her life!

### "How do you know so much about Mars and Venus?"

"We have been very rigorous and used our enquiry skills to find information from books, posters, YouTube videos and websites!" Lieutenant Marcus informed me.

The important decision has been put into the cadet's hands. They have been asked to use their enquiry skills and flexible thinking to come up with reasons 'For' and 'Against' going on a mission to Mars rather than Venus. These reasons will be included in their piece of discursive writing, which will detail both sides of the argument as well as the opinion of the space cadet. This will be submitted to the academy and the most popular opinion (Mars or Venus) will become the destination for the mission.

### 'What will we take with us?'

Before making the decision about what to take, the space cadets learnt about mass and weight and how they are different. They were then asked to investigate what the mass and weight of some of the scientific equipment they would take with them on their mission was. I asked some of the cadets what they had learnt about mass and weight. Lieutenant Arissa told me that she had learnt that mass stays the same wherever you are but weight can change. Lieutenant Michelle said she learnt to use a newton meter, which is a skill. The cadets have much more preparation and learning to do before their mission but they are making great progress.







# Year 1 Trip to Kidzania

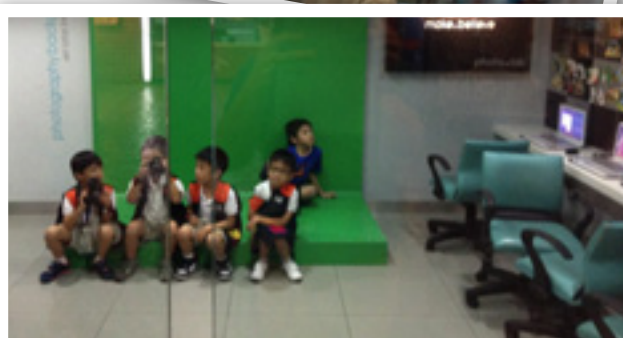
In Year 1, this half term, the children are learning about the world of work through the IPC theme 'The Things People Do'. In order to 'hook' the children on this theme, we took them to Kidzania. Through role-playing the learners were able to know and understand more about various jobs and professions within society as well as the activities and responsibilities that go along with these.

This was an excellent opportunity for children to understand the purpose of work – not only for their own personal monetary gain, but also to provide a service to society. Many of our learners have never had to take responsibility for their own money, and have never had the opportunity to earn money nor use this money earned to purchase goods – it was amazing to see those who were more reluctant to spend their hard earned cash!

Not only did the trip to Kidzania allow children to explore these concepts and come to an understanding that money, in fact, does not just appear from the ether, it has to be earned and it should be spent wisely. Additionally, they quickly learned that certain jobs were more desirable to them, because they earned different amount for different jobs, some children showed real drive to bank more than their friends to be able to purchase the item they wanted at the end of the day! This learning experience has proved to be extremely purposeful for our learners as through working with their peers, role playing -and dare I say it - having fun, they have learned so much more about jobs in society today than they could have within the constraints of a traditional classroom and 'learning by doing' they are bound to remember the learning experience that has taken place. Our learners are now completely enthused and ready to learn more about 'The Things People Do' within and across the different curricular subjects.

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**Clare Sweeney – 1N**



# Secondary

## Old Newspapers Collection

The Secondary Art department would like to appeal for Newspapers as we are starting a paper mache project with the Year 9's, and to cover the table while painting. We also recycle the Newspapers for paper making and printing activities. Please send them to the Secondary **Art room (122 or 123)** anytime during school hours. All contributions are highly appreciated.

## IB Action Research Project

All IB learners will take a letter home next week explaining action research that will take place across Years 12 and 13 in the near future. Please read this carefully, discuss with your son or daughter and let us know if you have any concerns. The letter will also be sent to all current parent email addresses. If you do not receive either the letter or the email, please contact [bailey.a@nexus.edu.my](mailto:bailey.a@nexus.edu.my). Thank you for your support in this matter, Mrs. Abena

## Boarding House

“Happy New Year to everyone from the boarding community.”

This term we have welcomed 11 new boarders and they include our first boarders from Japan and Korea. We continue to expand our international connections.

### Day Boarding

These boarders arrive in boarding in time to have breakfast and leave boarding after dinner on the same day. They are able to use the facilities in boarding before and after school. The fee for day boarding is RM4000 a term. Temporary arrangements can be arranged at RM60 per day.

### Occasional Boarding

Some parents have enquired about whether it is possible to send children to boarding for a few days or even weeks. The answer is yes, this is possible. The fee for this arrangement is RM100 per night or RM1000 per week.

Please contact Ms Lina or Ms Mun at the boarding office if you require further information on boarding.

T Schubert – Director of Boarding

# Music News

## JamHub



The Music Department has now got a new “JamHub” in the reception area of the Music Department. The JamHub is a **silent band rehearsal system** that allows a whole rock band to rehearse in silence, but still be able to hear each other performing. All learners are welcome to come and rehearse their rock bands using it.



## Music Technology Club

The Music Technology Club started again this week on **Thursday lunchtime**. We are producing an actual professional music CD in the Recording Studio this term with Rasha and Norlisa as the stars performing on the CD. Anyone who would like to learn how a

professional recording studio works, can join Mr Suneel and Mr Tim on Thursday lunchtimes at 1.15pm in the Recording Studio, 4th Floor. Please send us an email showing your interest.

## Vocal Group

The Vocal Group will be starting up again starting **next Wednesday lunchtime** with Mr Tim. Any secondary learners and staff are welcome to come along. We will be performing in the Spring Concert in the Theatre in March.

## Spring Concert

This term sees the return of the Spring Concert in March. The Spring Concert is designed to **showcase the talents of Nexus musicians** of Grade 5 standard and above, including the GCSE learners. The auditions for the Spring Concert will be held in the middle of February, so please start practising now. Learners who audition in groups will be looked on favourably.

## Recorder Club Wednesday for Y3 & 4

Miss Ann is starting Recorder Club again this term. Any Y3 and 4 learners who wish to take part can come along at lunchtimes on Wednesdays in the Primary Music Room.

## String Group on Monday for Secondary Learners

Mr Mervin is running his String Group on Monday lunchtimes for all secondary learners. Please come along if you play violin, viola or cello. The String Group will be performing in the **Spring Concert in March**. You will need to commit to rehearsals in order to take part in the concert.



## Rock Band Club on Tuesday for Secondary Learners

Mr Suneel is running the Rock Band Club on Tuesday lunchtimes. He is also running a Rock Band Club CCA on **Tuesdays after school** if you would like to be involved. Any band that attends the lunchtime club or Tuesday CCA **WILL** be included in the Rock Concert in June.

If you just want to come along as a guitarist, singer, bass player, drummer, keyboard player, etc., we will place you in a band/group appropriate for you.

## Primary Choir for Y3-6 on Friday Lunchtime

Miss Ann is running her Primary Choir on Friday lunchtimes. If you are in Year 3 to 6, then please come along and have some fun singing. You will also get the opportunity to take part in our **'Young Performers'** Concert in May.

## Dates For Your Diaries

The Music Department's 'Instrumental Parents' Evening' will be held on Tuesday 18th February from 4pm to 6pm. Letters will be sent home in the next few weeks with all learners who have instrumental lessons detailing the arrangements for the Parents' Evening. Please respond to the letter and request an appointment time with your son/daughter's instrumental teacher. You will have received their Instrumental Report beforehand and it will be an opportunity for you to discuss their progress with their teacher.

## Instrumental Reports

All of the instrumental teachers are currently working hard writing the instrumental reports for the first term. Parents will receive the **reports in the next couple of weeks**, just in time for the Instrumental Parents' Evening in February.

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3rd Feb	Instrumental Reports go out to parents
18th Feb	Instrumental Parents' Evening
19th Feb	Auditions for Senior Spring Concert
20th Feb	KS4 & 5 Drama Production
12th March	Senior Spring Concert
9th & 10th April	Bugsy Malone - The Musical

## Instrumental Lessons

All the instrumental lessons are up and running and going really well.

If you are new to the school or have been here for a while and just want to try out playing an instrument, then please ask your parents to fill in the application form here: <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/sign-up-for-instrumental-lessons>

We still have got the following instruments to **Loan To You Free of Charge**, which will save you money on the start-up costs of learning an instrument. We have the following instruments: flutes, alto saxes, clarinets, violins, cellos, trumpets and trombones.

## Why Study Music?

Practice tips for learners and parents:

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/parents/parenting/practice.asp>

# ELL Information

*"Happy New Year and welcome back!"*

I trust you had a restful break and a great start to the New Year.

This term, we would like to give you the opportunity to learn more about how we support the learners - how we extend their learning, how your partnership with the school will improve your child's learning as well as some of the strategies you could use at home to make learning more enjoyable, more meaningful and at times, less frustrating.

We have a few workshops lined up and would like to know your preferred times. The workshops are open to all parents across the school. Please email me [mutinda.a@nexus.edu.my](mailto:mutinda.a@nexus.edu.my) and let me know whether you would prefer a morning session at the start of the school day or an afternoon session that would run concurrently with the CCAs.

Warm regards,

Angela Mutinda – Head of Extended Language and Learning