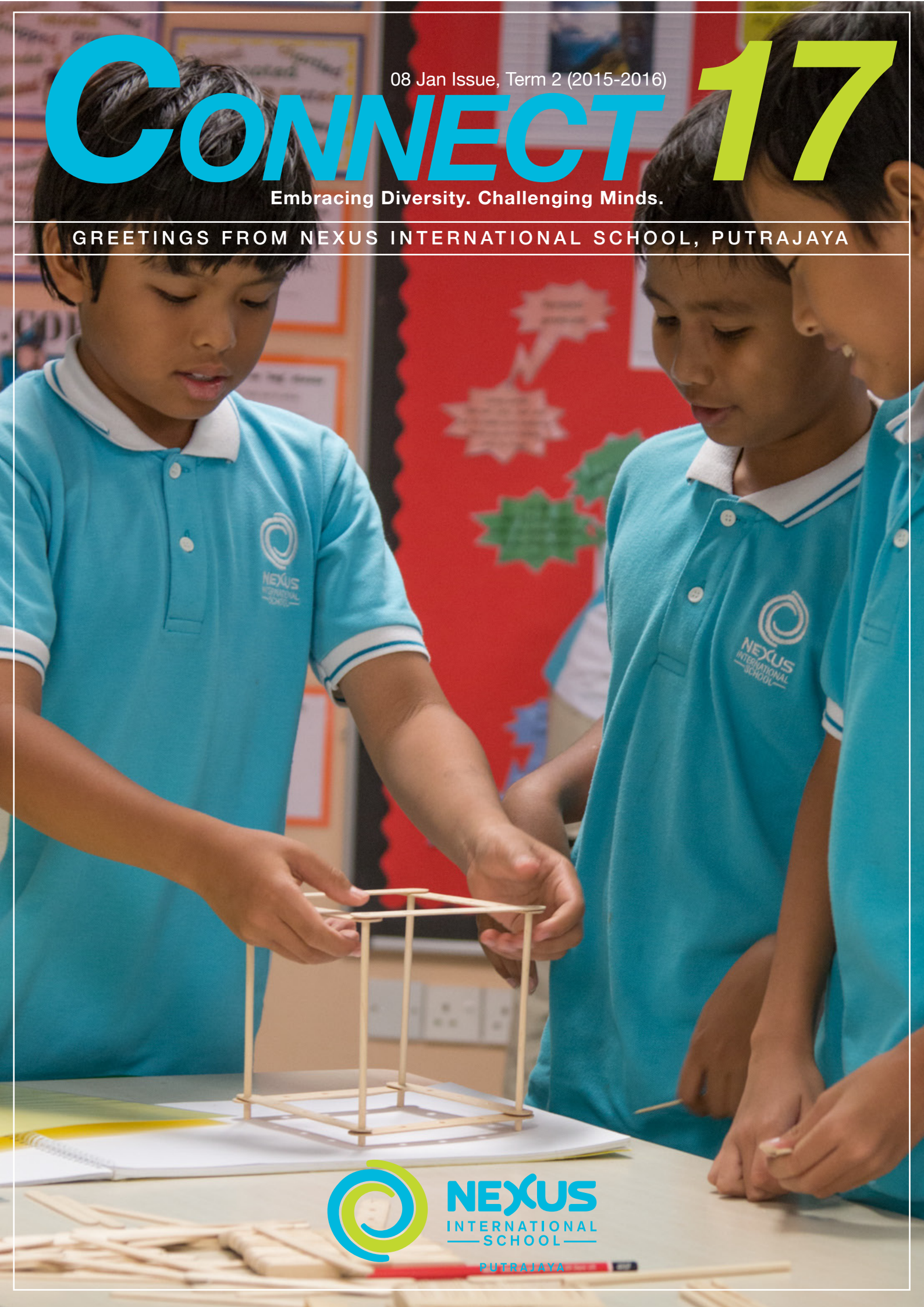


# CONNECT 17

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GREETINGS FROM NEXUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, PUTRAJAYA



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# Highlights

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## ▶ Term 2 CCA registration

Dear Parents

Please note, the registration period for term 2 CCA is due to finish at 5:00pm on Friday 8th January. After this point there will be a one week grace period in which alterations can be made by emailing the CCA coordinator. No changes will be made after 5:00pm January 15th and all costs associated with registrations will be due even in the event of non attendance

CCA sessions will begin on Monday 11th January. Please ensure learners attend their chosen classes in attire appropriate to the activity. Learners may be asked to sit out of activities if they are inappropriately dressed or equipped

As normal, if you have any questions or concerns please email the CCA coordinator:

[cca.enquiry@nexus.edu.my](mailto:cca.enquiry@nexus.edu.my)



# Secondary



# Year 8 present William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream

## Bringing Shakespeare to life!

Much Ado about...? (that means - what's it all about?!)

Marking it as the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, the Royal Shakespeare Company Stratford UK invited schools to join the RSC Dream Team and stage their own version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Using the RSC 30 minute edited script, we're taking the script to our sumptuous school gardens, the peaceful yet chaotic Primary Play Area and then finishing in 'boarding'.

Following on from our previous work on the relevancy of Shakespeare, we're hoping to bring the play to life with glowing gamelan music, delicate dancing, and some splendid songs. We are a marvellous, mind-changing, and merry year group. The creativity and talent from both students and teachers have made this performance possible.

With each form group focusing on one part of the play, it will be performed in promenade style. The RSC were Delighted and excited about this as they found it an interesting interpretation.

In preparation, Year 8 have completed the drama workshops and fine tuned the final production with the drama group KL players.

### Editor's Notes

"Rehearsing with the class was riotous and chaotic, but in the end we were able to patch things up and make our final product near-flawless. We had difficulty in choosing the characters for each of our personalities but we were all glad we had the characters we do." Dayana Y8

"Up and down, up and down, I will lead them up and down... Puck. Is just like having your script and your mind going up and down and up and down, almost the same behaviour. The play is going to be mind-blowing and mind-twisting. It is very confusing as to the behaviour of Shakespeare language, hope it's not too confusing for you!" Bernard Y8

"Being a part of the play was so unreal and it was a marvelous experience being able to work with all the other learners and teachers. We're all happy with our final result and we're very excited to share our final product!" Tasha Y8

"It was an outstanding experience for each and every one of us. We had faced numerous challenges while learning our lines and going deep into the character we are playing. However, after countless rehearsals we succeeded and now we are very jubilant to share what we have done. We had massive amounts of fun while doing this and once again it was truly a wonderful experience!" Zaynab Y8

A play of fantasy and fairies, love and laughter, comedy and chaos!

# Maths Challenge: Senior

On the first Thursday of November, a collection of IB learners who fancied themselves a bout of headache-inducing problem solving sat the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge. Under Ms.Emma's watchful eye, they were given 90 minutes to solve 25 questions with a pencil, paper, and their brains. Above the whirr of the air-conditioning, the sound of mental exertion was almost audible.

Unlike typical math tests, UKMT problems are not designed to test advanced mathematical knowledge, but a practical and adaptable approach to problem solving. Some of the more unconventional questions required no algebra and almost no arithmetic, which paradoxically made them the hardest. As all the problems are multiple-choice, the options are very cheeky and convincing which, combined with the concise and simple nature of the problems, made it very difficult to doze off during the challenge.

This year, Nexus did itself proud (otherwise there wouldn't be an article on this, would there) with 4 Silver medalists and 5 Gold medalists, including a few very special learners who attained a high enough mark to qualify for the follow-on rounds. Sadly, neither being British citizens/students, they will not be attending the qualifiers of the British Mathematical Olympiad. One of the more challenging questions on this year's challenge read like this: If UKMT medals are awarded to the top 40% of participants in a ratio of 1:2:3 for Gold:Silver:Bronze, what percentage of participants received a gold medal?

Those who did the challenge would be thinking: "If only it were that simple," because that question wasn't in fact on the challenge.

**By Jerrell Ong**

Congratulations to our medalists: Jerrell Ong, Priya Bharath, Luanne Lai, AimanJohaddin, Wei young Tan, Sue Yen Ching, Ling Ann Ong, Aaron Sim, and Shailinder Mann.



# CAS REFLECTION



## **Helping out the Early Years learners**

In the beginning, I was kind of shy to talk to the students as the students looked at me as a "big student", but now on the last few sessions, I've developed a better relationships with the students.

## **Working collaboratively with others**

In this activity, as mentioned before in the reflections, I need to collaborate with the teachers, my peers and the students and all of them have helped me throughout this activity. The teachers gave me rules that the students need to follow; my peers and I have planned certain activities for them to play and I have to help and with these, they've helped me to make decisions for the students. To improve myself, I should involve and communicate with other students so that they don't feel left out!

## **Show perseverance and commitment**

To summarize my effort and commitment, I think that I've put in a lot of effort and commitment into this activity, however, I believed that I could have put slightly more effort. This activity has helped me as the students can be mischievous and stubborn sometimes, this has helped me to motivate myself to continue and help these children and this is one of the skills I've developed.

**Kah Mun, Zhermaine Wong**  
**Year 13**

# Music News



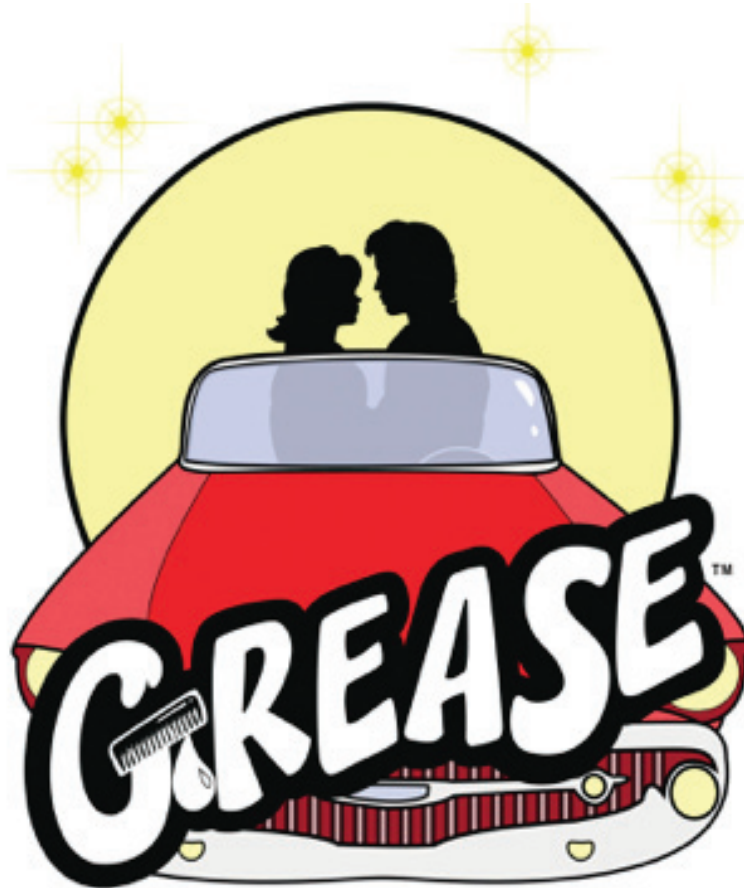


# Grease the Musical

## COMING TO NEXUS IN 2 WEEKS TIME!

One of the most exciting musicals of all time. Singing, dancing, live band, you do not want to miss the best musicals that Nexus has ever staged.

Please view our 2 minute Promotional Video is [HERE](#) (to download) - WELL WORTH A WATCH!



Book, Music and Lyrics By  
JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY  
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORiGiN™ THEATRICAL

- **Wednesday 20th January - Opening Night - Performance 7pm in the Theatre**
- **Thursday 21st January - Performance 7pm in the Theatre**

Tickets now available from Student Services

Adult RM25

Concession RM15

Family Ticket (2 Adults and 2 Children) RM65

### **Concert by SESMA High Performers School - Terengganu**

The Music Department has partnered up with SESMA High Performers School in Terengganu to provide extended opportunities for all our/their learners.

The SESMA Wind Band will be visiting Nexus on Friday 22nd January to perform a 40 minute concert to our learners (as well as including some of our learners in the performance).

The concert will be for our Year 4 to Year 9 learners and will take place 11.40am on Friday 22nd in the theatre.

It should be a great concert and hopefully a great start to a new and beneficial partnership for all.



# U15 Boys Basketball @ MKIS

Tuesday 8th December 2015

## Instrumental Parents' Evening & Instrumental Reports

The Music Department's annual Instrumental Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 23rd February from 3.30pm to 5pm in the MPR. 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 and report with the teacher.

## Sign-up for Instrumental/Voice Lessons for Term 2

Sign-Up on line here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/sign-up-for-instrumental-lessons>

N.B. This is only for learners who want to start new lessons - **All previous lessons will continue automatically unless we are advised with a 6 weeks notice period for cancellation.**

The school will provide/loan, free of charge, the following instrument: Trumpets, Trombones, Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Violins, Violas, Cellos and Double Bases.

## Timetables for Instrumental Lessons

If you want to find out the time of your Instrumental/Vocal lessons then please look on the Music Department Website here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/instrumental-timetables>

## Dates For Your Diaries

Wednesday 20th January	Grease the Musical - 7pm in the Theatre
Thursday 21st January	Grease the Musical - 7pm in the Theatre
Wednesday 27th January	Y4 Primary Showcase
Tuesday 2nd February	ABRSM Making Music Together Concert - 7.30pm Eastin Hotel, KL
Tuesday 16th February	KS4 & 5 Musical Recitals - 7pm in the Theatre
Tuesday 23rd February	Instrumental Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5pm in the MPR
Wednesday 2nd March	Y3 Primary Showcase
Wednesday 23rd March	Senior Spring Concert - 7pm in the Theatre

## Why Study Music?

Human brain has dedicated set of nerve cells that respond only to sound of music, study finds  
Well worth a read!



<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/human-brain-has-dedicated-set-of-nerve-cells-that-respond-only-to-sound-of-music-study-finds-a6780246.html>

# FE & Sports

# Primary PE Swim Club

## Trials

Our new Primary Swimming training programme has started. Please check out our new timetable, the first two weeks are open to everyone (Year 3 and above) for assessment, we will then advise which group your child should attend.

**Miss Gemma**

**PE & Sport**

**Year 3-6**

**Sport Fixtures Schedule**

**PE Department Website**

**Primary PE Website**

## Inter-house Athletics Days

### Primary and Secondary

The following dates are now confirmed for this year's Inter-house Athletics days.

#### **Wednesday 3rd February**

All Secondary - 8.35am - 3.10pm

#### **Wednesday 16th March**

MP2/3 Combined - First Race 9am - 12.20pm

#### **Thursday 17th March**

EY - 9am until 10.20am

MP1 - 11am until 12.20pm

**Primary learners** - Miss Gemma will be giving you more information next week in lessons.

**Secondary Learners** - More details to follow on Monday regarding how to sign-up for these events and the structure of the day.



I can tell you that it is an expectation that everybody signs-up to at least 1 event. Athletics is a very inclusive sport. It suits a wide range of body shapes, interests and talents and so there is something for everybody. Athletics is also a fantastic way to represent your house team and work collaboratively with others. Athletics will be taught throughout the term within your PE lessons and is an ideal to practice and improve your technique and to also try out new events you might not have considered before.

Check your emails on Monday for more news!





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# Sport Clubs and Training Schedules

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## Check out the Schedule for Term 2

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You have all been emailed the new Term 2 Schedule for club practices. Please take a look at the clubs and practices that we offer and come along to as many as you can. These clubs are not exclusive (unless stated) and are there to provide you with an opportunity to try new sports, improve individual technique, relieve stress and anxiety and help us work more effectively as a team. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Sports Fixtures for January

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### Check out the who you are playing and when.

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Here are the Sports fixtures for January. For more detailed information, please go to the Sports fixtures calendar by clicking the link below.

#### **Saturday 16th January**

U18 Girls Netball - KLASS

#### **Tuesday 19th January**

U18 Boys Basketball - BSKL

U18 Girls Basketball - BSKL

#### **Wednesday 20th January**

U18 Boys Basketball - ISP

#### **Thursday 21st January**

U13 Boys Basketball - BSKL

U13 Girls Basketball - Taylors

U18 Boys Basketball - Sunway

#### **Saturday 23rd January**

U15 Boys Basketball - ISKL

U15 Girls Basketball - ISKL