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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now coming towards the end of this academic half-term and the school has been very busy since Christmas with many events and activities taking place across both campuses, including the residential trip programme in the Primary and Secondary schools.

I am writing as Headmaster to update parents and guardians with regards some important matters shown below.

Air Pollution

The ongoing air pollution across the Bangkok metropolitan area as a whole continues to be challenging for all Bangkok residents.

As a school we have been very proactive in the policy and procedures that we have implemented across both campuses since the pollution issue first arose in January to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. The measure that we have taken include:

- We have purchased air pollution PM2.5 particle measuring equipment for both campuses
- We measure the air pollution levels at regular intervals throughout the school day
- We have implemented a robust air pollution policy across both campuses that clearly states when our students can and cannot be outside and partaking in activities – both staff and students are fully aware of the policy and how it works
- We have installed air filters/purifiers in each year group classroom on the Early Years Campus
- We will shortly be installing PM 2.5 particle air filters in every air-conditioning unit across both campuses and in the boarding houses/bedrooms. This filter technology is from Japan and is designed to catch PM 2.5 particles from 0.05um to 0.5um.

Car engines running on and around the campus

To support us in managing the air quality on and around both campuses, from next Monday we will be asking parents and drivers to turn off your car engine when parked on and outside of the campuses. There is little point in us implementing a robust air pollution monitoring policy when cars are sat parked with the engine running to produce cold air-conditioning inside the vehicle! Your support and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and parents will be asked to turn off their engine if they leave it running.



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Education Development Trust (EDT) Consultant Visit

After much discussion with the Board of Governors and stakeholders, we have decided to change our accreditation body from the Council of International Schools (CIS) to the Education Development Trust (EDT). As part of this new accreditation process, the school will be hosting Mr. David Bowles, an educational consultant from EDT on Monday and Tuesday next week. Mr. Bowles will be observing lessons being taught on both campuses and will be meeting with both the academic and administrative leadership teams, staff, students, governors and the PTA parent group during his time on campus.

The final accreditation visit will take place in November 2019, where a team of four inspectors from EDT in the UK will visit both campuses and will assess BIST in the following 8 standards:

Standard 1: The standards reached by students in their work and the progress they make

Standard 2: Students' personal development

Standard 3: Teaching learning and assessment

Standard 4: The curriculum

Standard 5: The quality and quantity of the school's accommodation and resources

Standard 6: How well the school cares for and supports its students

Standard 7: The school's partnership with parents and the community

Standard 8: Leadership, Management and Governance

The EDT accreditation process is both robust and challenging for us as a school and I am confident that the process and outcome will be incredibly beneficial to us as a school and support us in our journey to becoming truly outstanding in every area of the school.

Make-Up and Uniform Policy

The school's policy on make-up has been the same for a number of years and is clearly outlined in the uniform guidance on our website. We have a number of recent cases where Secondary School students are coming into school wearing make-up, which is against our school policy – this has caused unnecessary conflict when the students have been asked to remove their make-up.

The current uniform policy guidance is shown below:

- Skirts/Skorts should be knee-length throughout the school, including in the Sixth Form.
- There should be no extreme of hairstyle or colour. Hair should be smart and of the *same length* across the head i.e. no shaved and long parts together is



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acceptable. If requested by the school, a student will modify their hairstyle or colour if the Headmaster deems the style/colour to be against our guidelines.

- No hair length should fall *below the shirt collar* for boys.
- Students will tie their hair back as requested by teachers, for example in practical Science lessons.
- Girls should only wear a plain, narrow 'alice-band' type hair band. Hair bands should not be of a wide material bandana style, or in bright colours, or have any additional parts sticking out of the top.
- No make-up is permitted for any student across the whole school.
- Students are permitted to wear a watch and one pair of small sleeper or stud type earrings.
- Necklaces must be worn underneath the uniform and must be removed for PE and sports ECAs (for health and safety reasons).
- No other jewelry is permitted at any time.
- All EY and Primary students **must** wear a cap when outside at playtime, lunchtime and during PE lessons and ECAs/clubs. Please note that *if your child does not have a hat they will not be allowed to take part in the activities outside.*
- We also strongly encourage Secondary students to do the same for sun safety reasons.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of the uniform policy, please do contact your relevant Principal for more guidance.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Moore".

Dr Dan Moore
Headmaster & CEO