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Dear Parents and Guardians

It certainly has been a very busy Term1 since we returned in August and there have been numerous events and activities that have taken place across both campuses – I do hope you have been keeping up to date by looking at both our website and Facebook pages for the updates and news.

It has been an absolute delight to see so many parents and friends attend these wonderful events and I think we had the biggest ever parental attendance at our Charity Run last Friday. Next year we will have a separate category for parent medal winners as unfortunately all the adult medals for race in both the men and women categories were all won by my super fit teachers!

One highlight of the term for me was the Memorial Service that we held to pay our respects and to remember His Royal Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. A number of our students spoke so eloquently in both English and Thai throughout the service and really made me proud on this important occasion. Most recently this week, the Christmas concert was an absolute delight to attend and it was wonderful to see our students from across the whole school perform a range of festive music in our beautiful theatre. Our students' musical talents and ability continues to develop and a performance like this shows how much progress we have made in this important area of the school over the past two years.

Appointment of Primary Principal and Early Years Campus Principal

At the end of this academic year we will be saying farewell to Ms Hannah Bennett, our current Primary Principal after two years of dedicated service. Ms Bennett will be returning to the UK to take up the post of Principal at Hadrian Academy.

As a result of Ms Bennet's departure, I made the decision to restructure her current cross-campus role into two distinct positions – an Early Years Campus Principal and a Primary Principal on the WP campus.

I am pleased to announce that Ms Charlotte Ridley has been promoted from Assistant Early Years Principal to Early Years Campus Principal from August 2017. In addition, I am also pleased to announce that Ms Christine Armstrong has been appointed to the Primary Principal, WP Campus. Ms Armstrong is currently the Deputy Headteacher of the British School of Beijing, Sanlitun Campus and during the recent rigorous interview process she demonstrated a huge amount of knowledge and international educational experience that she will bring to her new role at BIST next academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that were involved in the interview process, including our four parent representatives on the parent panel, K Punk, K Mam, Mr Alan and Mr Bob.

Staff Departures and Arrivals

Earlier in November, we also said our goodbyes to our Mandarin Chinese teacher, Mr Ma Quing who had to unexpectedly return to China as a result of his wife's job with the Chinese Government. At the end of Term 1 we also said goodbye to Mr Kim, our Mathematics BDST teacher who is returning to Korea. I would like to wish both Mr Ma and Mr Kim all the very best for their futures and thank them both for their contributions to the school.

In November, Ms Xi Peng joined BIST as our new Mandarin Chinese Teacher and is also helping out in the Boarding Houses supporting our Chinese students. In January, we welcome our new Year 2 teacher, Ms Jennifer Bethel and her new TA, K Pimkarn and I look forward to welcoming them both to our wonderful school.

School ID Badges on Campus and Car Stickers

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 utmost 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. Kai in the WP campus office. In addition, we have an increasing number of cars without a BIST car sticker. In order to ensure our campus is secure please collect a car sticker from the school office for every car used by your family/driver to enter the campus.

Speed Limit on WP Campus

We have regrettably had a small number of parents and drivers speeding whilst on the WP campus – especially along the road between the car park and the boarding houses. In order to ensure the safety of everyone on campus, please ensure you and your drivers drive at no more than 10 KPH while on campus. Please ensure you speak with your drivers regarding this matter if you do not personally drive your car when visiting the campus. Please note that if any cars repeatedly speed on campus it may result in that car being banned from entering the campus.

Campus Improvements

Over the holiday period we will be undertaking a number of campus improvements and ongoing maintenance, including the refurbishment of the 4th floor of the Boys Boarding House. Both the Early Years and WP campuses have never looked so good and many parents and visitors have commented to me over recent weeks how good our campuses look when compared to other international schools in the area and my thanks go to our maintenance and gardening teams for their ongoing hard work.

I wish you all a restful holiday and look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Wednesday 4 January 2017.

Warmest Regards



Dr Dan Moore
Headmaster & CEO

