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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are now five weeks into the new academic year and both campuses have been very busy since we returned in August. Both the ECA programs and the various academies are now up and running and we now have the largest ever range of activities on offer to our students. Bromsgrove certainly is a school that not only provides outstanding learning and teaching in our classrooms but one that also provides a huge array of enrichment opportunities for all our students from the very youngest to the oldest.

I am delighted to also inform you that we have broken some school 'records' at the start of this academic year; namely:

- The school now has its highest ever student roll at 450
- We now have a record number of students on our Early Years campus (PN to Year 1)
- The school's boarding numbers have grown by  $\frac{1}{3}$  since the end of Term 3 2016-17 and just under  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all students on the WP campus now board with us
- Our Year 12 and Year 13 students achieved the highest ever examination results in the school's history.

All of the above are certainly impressive achievements and could not have been achieved without the continuing dedication and commitment of every member of my staff across both campuses. The future of our school certainly looks exciting as we continue to grow and improve in all that we do as each year passes.

**Student Leadership Positions**

Following a rigorous application and selection process, I am delighted to announce the appointment of the following student leadership positions within our Year 13 students:

- Head Boy - Peter Park
- Head Girl - Michelle Langner
- Deputy Head Boy - Kevin Schurch
- Deputy Head Girl - Anais Verny

I wish them all the very best of luck in their new leadership roles and I look forward to working with them throughout this academic year.

**Visit from Mr Peter Clague, Headmaster of Bromsgrove School, UK**

I was delighted to welcome Mr Peter Clague, Headmaster of our sister school in the UK to the school last week. We toured both campuses together and spent time discussing our partnership and how we can move forward to continue to strengthen our links. Mr Clague was very complimentary of both campuses and

commented on how high the quality of learning and teaching was in every classroom that we visited. I will be visiting Bromsgrove UK campus in January whilst I am in the UK recruiting the new teachers for next academic year.

### **Outstanding School Fees**

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents that have paid all their school fees on time before the start of the academic term. If you still have any outstanding fees, please ensure these are settled with the Finance Department as soon as possible as we are now past the late payment deadline.

### **School Lunches**

Over recent years we have worked hard with our caterers to ensure that our school meals are both nutritious and healthy, with a wide range of food options available to cater for the various nationalities of our student body. Please note that it is *compulsory* for all students on both campuses to eat the school lunches provided by the catering team – this policy is clearly stated in the 2017/18 fees schedule (and has been the school policy for a number of years). The school lunch fees are therefore not an *optional* payment and must be paid in addition to all other compulsory fees before the start of an academic term.

The only exception that is made to this policy is for those students that have an *acute medical condition/allergy* (that could result in a medical emergency), supported by a medical doctor's note, and these students can bring in their own packed lunch from home. Any individual cases such as this must be approved by myself as Headmaster before a child is permitted to bring in their own packed lunch to eat in the dining hall. Please contact your child's Principal if you need any further clarification on this important matter.

### **Water and Hydration Policy**

Drinking water is an integral part of our daily habits that aids learning in classes as a hydrated brain is vital for good learning to occur. Therefore, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day to fill up from the school water coolers. BIST water bottles are available to purchase from our School Shop. During this academic year we plan to phase out the plastic water cups at the majority of the water machines around campus and plan to install water fountains in addition to the current water cooler machines. I will update you on this initiative later in the year.

### **Security ID badges, Car Stickers and access to the campuses**

If you have not yet processed/collected, your parent ID badge for access to the campus, or a car sticker for your car (s) please do so by the end of this week from Ms Kai at the front desk in the WP school office or from K Bow at the EY campus. Parents who wish to enter the campus who are not wearing their ID badge will have to exchange their Thai ID card/driving license for a 'visitor' badge at the security desk.

### **Car related matters on campus**

There have been a number of recent incidents where parents and drivers have been driving too fast on the campus grounds, especially on the connecting road down to the boarding houses. The school has a strict 10KM per hour speed limit for all vehicles when on campus. To ensure the safety of our students, parents and staff please abide by the 10KM per hour speed limit at all times.

Also, please ensure that you turn off your car engine when parked in the school car park as leaving it on causes bad air quality and pollution on our campus. Let's make the air clean for our children!

### **Gala Dinner and Concert: The Taste of Music**

I would like to cordially invite all parents to an evening of world class entertainment and fine dining on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at the Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit to a unique gala dinner that we are hosting in conjunction with the Italian Embassy. Italian tenor David Sotgiu, top Thai pianist Nat Yontararak together with soprano Barbara Zion and the Bromsgrove International School Choir will be performing songs by Rossini, Verdi, Puccini, Donizetti, Bellini and Neapolitan Composers.

The audience will taste on the table what is performed on stage - a brilliant recipe of great music, magnificent food by Rossini Restaurant, a sparkling location and Italian Flair, created by Camillo Pellegatta and Alice Law, our Choir Director. Part of the proceeds will go to 'Home For The Aged, Ratchasima'. Tickets are now available which include entertainment, free flow wine and a splendid full course dinner.

Date: 15th November 2017

Time: 18:30 onwards

Venue: The Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit

#### Ticket Price Options

- 1 ticket for 3,500 THB
- 2 tickets for 6,500 THB
- If you book a table of 8 seats you will get a 10% discount. In addition, the first 6 whole tables sold will each get a pendant made of silver covered with gold, specially designed by CASATO Italy for this occasion.

In addition, all BIST parents and Old Bromsgrovians will receive a further THB 500 discount from above prices. To reserve your seat please call 02-989-4873.

#### **Free BIST 'Child in Car' stickers**

In celebration of Bromsgrove International School Thailand's 15th Years Anniversary, we have created a range of BIST mementos to commemorate this occasion. To raise awareness and promote road safety for our students and your children, we kindly invite all parents to collect a free "Child in Car" sticker for your car/van - a gift to parents of the Bromsgrove family.

The stickers will be available for collection from Wednesday 27 of September at both campuses. Please collect them from the school office at both our Early Years and Windsor Park. Please note to ensure all families are able to collect a sticker there will be a maximum of 2 stickers per family.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various school events over the remainder of this academic term.

Warmest regards



Dr Dan Moore  
Headmaster & CEO