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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

THE WEEK

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Empowering Women

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Our Vision

To be the pre-eminent educational community of globally minded learners and leaders.

Our Mission

Each day, we challenge and inspire girls to love learning and to shape a better world.

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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Branksome Community,

I have had the opportunity to meet with so many parents over the last few weeks. Thank you very much for your participation in the Principal Coffee sessions. It is so wonderful to feel your pride and commitment to Branksome Hall Asia and to know how much you care about building our community. As promised, I will continue to work with you to enhance school-parent communication. You will receive more information about communication pathways from your Head of Schools in the coming days. In addition, please know that you are welcome to contact any one of us at the school at any time for any issue. We love to hear from you!

This week we were proud to launch the first Junior School Tech Fair at Branksome Hall Asia. This Grade 5 event provided students the opportunity to showcase a particular technology from the numerous computer and design skills that they have learned this year.

In preparation for the Tech Fair, all students learned the following skills:

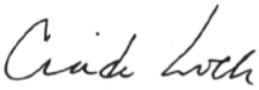
- Coding with Mbot robots;
- Coding in Scratch;
- Vector drawing in Silhouette Studio (a precursor to Adobe Illustrator)
- Design printing using a vinyl cutter;
- Stop motion techniques in Stop Motion Studio;
- Movie editing in iMovie
- Infographics (reading and creating) using Piktochart

Some students chose to extend their learning further by using a 3D printer to create their product and by building circuits. Others were given the support to further explore technologies that they had used previously. These activities included Minecraft as an education tool, website development, and game design.

Students enhanced their literacy skills in English and their academic language usage. During their presentations, they were able to explain the workings of an application and learned how it was used to raise awareness or educate others about a chosen environmental issue.

Once again, thank you for your support. We will continue to share all of the wonderful learnings that are happening in the school and commit to work closely with you to further build our community ties.

See you at school,



Dr. Cinde Lock
Principal
Branksome Hall Asia

WHOLESCHOOL EVENTS

2 March
Empty Bowls Coloring Activity
10:00 a.m. - 13:00 p.m.
STEM V Clay Studio

10 March - 5 April
IBDP Visual Arts Exhibition 2019
STEM V

13 April
Service Fair
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Branksome Hall Asia

18 May
Maker Faire @ BHA
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sign up for workshops by Mar 8
Sign up to exhibit by Mar 13
website: bit.ly/gecmakerfaire
contact: makerfaire@branksome.asia

JUNIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

1 March
Admissions events

1 March
GEC Battle of the Books @SJA
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

5 March
New students joining Junior School

11 March
Parent-Teacher Conference with
Korean or Chinese teachers
Interview Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Interview location: 2FL School Center

13 March
Fast Forward meeting
SK to G1 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
(please note this date has changed)

18 March
Fast Forward meeting G1 to G2
2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
(please note this date has changed)

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

5 March
BHX ends

6 March
MS SS Admissions Assessment Jeju

7 March
MS SS Admissions Assessment Seoul

8 March
International Women's Day Celebrations

8-9 March
SS Soccer @NLCS

10 March
DP Art Exhibition

IB DIPLOMA SUBJECT DATES

GRADE 12

1 Mar	Mock Exams (last day)
4 Mar	Film IA due (production journal & collaborative film project)
5 Mar	Final CAS interviews; Visual Art - Curatorial Rationale
6-8 Mar	Final CAS interviews
8 Mar	Visual Art Exhibition set-up
9 Mar	Visual Art Exhibition set-up
10 Mar	DP Visual Art Exhibition
18-29 Mar	Final CAS interviews
28 Mar	Theatre - Solo Theatre Pieces

Grade 11

11 Mar	Korean A LL HL Written Task 1 or 2 #3
12 Mar	Visual Art Studio Work & Reflection
22 Mar	English A LL HL Written Task #2 (draft); Mathematical Studies SL - draft
29 Mar	English L HL Written Task #2 (final)

UNIVERSITY VISITS AND APPLICATIONS

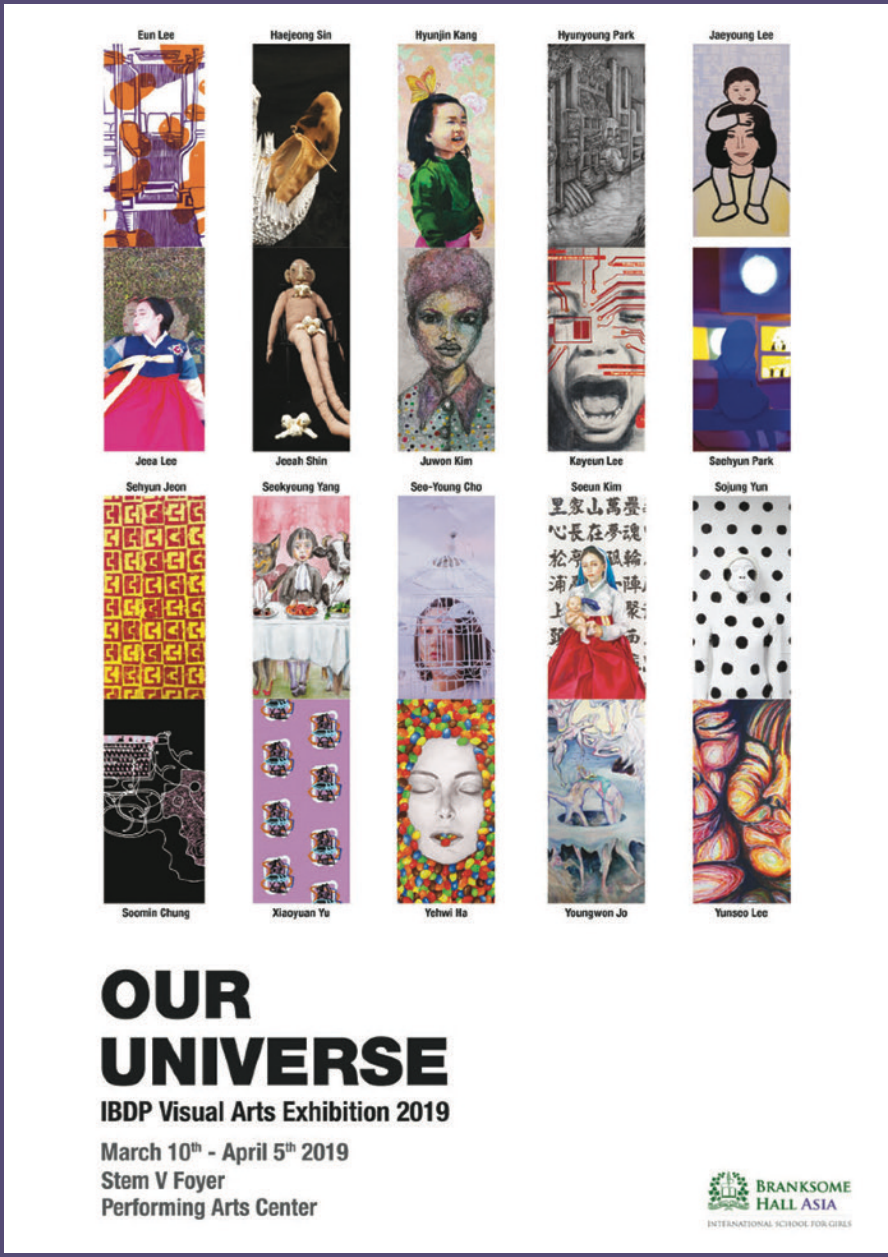
12 Mar	Indiana University Bloomington, 12:00 -12:40 p.m., Marie-Curie
27 Mar	St. George's Medical School, Presentation and Q and A 4:40–5:30 p.m. Auditorium
29 Mar	University of Melbourne, 3:40 – 4:30 Marie- Curie
27 Mar	University of Hong Kong, With HKU Student Ambassadors in auditorium. 11:25 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

BULLETINS

IB DP VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION 2019

Branksome Hall Asia and our Visual Arts faculty would like to invite you to the Grand Opening of our 2019 Graduate Exhibition at 2pm Sunday March 10th to be held in the Stem V foyer.
The Exhibition will be held from March 10th until April 5th, with the work of 20 of our students exhibited in the Stem V area and Performing Arts Center.

We hope you can join us for the opening ceremony of our exciting graduate works.



EMPTY BOWLS COLORING ACTIVITIES

We are delighted to announce an Empty Bowl Coloring Event which is set to take place on March 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 13:00 p.m.
Please come to the school at your convenience and participate in coloring the bowl that you made at the Empty Bowl Making Event last fall. Reservations are not required.

Date: **March 2, 2019 (Saturday)**
Time: **10:00 to 13:00**
Venue: **Clay Studio next to JS Art Classroom, STEM V**

Please note that if you do not come for this coloring event, your bowls will be painted and colored by others.
For any inquiry, please contact events@branksome.asia.

STORIES AND CELEBRATIONS

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01 Grade 5 students learning through Tech Coding Makerspace
02 Grade 3 students working together to draw up the scaffold for a chart to display their data
03 Grade 2 students enjoying a moment with Clan Bear.
04 Grade 1 students learning about physical geographical terms
05 SK students have been learning all about 100.

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Grade 5 Technology and Sustainability Fair

By: Tara Farr, Grade 5 Teacher

The 3rd floor was buzzing with excitement on February 25, as students in Grade 5 launched the first Technology and Sustainability Fair. This event showcased a signature unit centered around the Unit of Inquiry - 'Sharing the Planet.'

Students spent several weeks exploring the concept of Sustainability and issues that are of importance to the future of our world. They made connections to current problems faced in our local Jeju community and considered solutions to these problems.
Students took part in various workshops where they were exposed to modern technological applications that could be used to raise awareness to the need to create sustainable societies.
Our young learners developed skills coding in with mBots and Scratch, vector drawing in Silhouette Studio, Stop Motion Studio, iMovie and Piktochart and created infographics.

Our students presented their work to the Grade 5 parents and Grade 4 students and encouraged them to take action on these issues.
Grade 5 students appreciated the technological support they received from Mrs. Robins, Mr. McAdams, and Mrs. Gasparini.

Into the Hidden Depths of Branksome Hall Asia

By: Ms. Victoria Heaton,
Grade 2 Teacher Intern

Grade two students continued their investigation into the Central Idea "Communities provide interconnected services to meet people's needs."
In previous weeks we have identified different kinds of communities and explored what makes them distinct. We have discussed the utilities and services required to make a community safe and livable and the reasons people might choose one community over another.
To look more deeply into the water utility in our Branksome Hall Asia community, students in Mrs. Roy's class had the rare opportunity to step down into the basement of the school to tour one of the boiler rooms.
Here students were guided by the Site Manager, Mr. Choi who answered students' many questions and explained different ways that water is collected, stored and distributed in the school. Students were especially interested in the school's unique rainwater catchment and filtration system.

Many thanks again to Mr. Choi for helping students to consider and discuss the variety of purposes water serves in our Branksome Hall Asia community.

STORIES AND CELEBRATIONS

"You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

– *Teaching Kindness*

by Meghan Hyatt,
Learning Support Specialist

In preparation for our exhibition, G5 students had a lesson about kindness this week. Miss Hyatt led a discussion about what kindness means, how we show it, how it affects those around you, and asked if the students felt it was shown in their class regularly. Presuming positive intentions of others, or thinking that people aren't doing things intentionally to hurt you, was a major theme of the lesson.

After the discussion, students completed an activity where they were asked to write kind things about four other students in their class. Students discussed their reactions to what their peers said about them and reflected upon how easy or hard the activity was for them. Miss Hyatt then challenged them to sit with someone and discuss ways by which they could help further build community in their classroom.

Often, the importance of relationships and understanding of others can be forgotten in a student's rush to achieve academic brilliance. It's an important part of the PYP program to focus on our own identity and interactions with others and how they shape our world. Adopting a more holistic approach to the development of our students helps them become happy, healthy, and empowered adults. Students were left with the saying, *"you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar,"* this image helps them to have a visual reminder of how being sweet and kind to others helps you make and keep friends.

BULLETINS

GIRLS AND BOYS NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEM - NAVY BLUE TROUSERS

We have been working with the school uniform supplier, Ivy Club, to supply new school uniform trousers.
They are the same navy fabric as the Middle School and Senior School trousers and are different to the green trousers currently worn by the boys only.

Both boys and girls may wear the blue trousers.

Students from JKP to Grade 5 may wear the trousers. Students may wear them with either the ivory blouse/shirt which should be tucked in or with the school white polo shirt, or clan shirt on clan days.

Samples were made, and boys and girls modeled them.
New samples were made based on feedback and they will be ready for sale either in the Ivy Club store or online from Tuesday 5th March, and will be priced at 60,000 KRW.

Students may choose to wear the "Middle School/Senior School" trousers if they are a better fit - whichever style they prefer.
Ivy Club is very accommodating and can help you find the perfect fit.
Number 1 uniform remains the same for girls. Boys may wear blue or green trousers.

IMAGES OF THE WEEK

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01 One of their first acting tasks of the new Grade 6 Drama class involved making tableaus, or frozen important scenes, of MYP Global and Key Concepts. The students are already adapting quickly to the new use of their confidence and acting skills, and we look forward to seeing them grow as we start using actual drama and theater terminology in the classes to come

02 SS KISAC Basketball Tournament at Branksome Hall Asia, Feb 22-23

03 Newly elected Prefect Council for 2019-2020

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GRADE 10 KOREAN HISTORY FIELD TRIP

By Hyoseon Kang,
Middle and Senior Korean History Teacher

During the Cold War, the inner dynamics of the Korean peninsular significantly shifted. Excluding the Korean War in modern Korean history, the April 3 Incident was the most tragic incident that happened in Jeju during the US Military Government period in terms of the greatest number of human victims.

As part of the Grade 10 Korean History, class students visited the Jeju 4.3 Peace Park to remember those who died during the massacres as they protected their homes.
Through this field trip, students were able to immerse themselves in an opportunity to understand, look and experience learning outside of the classroom. The field trip was both instructive and valuable for students as they realized that learning occurs everywhere, not just within the walls of the school.

STORIES AND CELEBRATIONS

KIMEA News

By Paula Swartz

International high school music students from all over South Korea auditioned and were given the opportunity to participate in the National Honor Band, Orchestra, and Choir for the KAIAC/KIMEA National Honors Festival that took place on February 22 and 23.

Branksome Hall Asia students Gawon Youn, Yujean Choi, and Soyeon Kim shone in their roles in the percussion and string sections.

The musicians came together for the first time on Friday and rehearsed all day on Friday and Saturday, preparing for an amazing concert that took place on Saturday evening at Chadwick International School.

The ensembles were lead by world renowned conductors Mr. Kirt Mosier and Dr. Paula Crider, and included works of Ticheli, Mendelssohn, and Sousa.

Congratulations once again to music teacher Mary Siew and the amazing BHA music students who represented our school at Korea's top KIMEA-KAIAC music event.

Branksome Bear Reading Challenge

By Mary Francis, DP/MYP English Teachers

Since October 2018, students in Middle School have been encouraged to participate in the Branksome Bear Reading Challenge.

This level involves students reading up to 15 books in English and then completing a separate activity in the Reading Challenge booklet for each book. Activities range from designing a new book cover, describing the main character, identifying key words of vocabulary in a bilingual dictionary to writing a book review.

For Semester 1 we are pleased to announce that the following awards have been presented:

Bronze Award (all grade 6):
Jiyeon Han, Gabin Jun, Jayeon Kim, Sujin Kim, and Shiyi Zhang

Our first Branksome Bear Award winners are:
Hyerim Yoon (grade 6) and Dain Jung (grade 7).

The Reading Challenge continues until the end of February and I would encourage all students to continue reading and aim to achieve an award.

Students can seek advice on the correct level of book for their reading ability by speaking to their teacher of English or to Ms Fountain, our School Librarian.

Early Dismissal on March 13

Parents are reminded that students will be dismissed from school at 3 pm on March 13. There will be no school on March 14-15.

STORIES AND CELEBRATIONS

2019 University Admissions Offers

By Mark Lee, University Counselor

We are very proud of our Grade 12 students and their success with this year's university application cycle. Our girls have worked very hard in their IB program and are now seeing the results of their efforts. To date they have received offers of admission from more than 75 universities. These institutions of higher learning are located in 9 countries that span 5 continents.

We can review and celebrate the success of our students to date by looking at the very high quality of universities to which they are being admitted. Examples of our offers to date this year, from the top 21 universities around the world, include: **Cambridge University, Imperial College London**, **University College London**, **Johns Hopkins University**, **Brown, NYU, Cornell University, Hong Kong University.**

We have already received over 140 offers from top universities around the world. This list will continue to grow significantly as students receive further offers in the coming weeks. We are so excited for our girls and their amazing achievements.

AMIS International Honor Orchestra 2019

By Mary Siew

This report bears glad tidings of successful AMIS (Association of Music for International Schools) International Honor Orchestra results.

A few brave members of the BHA Symphony Orchestra extended themselves by learning scales, etudes and orchestral excerpts for the Honor Orchestra auditions.

This is Branksome's fifth year in this Festival.

I'm proud to announce that 3 string players gained places in this prestigious Festival.

They were:

Youngchae Kim on the Violin – G10

Yujean Choi on Violin – G9

Gayeon Koh on Cello – G9
(Rotating Section Leader)

Over 1000 auditions are received from about 176 International Schools all over the world and only 70 students are finally accepted to make up an elite Symphonic group which met in Salzburg's Mozarteum Concert Hall (home of Mozart's and Von Karajan's orchestras) to play professional repertoire chosen to extend the world's best young musicians. Our representatives rehearsed all day for 3 days from 9 am till 5.30 pm. We did fit in some (lots of) shopping and photo sessions in Mozart's birthplace, his residence and historical buildings in Salzburg.

I congratulate and thank the 3 successful musicians for their hard work and their maturity on the trip.

I also commend the other ones who rehearsed with me with equal determination but failed to gain a place in the Festival. I urge them and all my musicians in BHA to strive for the best possible musical sounds not just in auditions but also in their daily practice.

It is my honor working daily with musicians here at Branksome Hall Asia in my classes and in my CASE orchestras.

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