



BRANKSOME HALL ASIA

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



THE WEEK

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AND EVENTS AT BRANKSOME HALL ASIA

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Empowering Women



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.



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Branksome Community,

Our Grade 9 exchange program (BHX) has completed this week with 98 girls and 15 chaperones visiting Branksome Hall Asia from Toronto. Our Grade 9 girls had a chance to reconnect with their student buddies from Canada and they all had a wonderful time together as was evidenced by so much laughter and excitement in our hallways. I was excited to hear from the students about what they've been learning - and I received an earful - about mathematical regression analyses, torque, force, lift, and how they have been applying their learning directly to develop their own wind turbine designs.

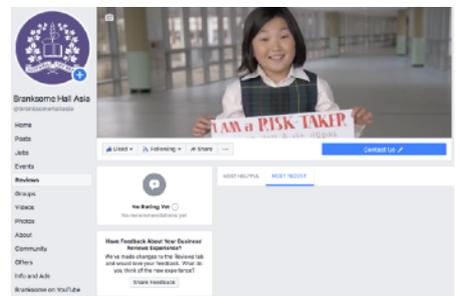
It is amazing to see how this interdisciplinary project keeps getting better and better every year. I know that the conversations and collaboration that our girls experienced will leave them with memories to last a lifetime and, hopefully, meaningful friendships that will endure as well.

I wanted to write regarding the parent feedback we have received this week related to tuition fees and deposit timeline. Quite a number of parents reached out to us and, while it is taking longer than I anticipated to respond to each email, please know that you have been heard and that your concerns have been shared with our Board and Business Partners. In conjunction with this communication, we have also received tremendous support and feedback about the pride you have in Branksome Hall Asia and how you value the prestigious school and warm community we have built together. You have entrusted your child's education in our care and we take this task seriously. I feel privileged and honored everyday, and I know all of our teachers feel the same, to have the opportunity to mentor your children and inspire them, as our future leaders.

So many wonderful things are happening at school. Please join us to participate in the upcoming events.

See you at school,

Dr. Cinde Lock
Principal
Branksome Hall Asia



CALL FOR FACEBOOK REVIEWS

Do you love our school as much as we do? We'd love to hear from you. Let us know what you like about Branksome Hall Asia and leave a review on our Facebook Page. It will show other parents and students what there is to like about us. You are welcome to do this in any language!

Here's how:

1. Visit to our Facebook Page
2. Give lots of stars!
3. Write a short review and tell us why you like Branksome Hall Asia.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

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

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

Coffee with Head of Junior School for
SK parents - 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
School Centre

13 March
Coffee with Head of JS
for JKP parents 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
School Center

13 March
Fast Forward meeting
SK to G1 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
School closes at 3:00 p.m.

18 March
Fast Forward meeting G1 to G2
2:15 - 3:00 p.m.

19 March
Grade 5 Exhibition launch

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

8 March
International Women's Day Celebrations

8-9 March
SS Soccer @NLCS

10 March
DP Art Exhibition

12 March
CASE Term 2 Ends

13 March
School Closes at 3 p.m.

17 March
Residence reopens from
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

IB DIPLOMA SUBJECT DATES

GRADE 12

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)

COFFEE WITH COUNSELORS

8 Mar Universities of Best Fit and Open
Q&A 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. School Centre 2FL

UNIVERSITY VISITS AND APPLICATIONS

11 Mar Glion 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. PAC4
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.
29 Mar European Universities Mini Fair,
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. School Centre 2
• Bocconi University
• Carl Benz School of KIT
• Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
• IE University
• Jacobs University
• Modul University
• Trinity College Dublin
• University of Melbourne

NEWS

“Branksome Hall Asia Service Fair 2019”

Our inaugural Service Fair will provide students in schools all over the world with a chance to meet other like-minded students and NGO's that can help take their Service projects and/or initiatives to the next level.

We warmly invite you to come and 'celebrate and collaborate' with us!

For more details, please refer to www.servicefair.com

REGISTRATION OPEN 4 March 2019	REGISTRATION CLOSE 24 March 2019	EVENT DATE 13 April 2019
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SERVICE FAIR

– *A celebration and collaboration!*

By Florence Wayas,
Service Coordinator

Service plays an intrinsic role in our mission to ‘Shape a Better World’ here at Branksome Hall Asia. Since our inception our girls have initiated, led and participated in a diverse number of service projects and initiatives, which have transformed communities and issues for the better. This year, we will have our first Service Fair on April 13th, to celebrate the contributions our

students, and others in Asia, have made in service. Our fair will also be a vehicle to facilitate collaboration between students, schools and the NGO’s whom we have invited. We would also like to extend an invitation to our parents, who already help us lead the way with service and our annual Plaid Tidings event. This even is such a marvelous success because of them.

BULLETINS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PANEL 2019

The Women's Empowerment Committee invites all parents to attend an event in celebration of International Women's Day.

On March 11, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:10 p.m. in the PAC auditorium, we will have four panelists who will be discussing their accomplishments

and what it means to be an empowered woman. There will an opportunity for students to ask questions and coffee and snacks will be provided in the foyer for parents and panelists following the event. This will give parents an opportunity to speak with our panelists and to get to know one another better.

INTRODUCING THE PANELISTS:
Bryn Davies is currently pursuing her Master of Social Work Degree at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dr. Kristine H. Onishi is an Associate Professor of Psychology at McGill University in Montreal, QC, Canada.
Mindi Dwyer is Head of Residence at Branksome Hall Asia. She has been an overseas educator for the past 12 years in Asia.
Caitlin Shem is an environmental scientist specializing in clean energy and sustainable environmental solutions for the built environment.

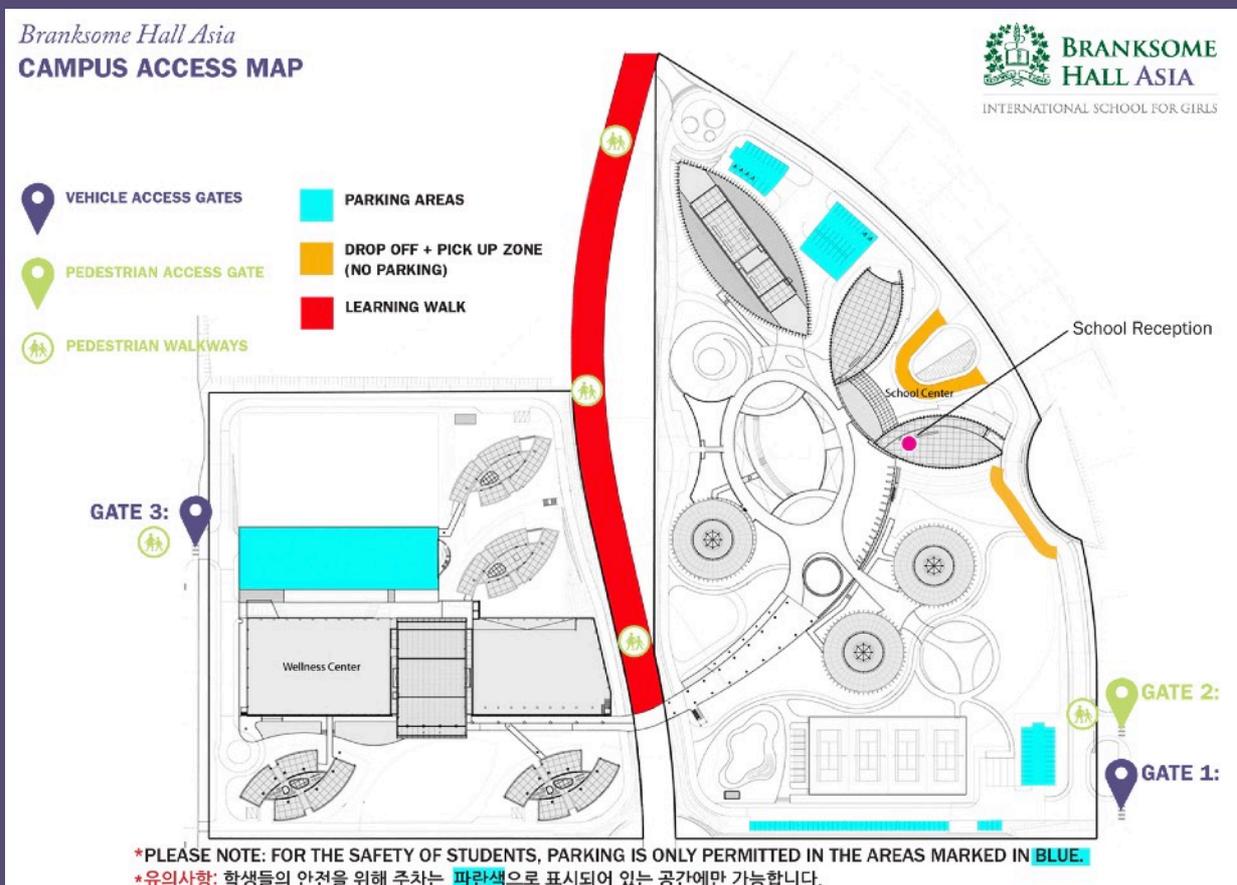
We hope to see you there!

STUDENT SAFETY

Parents are reminded that parking or dropping off students on the roadways in front of the school is not permitted. Due to the heavy traffic on the road, this practice creates

additional delays for all parents entering and exiting the school and puts our students at risk. Parents may drop off children in the areas marked in yellow, on the Campus Access Map attached. This includes the gate to the Upper Junior pod where a staff member will

assist children 15 minutes before the start of school. Parking within the school is permitted in the areas marked in blue. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe.



STORIES AND CELEBRATIONS



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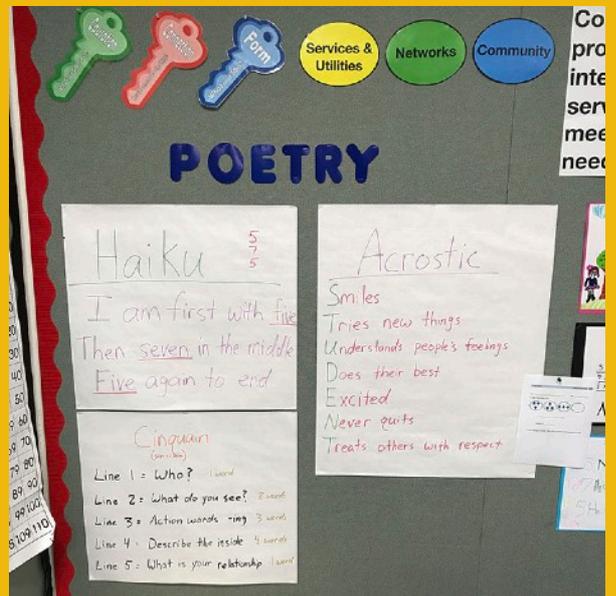


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- 01 Students from Grade 4 planning the plots for their stories.
- 02 Grade 1 students using “First, Next, Then” to structure sentences in their reports about the recent Grade 1 field trip.
- 03 SK students exploring number patterns in the 2 times table.
- 04 Grade 3 students working with Ms. Favilli in a reading lesson.
- 05 Grade 2 students have been learning about some different types of poetry.

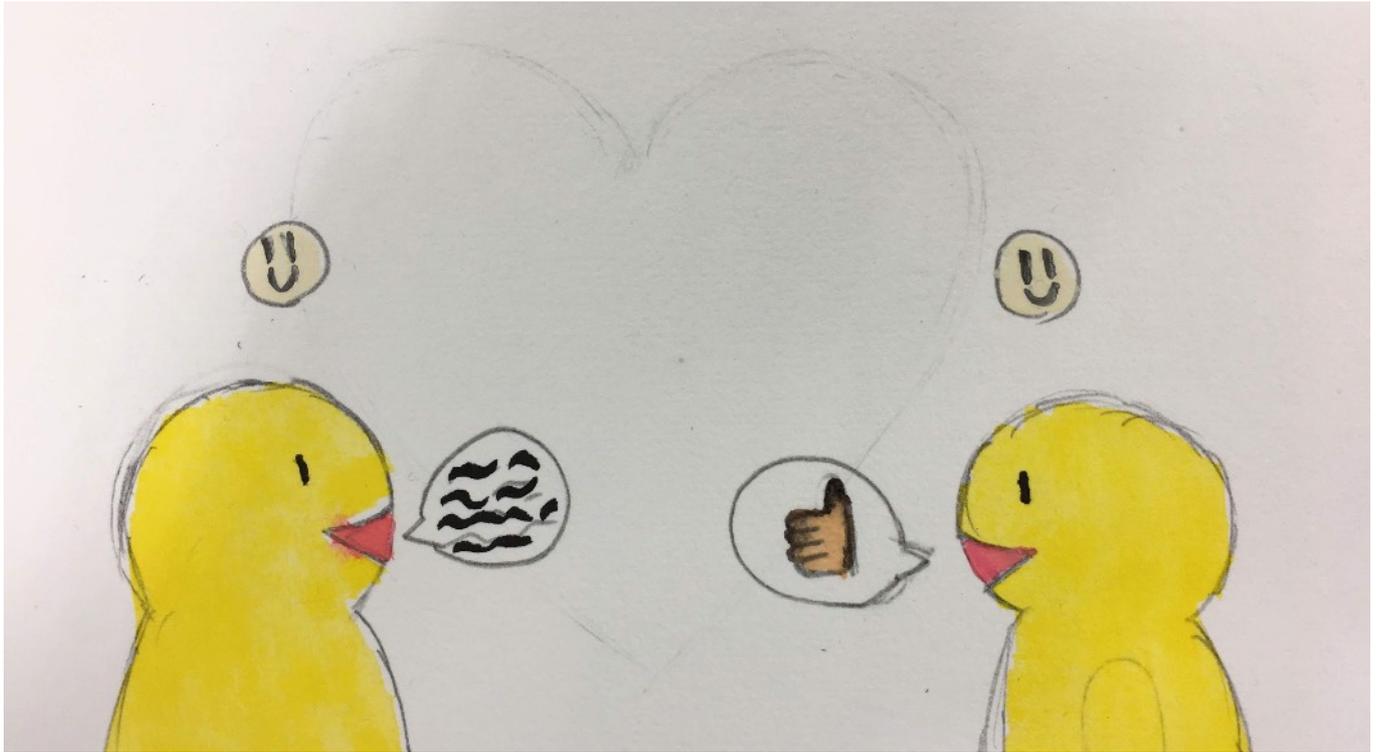


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GOOD FELLOWSHIP WITH GOOD NEIGHBORS

– *Letters and Paintings*

By Mr. Daniel Han, G1 Teacher Intern

The Junior School Service CASE shared time together with The Good Neighbors organization. Students worked together on a robotics activity, participated in a rock stacking challenge while others enjoyed a game of dodgeball. This was a time where students shared each others experiences, bonding closer together and enjoying learning from each other. The Good Neighbors organization is a human rights organization that helps build self-reliance and enables underprivileged children to rebuild their hope. The organization helps to prioritize the rights of children and promote the sustainable development of individuals, families, and communities. We, at Branksome Hall Asia, share such goals of community

development with our younger friends and meet with them about once a month to be a guide and a friend. On February 28th, our young girls took part in an experience to further their service by creating painted cards and letters of Branksome Hall Asia's academic philosophy. They chose one of IB's (International Baccalaureate) ten attributes of the Learner Profile and painted a picture that represents that message. Through the IB Learner Profile, students learn to describe and identify behaviors of successful

learners.

Some examples that our students chose were Caring, Open Minded, and Thinkers. The letters our students wrote explained the reason they chose the Learner Profile. They expressed how it shaped and affected them to improve themselves academically, socially, and emotionally. The goal was to help mentor the children at Good Neighbors in their upcoming stages of early childhood.





SINK OR FLOAT?

– *Exploring materials and their properties*

By Ms. Marie Saer, JK Teacher

As part of our Unit of Inquiry ‘How the World Works’, JK students have been exploring materials and their properties. Through inquiry, students identify different materials such as, wood, metal, plastic and fabric, among others. Teachers proposed a science experiment to students by asking them: ‘Do you think that these objects sink or float? How can we find out?’ Students began exploring these questions by predicting whether certain objects could float or sink. Once they had noted and discussed their predictions, they experimented by placing them into water. The students not only enjoyed exploring these questions it was also a great opportunity for them to develop their English vocabulary and make connections with their homeroom language.

AIR POLLUTION

Air pollution has worsened in the Global Education City in recent days. At school we check the situation every morning and monitor it regularly throughout the day to help determine any actions that the school may need to take. The entire school follows the Branksome Hall Asia air quality procedures which we have repeated below as a reminder and for new parents who may have joined us. The following procedure was published in The Week issue 17 in January 2019.

AIR QUALITY PROCEDURES

From time to time environmental conditions result in poor air quality on Jeju. Branksome Hall Asia has procedures in place to guide us in these circumstances.

Process and Procedure:

Two air quality scales are used. One scale is used to measure organic particles (PM 2.5). Another scale, (PM10), measures larger particles such as dust, pollen, and mold. Systematic readings are used to inform decisions about changes in outdoor school programs and activities to safeguard student and staff health.

Reaction to Korean Government Information/Text Messages:

The Korean government sends a text message to Branksome Hall Asia’s Facilities Manager when the PM 2.5 (pollution scale) stays above 76 for more than two hours and/or PM 10 stays above 151 for more than two hours.

Actions

1. Our Facilities Manager shares this information with Senior Leaders, PE Faculty and the Athletics Director.
2. Senior Leaders make a decision about any restrictions to outdoor activities.
3. The PE Department Head and or Athletics Director will make a decision about any restrictions to outdoor programs.

Internal Monitoring for Branksome Hall Asia Air Quality indicators and actions:

If PM 2.5 reaches 60 or PM 10 reaches 110 - students are to remain indoors and special care is to be taken for students who might be particularly sensitive to air quality issues. Those with respiratory conditions or very young students may be particularly vulnerable.

COFFEE WITH HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

As we continue to offer opportunities for more communication channels for parents, we will introduce regular “Coffee with Head of Junior School” sessions, these commenced on Friday 8th March with Grade 1 parents from 8.15 - 9.00 a.m. Next week the Grade Parent Coffee for SK parents will be on Monday March 11 and JK Prep parents will have an opportunity on Wednesday March 13. The full schedule until June has been sent as a separate letter and, in addition, we will send out reminders a few days prior to each gathering. The first meetings for each Grade level will be of a general nature where parents may feel free to make any comments or ask any questions. The following sessions will have other foci.

IMAGES OF THE WEEK



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01 BHX in action
02 A massive SHOUT OUT from the Drama Department to the PTA for coming in to help with the chaos that was the Costume Room. An army of parents did an amazing job in just a few hours. Thank you so, so much for supporting us and all that we are trying to do here at BHA. We appreciate you!



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BRANKSOME HALL CANADA EXPERIENCE CASE

By Leslie Stellwagen,

During Branksome Hall Canada's visit for BHX, the students also participated in the CASE programs. The Canadian students chose from a variety of CASE activities, including Basketball Academy, Empathy Club, Student Wild Animal Protectors Club, Mindful Coloring Club, Branksome TV Academy. The girls greatly enjoyed participating in school life outside of academics.

"I loved collaborating with the students. It's the same amazing Branksome we experience everyday but now it's on a different country across the world."

"Case is really fun because you do the work during the day and then after school you get to have fun and interact with new friends."



"Doing BTV was so professional. There is all this amazing technology at the school. I got a glimpse of the life of a BHA student and the great opportunities they have."

By participating and cooperating during after-school activities, Branksome Hall students from across the world are forging stronger relationships that will last a lifetime.



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BRANKSOME'S GOT TALEN!

by: Mark Lee, Beta Kappa Supervisor

This past Thursday saw the fourth annual Beta Kappa sponsored 'Branksome's Got Talent Show'. Fourteen acts were selected to perform to a packed house that included 100 students and teachers from our sister school, Branksome Hall Canada. It was so very wonderful to see students, teachers, and our guest students displaying their talents. The music, singing, and dancing was superb and I believe this to be the best show mounted yet by our school. It was also heartening to see the positive energy crackling throughout the auditorium as the audience sang along during many of the acts. Such wonderful and important golden time for our community! Thank you to students, staff and parents for your energy, support, and participation. We are looking forward to next year!



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UNIVERSITY COUNSELING

By Mark Lee, University Counselor

Students in Grade 12 continue to receive news about university applications with recent offers arriving from some Canadian and U.S. schools as well as other regions. Grade 12 students are engaging in transition to university classes over the coming weeks and are learning about subjects that include the management of finances at university, the structure of university classes, learning in culturally different environments, and different opportunities that exist for students in undergraduate programs.

This week the Grade 11 students are working on their first drafts of personal statements as they prepare for the university application process.

Students in this grade are also considering their choices of universities using the BridgeU platform. Students in Grade 10 took part in a lesson on Stress Management last week and were introduced to resources to help them choose a summer program or experience. Engaging in summer experiences is important to explore subjects of study and possible future career directions.

Please contact the university counseling team or feel free to drop by. We love to see you!

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PROMOTING STUDENT WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

By Yoona Kim, Social Counselor

On March 1st, the Social Counseling department invited Mr. Jason Kuttner (LPC, CADC III, International Counseling and Consulting, LLC) to lead discussions regarding policy and protocol recommendations in the areas of suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

This workshop was offered to faculty and our boarding team to solidify the schools protocols and help student leaders deepen their understanding about different coping strategies that can strengthen resilience. The Social Counselors will develop and implement a bullying prevention plan, and conduct and develop a mindfulness-based social & emotional wellness program for promoting adolescent mental health.



IBDP ART EXHIBITION

The Visual Art department invite all staff and family to our 2019 DP Art Exhibition, opening Sunday 10th March at 2:00 pm in the Stem V foyer of the School Center. Our students would be very appreciative if you can celebrate their artwork and achievements.

OUR UNIVERSE

IBDP Visual Arts Exhibition 2019

March 10th - April 5th 2019
Stem V Foyer
Performing Arts Center



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