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Message from the Secondary Principal



Gary Crumbie
Secondary Principal

Dear SBS International School Bangkok Families,

As we wrap up another rewarding week in Secondary School, this week's edition serves as a quick reminder of what is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting week ahead!

We ended this week on a wonderful note with the school's very first AGM. It was lovely seeing so many of you there. It was a truly special moment that allowed us to pause, reflect on how far we have come, and celebrate everything our students, staff, and families have achieved together in such a short space of time. Thank you for being such an integral part of our growing community.

Next week is set to be a very busy one:
On Tuesday Loy Krathong Celebration takes place! We are looking forward to celebrating this wonderful Thai tradition together as a school community - please see the Loy Krathong poster later in this week's edition.

On Wednesday we are excited to welcome Jeff Chelin, University Counsellor from our sister school, British International School Phuket (BISP), to lead our next Parent Workshop focused on the iGCSE Selection Process. This has been a much-requested session, offering valuable guidance on how subject choices now can shape future university pathways. If you haven't already, please don't forget to register so we know you will be attending

Click here to register

RED TIGER'S BIRTHDAY.

We will conclude the week with the Red Tiger's Birthday. It promises to be a fun way to round off a packed week.

To conclude, I would like to remind you all of two very important Service Learning Projects, the first is our 20K Smiles Christmas Appeal (Bangkok Community Help Foundation) Whether you use this as an opportunity to clear out gently used, unwanted toys and clothes, wrapping them up to make someone smile or choose to purchase a brand-new gift, every contribution makes a real difference to families in need this festive season. The second is our ongoing support with our House Ring Pull Collection in support of the Purple Community Fund PCF (Philippines). We are still actively collecting aluminium ring pulls. Every pull counts toward helping your child's House win this year's competition! Please encourage your children and feel free to join in yourselves by speaking to local vendors, café outlets, or even cabin crews on flights to see if they can collect ring pulls on your behalf.

Thank you as always for your continued support and enthusiasm. Have a wonderful weekend.

Humanities



Years 7 and 8: Meet the Humanities
Years 7 and 8 are training on the Humanities Atlas, our class practice website for textbook review, vocabulary, typing and a class journal.

Year 7: The Code of Hammurabi
Year 7 started Unit 2.5 with King Hammurabi's 282 laws, carved in stone almost 4,000 years ago. Students are reading the laws and weighing up a big question: was the Code fair? Was it fair for everyone, or only for some people? This week's homework is new Unit 2.5 vocabulary and a review in their Purple Notebooks.

Year 8: Science in the Islamic Golden Age
Year 8 started Unit 2.5: how scholars in Baghdad's Islamic Golden Age shaped modern science. Students read about astrolabes for finding stars and telling time, early observatories, al-Khwarizmi's maps and the numbers we still use today, and surgical tools invented over 1,000 years ago that doctors still use. This week's homework is new Unit 2.5 vocabulary and a review in their Purple Notebooks.



Year 9: Design Thinking for the Purple Community Fund
Year 9 are working with the Purple Community Fund who supports families in the Philippines. Each group has a real challenge from the charity:

- ideas for corporate gifts made from recycled ring pulls
- eco-fashion bags and festival wear
- a library of learning videos for children who don't speak English

Remember you can help - see Ring Pull drive later in this edition

Drama

It was another exciting and creative week in Secondary Drama as students in Years 7–9 explored new ways to captivate an audience! Year 7 students investigated dramatic irony, discovering how audiences can know important secrets that characters onstage do not, and began developing their own suspenseful scenes.

Meanwhile, Year 8 students sharpened their improvisation and performance skills through imaginative acting challenges, experimenting with character, expression, and dramatic storytelling.





In Year 9, students explored the fascinating technique of breaking the fourth wall, learning how performers can speak directly to the audience and transform the relationship between actors and spectators. Across all three year groups, creativity, confidence, and collaboration took centre stage as our young performers brought their ideas to life!

Global English

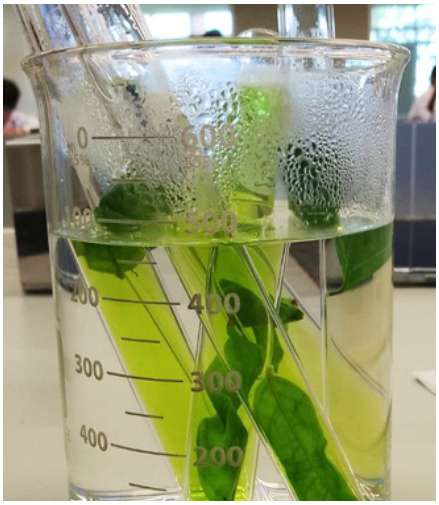
Literature came alive in our Secondary ESL classrooms last week as students continued their journeys through two beloved classics!

In Year 8, students followed Dorothy and her unforgettable companions through the magical world of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, exploring themes of friendship, courage, and determination while developing their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Meanwhile, Year 9 students ventured deeper into George Orwell's Animal Farm through a specially adapted version of the novel, examining the dangers of unchecked power, manipulation, and propaganda. Both year groups engaged with fascinating characters, thought-provoking themes, and lively discussions, demonstrating how great literature can entertain, challenge, and inspire readers of all ages!



Science



Year 9: Unlocking the Secrets of Photosynthesis
Our Year 9 scientists stepped into the lab to investigate how plants produce their own food. Using iodine solution, students tested leaves for the presence of starch, the stored energy product of photosynthesis, observing dramatic color changes that proved where light and chlorophyll had been hard at work. Beyond the lab bench, students connected this vital chemical reaction to everyday life, exploring how photosynthesis sustains our global food supply, produces the oxygen we breathe, and helps regulate Earth's carbon dioxide levels.

- Fun Fact: A single mature tree can absorb roughly 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and release enough oxygen back into the atmosphere to support two human beings!





Year 8: Under Pressure in Liquids and Gases
Students have been diving into the physics of pressure in fluids, uncovering how invisible forces shape both our bodies and major engineering feats. Through interactive demonstrations, they explored why our ears "pop" when ascending in an airplane or driving up a mountain as external air pressure drops. Applying these same principles to liquids, students deduced why dam walls must be built significantly thicker at the base to withstand immense water pressure, and why deep-sea submarines require ultra-strong, reinforced hulls to survive crushing ocean depths.

- Fun Fact: At the bottom of the Mariana Trench, the deepest part of the ocean, water pressure exceeds 1,000 times standard atmospheric pressure, which is roughly equivalent to having 50 jumbo jets piled on top of you!

Year 7: Cosmic Tides and Microscopic Worlds It has been a week of extreme scales for Year 7, spanning from the vast pull of gravity in space to the hidden architecture of plant life. In astronomy, students investigated how the gravitational pull of the Moon and to a lesser extent, the Sun, creates high and low tides across Earth's oceans, putting their math skills to work by calculating tidal ranges. Back in the biology lab, students mastered the use of light microscopes to prepare and observe stained onion cells, identifying key cellular structures like the cell wall and nucleus up close.

- Fun Fact: The Bay of Fundy in Canada experiences the highest tidal range on Earth, where water levels can rise and fall by up to 16 meters (over 52 feet), roughly the height of a five-story building, twice every day!

MATHS

Year 7
This week, students have started an engaging new topic: **Unit 6: Collecting Data.** Across our initial lessons, the class is learning how to plan and carry out structured data investigations, focusing on two key areas:

- **6.1 Conducting an Investigation:** Formulating clear enquiry questions or hypotheses, deciding what information is needed, and designing well-organised tally charts and frequency tables to record data accurately.
- **6.2 Taking a sample:** Understanding the difference between collecting data from an entire population (a census) and selecting a smaller sample, as well as exploring how to choose a fair, representative sample without introducing bias.

A little mathematical humour to finish:
Why are parallel lines so tragic? - Because they have so much in common, yet they will never meet!

Year 8
This week, students have begun a new topic: **Unit 6: Collecting Data.** Across our initial lessons, the class is learning how to plan and carry out meaningful statistical enquiries, focusing on two key areas:

- **6.1 Data collection:** Understanding the difference between primary data (collected first-hand through surveys, experiments, or observations) and secondary data (sourced from existing records or databases), as well as designing clear, unbiased data collection sheets and questionnaires.
- **6.2 Sampling:** Exploring why we often study a smaller sample rather than an entire population, and learning how to select a fair, representative sample while avoiding common sources of bias.

A little mathematical humour to finish:
Why did the obtuse angle go to the beach? - Because it was over 90 degrees!

Year 9 Mathematics Newsletter
This week, students have begun an exciting new topic: **Unit 6: Statistical Investigations.** Across our initial lessons, the class is exploring how data is gathered, interpreted, and evaluated in the real world, focusing on two foundational areas:

- **6.1 Data collection and sampling:** Distinguishing between primary and secondary data, understanding the difference between a whole population and a sample, and learning how to select an appropriate sample size and method (such as random and stratified sampling).
- **6.2 Bias:** Identifying factors that can distort data—such as leading survey questions, unrepresentative sample groups, or poor timing—and understanding how to design fair, reliable investigations.

A little mathematical humour to finish:
Three statisticians go out for archery practice. The first fires an arrow and misses two metres to the left. The second fires and misses two metres to the right. The third puts down her bow, punches the air, and shouts, "Bullseye! On average, we hit it!"

All Mathematicians

Unit 5 Assessment Update: Angles
Before moving on to statistics, all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 completed their end-of-unit assessment for Unit 5: Angles. All papers have now been marked and the results have been recorded. Your child has had the opportunity to review their feedback in class and identify their key strengths as well as any targets for improvement. Please do take a few moments to discuss the assessment with your child at home; if you have any questions or would like to discuss their progress in greater detail, you are very welcome to contact me directly via email.

Year 7 Home Practice Corner - here

Year 8 Home Practice Corner - here

Year 9 Home Practice Corner - here

PE

Year 7 wrapped up their handball unit and began an introduction to ultimate frisbee.

Handball Unit Wrap-Up Students started the first lesson by reviewing foundational handball passing techniques to refresh their accuracy and ball control. To conclude the unit in a competitive, high-energy environment, the class split into smaller-sided games. This format gave students more touches on the ball and encouraged them to actively apply their passing skills under game pressure.

Introduction to Ultimate Frisbee In the following session, the class transitioned to ultimate frisbee. Because the sport was new to almost everyone, the lesson focused on the core rules, objectives, and flow of the game. Students ran through targeted throwing drills to learn proper grip, wrist snap, and release mechanics.



The lesson finished with a frisbee tic-tac-toe game designed to test throwing accuracy under a bit of time pressure. As the rules and pacing of the activity took some getting used to, the class will revisit this game next week to ensure everyone has a solid grasp of how it works before moving on to full gameplay.

Year 7 Thai

This week, students learned about **คำพ้องรูป and คำพ้องเสียง**, which are Thai words that share the same spelling or pronunciation but may have different meanings. As we prepare for next week's Loy Krathong celebration, students practised reading about the Loy Krathong tradition and answering comprehension questions independently. They also enjoyed learning how to make krathongs by folding banana leaves and practising the traditional Loy Krathong dance.









Year 8 – Thai Language

This week, students developed their reading comprehension skills through a text about Thai idioms. They practised analysing the text, answering comprehension questions, and sharing their opinions on situations related to the idioms. Next week, students will explore Thai idioms in greater depth, focusing on their meanings and appropriate use in different contexts.

In addition, students continued reading the Thai novel Chang Samran (ช่างสำราญ - Happy Person) as part of their independent reading. They practised identifying main ideas, interpreting unfamiliar vocabulary through context, and developing a deeper understanding of the story. These activities also encouraged students to improve their reading fluency, expand their vocabulary, and develop their critical thinking skills.

Year 9 – Thai Language

This week, students developed their reading comprehension skills through independent reading of books they selected based on their interests. They practised identifying main ideas, summarising key information, interpreting unfamiliar vocabulary, and recording their understanding and personal reflections in their reading records. Next week, students will create book recommendation posters to introduce their chosen books to classmates. They will summarise the stories, highlight interesting aspects, and explain why they would recommend the books to others. This activity will help develop their reading comprehension, critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills.

In addition, students practised traditional Thai dance in preparation for their performance at next week's Loy Krathong celebration. Through these rehearsals, they developed their coordination, teamwork, and confidence while gaining a deeper appreciation of Thai cultural traditions.







AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended today







Upcoming Events



IGCSE Parent Workshop

You are warmly invited to attend our **IGCSE Parent Workshop** taking place on **Wednesday 25th November.** We will be joined by Jeff Chelin - University Counsellor from our sister school British International School Phuket - who brings a wealth of knowledge and years of experience advising students across Secondary schools.

The Parent workshop will run from **8:30-9:30AM**
Jeff and Mr Crumbie will then be available throughout the day if you wish to make a 1:1 meeting to ask any specific questions. Students will be permitted to come out of lessons to attend these meetings.

To allow us to coordinate, please complete this form to share your intent to join the workshop and with an option for you to sign up for a 20 minute 1:1 meeting with Jeff and Mr Crumbie.



Next Week

- **Tuesday 24th November** - Loy Krathong
- **Wednesday 25th November** - IGCSE Parent Workshop - please complete this form to share your intent to join the workshop
- **Friday 27th November** - Red Tigers Birthday
- **Saturday 28th November** - OPEN house

Looking Ahead

- **Thursday 10th December** - Half Day Finish at 12.00pm (Secondary)
- **Friday 11th December** - Staff INSET Day (no school for students)

Sports Fixtures

- **November 21st (Saturday)** - U9 BISAL Football Tournament at Basis International School | 8am - 1:00 PM

Reminders

A reminder of this year's Annual SBS International Bangkok Christmas Performance, to which families are invited as follows:

Toddler - Year 2
Date: Wednesday 9th Dec
Time: 9.00 - 11.00am
Venue: Sports Hall
Audience: Parents of Toddlers - Year 2

Yrs 3 - 9
Date: Wednesday 9th Dec
Time: 1.45-3.45pm
Venue: Sports Hall
Audience: Parents of Y3-Y9

Ticket reservations for The Christmas Express have now closed. Thank you to everyone who booked. If you missed the deadline, please contact Reception and we'll do our best to help.

Tickets are 250฿ each and include refreshments on arrival and a photo with Father Christmas after the performance. Proceeds go to the Bangkok Community Help Foundation's 20K Smiles campaign.

If your children are performing in both the morning and afternoon sessions, one ticket per guest covers both performances.

We've emailed payment instructions to families who reserved tickets. Please complete your payment before Wednesday 25 November 2026. Your e-tickets will be emailed separately.

Congratulations

Welcome (Y7) - competed in the 2026 Singapore Mathematics challenge at Singapore International Mastery Contests Centre (SIMCC) winning a Silver Medal. Welcome said of her experience.

“I had less time than I thought to prepare, as I attend school on weekdays and only had Saturdays available. I managed to complete eight tutoring sessions—each lasting an hour and a half—before the exam. I always feel excited when participating in competitive exams, as each one presents an increasingly difficult challenge. I was overjoyed when I found out my exam results. I hope I will get better result in future competitions”



Congratulations

Last weekend, Pichcha in Y8 represented the Bangkok Gymnastics Club, participating in the 1st Cheerleading Championships 2026 for the Royal Trophy of His Highness Prince Chalemsuk Yugala (Central, Western, and Eastern Regions of Thailand).

Well done Pichcha on achieving outstanding results, winning Gold Medals in both of her categories:

1. Youth Pom Doubles
2. Youth Jazz Doubles







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Loy Krathong Festival

Celebrate Thai Culture Together!



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Let's come together to celebrate Thai culture and enjoy a morning filled with fun and meaningful activities!

- Krathong Making
- Student Performances
- Fun Games & Prizes
- Delicious Snacks

EVENT DETAILS

Tuesday,
24 November 2026

8:30 – 10:30 AM

Secondary Building

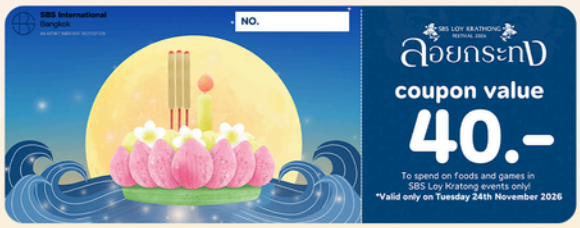
Invited: Toddlers & Early Years Families







COUPON INFORMATION



(One set of 5 at THB 200)

200 THB / Set (with 5 Coupons)

- **1 Coupon** per Game or Snack
- Available for sale
  Tuesday 10 November 2026 Onwards
- **Purchase : Contact** Co-Thai Teachers via Seesaw or Reception Office

Our Festival, Our Community ❤️

Let's come together to support Thai schools affected by the recent floods.
All proceeds, after deducting expenses, will be donated to two Thai schools affected by the floods.

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CHARITY GIFT DRIVE

FOR AGES 4–13

20K Smiles



Give a wrapped Christmas gift to a child in need

20,000 CHILDREN

Every gift goes to the **Bangkok Community Help Foundation's 20K Smiles** Christmas appeal for children from lower-income communities across Bangkok.

Making a difference is easier than you think.

3 ways to give — *then wrap it!*

1. **Clear out**
   Unwanted children's toys from playrooms and bedrooms
2. **Buy new**
   Pick out a brand-new toy for a child
3. **Fill a shoebox**
   New and/or second-hand toys, just like last year

Label every gift: Boy or Girl · Age (4–13 years)

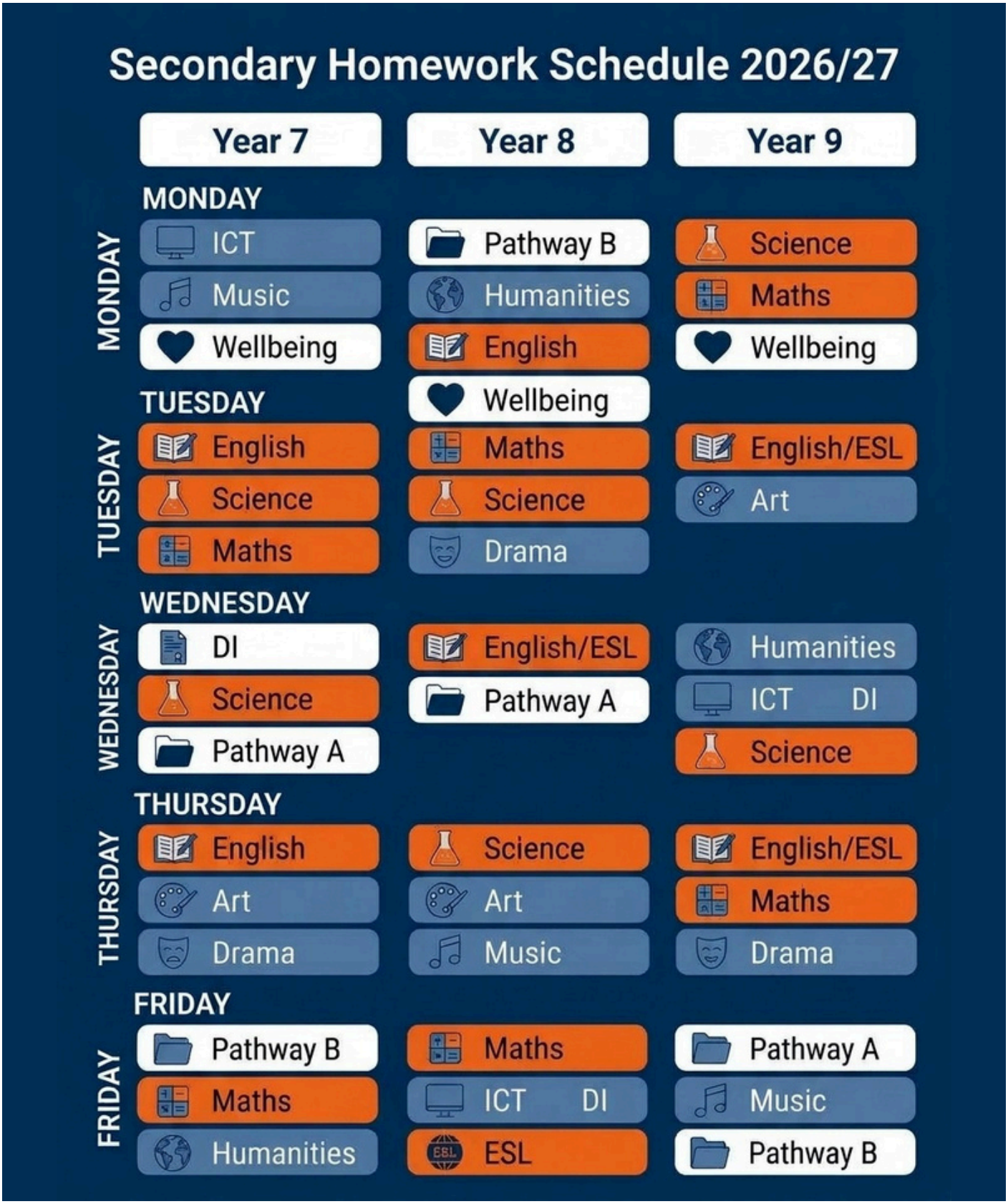
YES PLEASE
- Toys & games
- Clothing
- Toiletries — toothbrush, toothpaste, soap

NO THANKS
- Food items
- Books — the charity already has plenty

DROP OFF FROM
Mon 16 Nov
Wrapped gifts go on your **house table** in the **EY playground**

Homework Schedule

To prevent students from becoming overburdened with homework on certain days, we have come up with the following schedule.



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RING PULL Competition





- SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES
- COLLECT RING PULLS
- EARN HOUSE POINTS

SMALL PULLS, BIG IMPACT!

LEOPARDS SHARKS COBRAS TIGERS

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PLAY
LEARN
GROW

SBS BALLERS WEEKEND ACADEMY

TEAM | SKILLS | ENHANCEMENT

WE'RE BACK!

SAME PASSION. BIGGER GAME.



10 SATURDAY TRAINING SESSIONS

October: 10, 17, 31
November: 14, 21
December: 5, 12, 19
January: 9, 16

10 SESSIONS

TRAINING GROUPS (BOYS & GIRLS)

U7 / U9 / U11	U13 / U15 / U17
1:00 – 2:30 PM	1:00 – 3:00 PM

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Air-Conditioned Sportshall

MORE THAN A GAME

TEAM & SKILLS ENHANCEMENT

Our programme focuses on individual skill development and team enhancement, including ball handling, passing, shooting, defense, game understanding, teamwork, and competitive play.

SBS and non-SBS students are all welcome! Whether you are currently playing for an SBS team or joining us from another school, come train, develop your game, and enjoy basketball with the Ballers community.

New and returning players are welcome!

See you back on the court!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

083-198-9074 Coach PJ Castillo

Lead PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator | SBS International School Bangkok
Head Coach & Founder | Ballers Academy Thailand

BALLERS CULTURE

DISCIPLINE | FRIENDSHIP | OPPORTUNITY

We Want to Listen

Following the recent meetings with Mr Duke Theerathada (AOI Chief Brand Strategist), we want to continue listening to your feedback. If you would like to discuss any matters related to the Secondary School, please contact the School Manager to arrange a meeting.



Book an appointment
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Scan to email our School Manager
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SCHOOL MANAGER
schoolmanager@sbsbangkok.ac.th

Closing Note

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership, generosity, and enthusiasm in making SBS International School Bangkok such a vibrant place to learn and grow. Whether you are joining us for Tuesday's Loy Krathong festivities, attending Wednesday's IGCSE Parent Workshop, or supporting our students' charitable drives, your involvement truly enriches our community.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable weekend ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for another memorable week!

Warm regards,
Gary Crumbie
Secondary Principal




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SSI SCUBA EXPLORERS
8–10 YEAR OLDS
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SBS Bangkok's 25m swimming pool
8 weeks, plus one full-day practical session
PRICE
฿19,000
FEE INCLUDES
• Instructor costs
• Dive equipment rental
• Certification
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss this amazing opportunity, then please do not hesitate to contact:
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With an Open Water Dive trip to Koh Tao
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