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Dear Parents and Guardians

It was a very busy start to the second academic term with a huge array of activities and events taking place across both campuses throughout January and February including: the Early Years Sports Day, our annual Charity Fun Run, our second 'Drop Day' with the theme of 'inspiration', the amazing Chinese New Year celebration assembly, the Early Years Ring of Friendship event and the Primary Super Start dress up day.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about what has been going on through the School updates from the academic and administrative leadership team members. If you do not yet read these every week please do so as they will enable you to keep abreast of what has been going on in your child's section of the school. In addition, our school Facebook page continues to be updated regularly with a number of our activities and events showcased on there as well.

Teacher Recruitment and Staff Turnover

In January I spent a very productive two weeks in the UK with Mr Savage, Deputy Head of School, interviewing a highly impressive field of applicants for a small number of teaching positions in our school for the next academic year. The quality of all the short-listed candidates was again outstanding, and I will begin to introduce these newly appointed teachers to you later in the semester. It is always pleasing to attract such a high calibre of teachers that want to work at our school.

I am also very pleased to inform you that this academic year our teacher turnover is extremely low (approximately 8%) which is way below the usual annual average for international schools in Bangkok and Southeast Asia (approximately 25%). This high retention and low turnover of teaching staff is excellent news for our school and it will ensure that as we move into next academic year the school continues to go from strength to strength in terms of both its academic and enrichment provision.

Bromsgrove School UK Scholarship Term 3 Placements for Year 9 students

I am pleased to announce that Bromsgrove School UK, our sister school has confirmed that four places (for two boys and two girls) are available in their boarding houses for our BIST Year 9 students who wish to study there on a scholarship for Term 3 of this academic year. Please note that the normal BIST Term 3 tuition costs are paid and there are also additional costs involved such as flights and visa costs. The process for applying for one of these BUK scholarship places is as follows:

Step 1 – The student writes and submits an application letter to me, via my PA, K. Ning (pa.hm@bromsgrove.ac.th), stating why they wish to be considered for one of these scholarship placements at BUK. These must be received by 9 a.m. on Monday 29 February.

Step 2 – Mr Savage, Deputy Head of School, and I will interview each scholarship candidate face-to-face, from Tuesday 1 March to Thursday 3 March.

Step 3 – The successful scholarship applicants and their parents will be informed on Friday 4 March.

This timeline will ensure that Ms Kwak has sufficient time to work with those BUK scholarship students and their families to process the necessary documents so please do not delay in your application if you wish your child to be considered for one of these our BUK scholarship places. Please note for this BUK scholarship placement the normal BIST Term 3 tuition costs are paid to our finance office, with BUK absorbing the additional tuition fee costs and the boarding costs. In addition, parents are responsible for any additional costs such as flights, UK visa and half-term supervision costs.

If you are interested in your child applying for a scholarship or require more information about the programme please contact Ms Eunju Kwak, our BUK liaison officer at keunju@bromsgrove.ac.th at your earliest convenience.

Head of School Permission for planned student absence

Please can I remind all parents and guardians that all requests for any planned student absence from school/boarding must be submitted to me as Head of School for approval (via my PA, K. Ning at pa.hm@bromsgrove.ac.th). Approval for such leave is usually a formality but it is important that all requests are centralised through me and not through any other academic or boarding members of staff, as this leads to confusion.

Fully Flexible Boarding Options

A number of day school student parents have asked me if the school provides a 'fully flexible' boarding option in our boarding houses i.e. a student is able to stay for a short duration (one night plus) in the boarding houses when needed to do so for any reason. I am pleased to inform you that we are indeed able to meet such 'fully flexible' boarding requests and Mr David Williams, Director of Boarding (dwilliams@bromsgrove.ac.th) will be pleased to discuss this option with any interested parents (or alternatively please contact Ms Trini, Head of Parent Liaison at rtarinee@bromsgrove.ac.th) who will liaise with Mr Williams.

School ID Badges on Campus

A small number of parents, guardians and drivers are still trying to access both the Early Years and Windsor Park Campuses without wearing their official school ID badges. Please note that the safety and security of all our children is of the upmost importance as a school and this is why we apply this ID badge rule strictly on both campuses. Therefore, please I would like to remind all parents, guardians and drivers that the wearing of ID badges is compulsory if you wish to come onto the campus for any reason. Whilst you are able to exchange your personal ID card or driving license for a 'visitor badge' this option should not be your normal way of accessing the campus and should be utilised only if you have genuinely forgotten your official ID badge.

If you have lost your school ID badge or you have not yet been issued with one, please see either K. Bow in the EY campus office or K. Enna in the WP campus office.

New Parent Handbook

I am pleased to announce that the new fully revised and updated Parent Handbook has now been finished by the academic School Leadership Team and will be available to all parents shortly – the Thai translated version will be available later in the semester. I am confident that after reading this updated handbook our parents and guardians will have a more in-depth understanding of our academic curriculum and wider school processes that will in turn enable you to further support your child during their time at the school.

Parent Teacher Association re-launches

It was lovely to see our new PTA meet last week with both the academic and administrative representatives to elect the new PTA executive committee and I am most grateful to those parents that put themselves forward to serve on the PTA this academic year. I am confident that with our parents, teachers and the administrative team all working together, our school events and fundraising activities will go from strength to strength throughout the remainder of this academic year and into the next.

Warmest Regards



Dr Dan Moore
Head of School & CEO

