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AND EVENTS AT BRANKSOME HALL ASIA

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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER



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



Dear Branksome Hall Asia Community,

It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance at the parent meeting that was held at the school this past Tuesday. Your passion for Branksome Hall Asia is very much appreciated and valued. I would like to thank Karen Jurjevich, Principal at our sister school Branksome Hall Canada, and Josh Peck, a member of our Board of Governors for joining us at this evening event. We will be sharing the meeting minutes with you on Monday.

Thank you for using the communication tree and attending our grade parent meetings. As I shared in the meeting, we will be developing a third tier to our model to further enhance our lines of communication with you. The longer that I am here at Branksome, the more I feel a growing sense of family within our community. I hope you feel that too.

This past week Branksome Hall Asia hosted its first MYP Evaluation Visit. Two evaluators from the International Baccalaureate visited our school to review our school's Middle Years Program for Grades 6 through 10. Over the three-day site visit, our guests interviewed the majority of our teaching staff, as well as Middle Years' students and parents. The evaluators also scrutinized the curriculum, policies, and practices of the school. We received a verbal summary of the team's findings at the end of the visit. I am happy to inform you that our guests were very impressed by the program we have in place at Branksome. They praised our interdisciplinary units of study, and our challenging and engaging course curricula. They also commented that our CASE program and service initiatives were exemplary and could be used as a model for other international schools. Our visitors observed that it is very apparent when one walks through the halls of Branksome that we are, "a strong IB school, that our girls are well cared for, and that they are challenged in their learning." A formal written report of the Visiting Team's findings will be prepared by the IB over the coming months, and the full report will be shared with the school this summer.

See you at School,

Dr. Cinde Lock
Principal
Branksome Hall Asia

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

1-3 April
Library workshop
With guest Rob Lloyd Jones

2 April
Meet and Greet in the library
with the author 3:40 - 4:20 p.m.

Until 5 April
IBDP Visual Arts Exhibition 2019
STEM V

6 April
BHA TedX 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

29 March
Head of Junior School and SK teacher
presenting at Admissions Information
Session in Seoul

30 March
First GEC-wide Musical Festival for
Junior/Elementary schools - hosted
by BHA

1 - 3 April
Book week launch & Visiting author
Rob Lloyd Jones

3 April
Coffee with the Head of Junior School
for SK parents 9.00 - 9.45 a.m.

3 April
Art Gallery series featuring artwork by
- JKP, G2, G4 students

3 April
Student reports sent to parents

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

22 March
Grade 12 Prom

23 March
Residence No Leave Weekend

25 March
Term 3 CASE begins

25-28 March
MYP Reauthorization

29 March
MSSS Spring Concert

29-30 March
Global Education Model United Nations

31 March
Residence Sports Competition
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

4-5 April
HS Soccer Invitational at KIS

5 April
End of Quarter 3

BRANKSOME HALL ASIA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
A PRESENTATION ABOUT A NEW MUSICAL FROM JEJU TO THE WORLD

RISE

THE STORY OF A WOMAN

LOCATION: The Whitney Cultural Centre, CT

DATE: April 26th 2019 TIME: 7.30pm

Students from Branksome Hall Asia perform songs from the musical. Rise Includes Q&A with the performers, director, writer and composers

RISE GOES ON TOUR NEXT MONTH!

'RISE - The Story of a Woman' has been invited by Dr. Koh, Chair of the East Rock Institute and Director Emerita of East Asian Research and a member of HRAF at Yale University, to present at a conference in New Haven, Connecticut.

Wish us luck as 13 of members from the show head off to New York next month!!!

We are also hoping to perform at Branksome Hall Canada and the United Nations International School in NYC.

Here we are mentioned in East Rock Institute's newsletter: <http://eastrockinstitute.org>

STORIES AND CELEBRATIONS



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- 01 young scientists in action, JKPrep students
- 02 Grade 2 students learning about the Design Cycle with Mrs. Gasparini in the Maker Space room
- 03 Grade 5 students interviewed Dr. Lock during the launch of the 2019 PYP Exhibition
- 04 SK students with teachers and parent helpers learning about life in Jeju in years gone by during a recent field trip
- 05 Grade 1 students learning about important parts of narrative writing



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NLCS GRADE 2-5 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

By: Ben Drury, Grade 3 Teacher, Grade 2-3 Coordinator

On Saturday March 23rd approximately 35 students from Grade 2-5 participated in a fun football tournament at the GEC sports field. It was a sunny but cool Jeju day and once the football kicked off things really started heating up quickly.

For younger students this was the first opportunity for them to play in a football tournament and compete in a real game setting. There was a lot of excitement amongst students as they played with their friends, learning the rules and practicing their skills. It was a fantastic experience for our younger BHA students to be a part of.

The Grade 4 - 5 Tournament was a little more serious where two BHA teams faced opposition from NLCS, Pride FC from Seoul and Sara FC from Jeju. It was a hard fought championship and one of our BHA teams narrowly missed winning the overall tournament by a couple of points.

I would like to compliment our students on their wonderful approach and behavior during the tournament. Hopefully the tournament will continue as an annual event and, with a little more practice, results could be favorable for BHA.

Special thanks to our parent community and for their enthusiasm and support throughout the entire tournament. Also a big thank you to Mr. Watene, Mrs. Curtin and Mr. Armstrong for helping assist on the day. It was great seeing other staff providing their support too!



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION ON UNIVERSITY COUNSELING

By Dr. Mark Lee, On behalf of the University Counseling Team

The University Counseling team invites Junior School Parents to learn about the University Counseling program at Branksome Hall Asia on April 5th between 12:15 and 1:00 p.m. in the School Centre 2FL. A brief description of the program and highlights pertaining to university acceptances will be featured. There will also be some time for question and answer. We hope to see you there!

STORIES AND CELEBRATIONS

AN INSPIRING EXPERIENCE!

- The launch of the PYP Exhibition

By: *Alies Doedens,*
Grade 5 Teacher Intern

On March 19th we held the PYP Exhibition Launch! For all of our Grade 5 students, it was a busy day filled with fun activities, teamwork and a lot of thinking. They had plenty of information to take in. During the day, students learned about the process of the exhibition, reflecting on passions of others around the world through a scavenger hunt, and brainstorming their many thoughts and ideas onto a poster.

Students participated in different workshops where they explored multiple ways to express their ideas, feelings and thoughts. There was a creation station that focused on 'upcycling' everyday objects. Students looked at how drama or music can help convey a message. Lastly, students looked at Blackout Poetry, to learn how the words of others can inspire our own thoughts and how to share that message with others.

In the afternoon, students discussed ideas related to taking action. Students learned different ways to take action and the importance of inspiring their audience to join in their action. After a good discussion, it was time for a break to enjoy the delicious snacks the parents had brought in to celebrate the PYP exhibition launch with us.

Ms. Mack and Ms. Hyatt taught students different ways to handle stress throughout the exhibition. We will definitely be using many of these strategies! By the end of the day, the students were exhausted, but inspired!



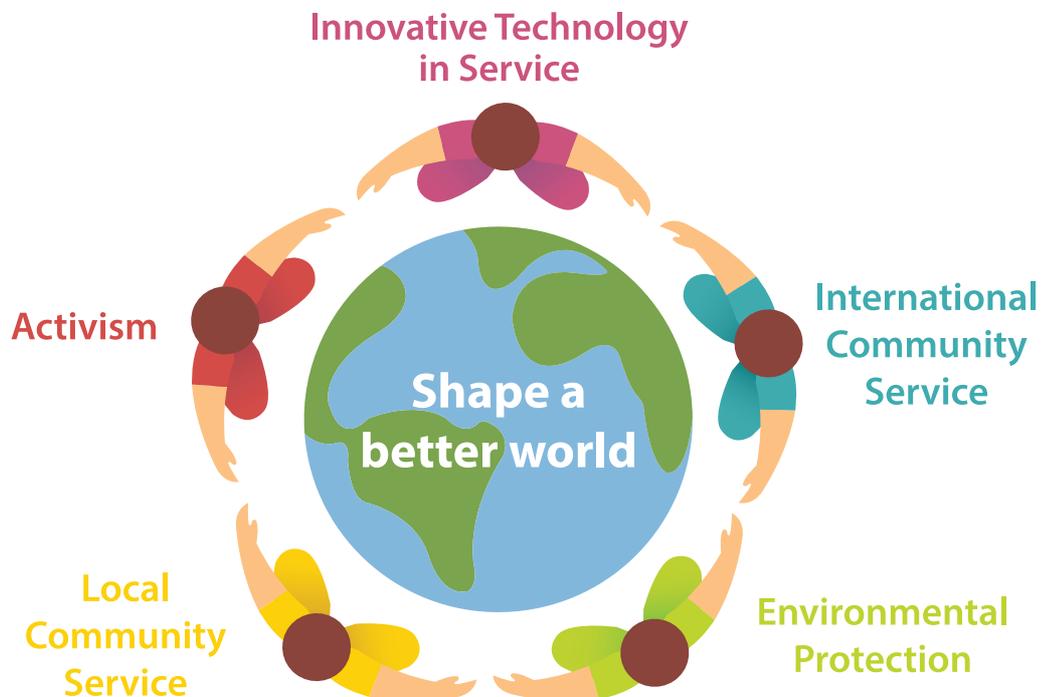
PROCEDURES FOR INSTANCES OF CONTAGIOUS AND/OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

At Branksome Hall Asia we take your child's health and safety very seriously and as such we have procedures in place and action steps to follow if an infectious disease outbreak occurs. Infectious diseases can be transmitted from person to person by touch, sharing, coughing or sneezing. Common childhood infectious diseases that can become contagious include: mumps, measles, whooping cough, chickenpox, influenza, common cold and scarlet fever. If a case of any infectious disease is reported to the school, we endeavor to prevent the spread by informing the

school nurse. She issues a letter to parents informing them that there is a confirmed case of the disease and advises that any children with certain symptoms must not come to school and should stay at home especially if they have vomited, have diarrhea or a fever.

The amount of time that a child should remain away from school varies slightly depending on the type of disease will be clearly stated in the letter. In addition, the school cleaning contractor has been informed that there is a confirmed case of a particular infectious disease and additional deep cleaning measures are being undertaken to aid the containment of the disease and prevent further outbreaks.

“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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PERSONAL PROJECT



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01 Mar 21 Swimming Clan Event
(Photo Credit: The Yearbook Team)
02 Prom night for our graduating girls



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MYP Personal Project Celebration!

By: Paula Swartz, MYP Coordinator

The International Baccalaureate stipulates that the Personal Project is one of the most important task students complete in the Middle Years Program. The Personal Project is a self-directed inquiry that results in a truly personal, original and creative work. All MYP students across the world undertake this project during the final year of the program.

It is an opportunity for our students to take full responsibility for their own learning through a process that they control from start to finish. The entire process - from defining their goal, through the stages of researching information and applying it to their action, to achieving their goal and reflecting upon the experience - forms the culminating assessment of the MYP.

Our Branksome Hall Asia students inquired into topics they found interesting and relevant.

These included issues of concern such as:

How do misconceptions affect our understanding of global issues, especially in periods of conflict?

To what extent does human interaction impact the survival of endangered plants of South Korea?

How can I get myself out of my comfort zone and take on new challenges?

The students showcased their outcomes and products and presented their results on Wednesday, March 20th. Their work will remain on display all through next week on the bridges in the School Center.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who guided the students through this process of completing the Personal Project. It was truly a challenging and rewarding experience our girls will never forget.



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STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

By Sungeun Park, Associate Director of Admissions

At Branksome Hall Asia, our students are our stars! In order to provide a powerful platform for the voices of our students to be celebrated, the Branksome Hall Asia Student Ambassador Program was initiated in August of 2017. We currently have eleven remarkable Ambassadors serving in this strong leadership role, each one exemplifying what it means to be a Branksome Girl. Each Ambassador is actively involved in building a welcoming and respectful community by leading school tours, interacting with prospective families, and presenting at Admissions Information Sessions in Jeju, Seoul, and Busan. As student leaders, they demonstrate:

- strong communication and interpersonal skills
- high commitment to their IB education
- respect, consideration, and courtesy for self and others
- pride in Branksome Hall Asia

We welcome highly motivated students to join the Student Ambassador Program. An invitation and application form will be sent out by Mrs. Sungeun Park, Associate Director of Admissions, regarding upcoming training sessions.

Photo: Student Ambassadors presenting on what it means to be an Ambassador



NEW PREFECT INDUCTION!

By Steve McNutt, Head of Senior School

On March 25, our new prefects were inducted into their leadership roles here at Branksome Hall Asia. At the school, one of our most important goals is to promote women's empowerment by providing our students with an abundance of leadership opportunities. As Head of Senior School, I am always so impressed with the enthusiasm, passion, and courage that our students exhibit as they embrace

being leaders. I was so proud of our new prefects as they symbolically replaced their regular green ties with the red ties that are reserved only for those in prefect positions. The specific councils that they will represent include Service, Language Proficiency, Admissions, Athletics, Boarding, Junior School, Clans, Digital Life, Service, Student Life, Sustainability, Assembly, and Arts. Each week, the Head Girl also meets with all of the prefects as part of the Prefect Council. I excitedly look forward to working with all of these wonderful representatives of Branksome Hall Asia in the coming months.



SCHEDULE

IB DIPLOMA SUBJECT DATES

GRADE 12

- 1-5 Apr Final CAS Interviews
- 1 Apr Theater - Solo Theatre Report
- 12 Apr Visual Art - final portfolio
- 3 - 24 May IB Diploma Exams

Grade 11

- 1 Apr Visual Art - Comparative Study overview;
Korean A LL SL - FOA #3
- 5 Apr Chinese A Literature - Written Assignment and
Reflective Statement #2; TOK Mini-essay #2
- 8 Apr Mathematics HL IA (draft)
- 12 Apr Geography IA field trip, with Biology IA students
- 13-14 Apr ESS Biodiversity field study;
Biology ecology field trip
- 15 Apr Korean A LL HL - Written Task #2
- 16-19 Apr English A LL SL - IOCs
- 16 Apr Visual Art Comparative Study - formal qualities

UNIVERSITY VISITS AND APPLICATIONS

- 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

- 15 May Pohang University of Science and Technology
Presentation for the GEC school community.
Presentation will be in Korean.
NLCS Jeju, 5:20 p.m.



The GEC Elementary Music festival will be held at BHA on Saturday 30 March.

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