

The International School Newsletter

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Christmas Comes Early—Ofsted Inspection

Our school recently had a successful Ofsted Inspection which left us with some early Christmas presents and a great deal to celebrate!

I would like to thank all our staff, our students, our parents and all members of the community that supported the school at this time. I am proud to share with you and celebrate the many successes and outstanding achievements from this Inspection.

OFSTED INSPECTION

- *Strong leadership is making a real difference to the experience and achievement of students at The International School.*
- *A consistently positive trend of improvement in attainment*
- *over the last three years.*
- *Ofsted gave Top Grade for attendance as Outstanding.*
- *A number of key judgements have crossed grade boundaries since the last Inspection.*
- *Pupils said they feel safe.*
- *Very strong relationships exist between students and teachers.*
- *Care, guidance and support is Outstanding.*
- *Strong Senior Leadership that consistently communicates high expectations and galvanises enthusiasm and commitment of staff, students, parents and carers.*
- *The school has positive relationships with*

parents and carers.

- *The school celebrates the difference in everyone.*

Head Teacher would like to wish everyone a happy festive time. We are all looking forward to the new year and our new school.



job well done...

GOING FOR OUTSTANDING!

Head Teacher News

New School Nearly Finished

We are moving in February!

We have now had confirmation from Birmingham City Council that our refurbished buildings will be handed over to the school early in February. A detailed mobilisation plan is being finalised as we speak and this will be circulated to students, staff and parents when we return after the Christmas break. Details will also be published on our website.

Mr Garside said ***"I am really looking forward to the move. We are absolutely delighted to be moving into our new facilities early in the New Year, even though we have a lot to do in a short amount of time. It is an exciting time for the school and community."***

The opening of the new school could not come at a better time, at the beginning of a new year and a new phase in the future of this school and following a very successful Ofsted report.

We have to pack up, move and unpack equipment and resources for around 60 teaching areas, 2 assembly halls, 30 offices/support areas and a kitchen and dining room.

Our priority is to ensure our students are not disadvantaged as we move back into the new school. We are very proud that when we moved into our temporary accommodation we did not lose a single teaching day. We hope to do something similar when we move back. If we have to close the school to students, while the school is setup, it will be for the minimum amount of time."

Your chance to see the new school.

The Student Working Party has been finalising details for the official opening of the new school. The date has yet to be agreed but will be finalised soon. Students have planned a range of opportunities for parents and others to come and see our new school.

We have had to rearrange some Parents' Evenings because of the move into the completed buildings. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Changed dates: Year 9 Options Evening will now be on Thursday 1 March 2012 and Year 10 Parents' Evening will now be on Tuesday 13 March 2012.

Modern Foreign Languages News



KS3, Year 7

Year 7 have made a wonderful start to learning French this term and have continued to make great progress. They have been learning to describe themselves and others and have found out lots of information about their favorite celebrities. Students have also had great fun sampling the delights of a French Breakfast tasting

croissants, pain au chocolate and brioche.

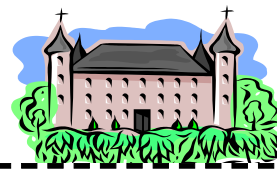


– describing what they like to do in their free time, what sports they like to do and where they live. We've also seen some great inventive pictures and extensive descriptions of 'dream houses' and where they'd like to live when they're older.



Year 8

In Year 8, students have been focused on talking about themselves in French



Year 9 students have enjoyed making a French café in some of their lessons – waiters and waitresses serving out French breakfast foods to their customers, with all their conversations in French, of course. The French department has never seen so much Nutella before!

the future, with most pupils describing what they'll do when they're rich.

The languages department has also introduced a language prefect into Year 8 lessons to give extra responsibility and the chance to win prizes each week. This will run in addition to the current weekly "star of the hour" competition.

Are you the Star of the Hour in your lesson?

My country Myself

I come from Sweden, when it was summer in the UK. I can speak Somali, Swedish and English and I learn French now. What I most like in Birmingham is the big shopping centre (City Centre). What I don't like is the horrible weather.

What I miss from Sweden is that every football pitch is open, you don't need to pay for it to come in. You can play when it's 9 am in the morning, no one can say anything to you.

This school is very big, when I came the first time I get lost in the school. When I came to school everything was there for me. When I need help I can ask for it and equipment. I think this school is the best school in the area, if I don't say the whole Birmingham.

This was written by one of our new English as an additional language (EAL) student. This student is in year 9. Guess Who it is?

KS4

The Year 10 Spanish students have made a fantastic start to Spanish this year and have recently designed a web page giving advice on healthy living and healthy eating. It has been really impressive to see just how quickly our budding Spanish stars are making progress. This will prove to be hugely beneficial when they take part in a school trip to **Barcelona** which is scheduled for the June half term 2012.

In Year 10 French lessons, students have been learning how to describe the dangers of smoking and drug addiction in French. After having learnt more advanced, persuasive vocabulary, they are now ready to start preparing for a debate on living a healthy lifestyle which will happen in lessons in French.

Year 11 students have one term remaining after Christmas to continue improving their spoken and written coursework. It is now a crucial time to them to obtain a higher grade for the coursework component of the syllabus. We look forward to welcoming all students back after Christmas and wish you all





Uniform

Congratulations to all students who continue to wear full school uniform and who are proud to represent the school.

Can I please remind parents/carers that correct uniform must be worn in school.

If your child arrives to school with incorrect

items of uniform they will be sent home to change.

Please support the school's Uniform

Policy.

Thank you for your continued support.



Sports News

Year 7 v's Small Heath

'Weather disrupts International's flowing football'

The Year 7 boys football team travelled to Small Heath in blustery conditions, unfortunately the weather had a major bearing on the game with International going

down 5 – 0 at the break.

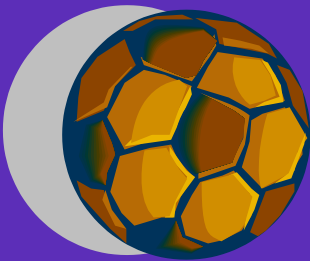
In the second half International started to adapt and played some excellent football with Jordan Kendall linking the play very well up front with Bruno Bagi supporting.

International pulled a goal back with a fine

individual goal, however late on Small Heath ended the game off with a well worked goal.

The final score being 6 – 1 however this did not reflect the effort and desire the lads put in.

Star man Jordan Kendall



Work Experience

Work Experience for Year 10 will take place Monday 9th July 2012 to Friday 20th July 2012.

We urgently need work experience placements for Year 10 students.

If you know of anyone who owns a business or

works for a company that may be able to offer a work experience placement please contact Mrs Porter / Miss Hill on 0121 464 9609.

Work Experience is an important element of our

students' broader education and we want to provide all with this opportunity.

Thank you,
Mrs Porter / Miss Hill

Community Inclusion in Art and DT

This month The International School Art & DT Department have been forging strong community links by working in collaboration with St Richard's Church & Community Centre in Lea Hall.

The Church Community Centre is an invaluable community resource, catering for children's clubs, mother's & baby's clubs, dance troops, karate lessons and much, much more, but in order for these community events to continue the St Richard's building desperately needs to be repaired. That's where our school comes in.

Four weeks ago Reverend Paul Bracher came into school and set our Year 8 and 9's an exciting live brief: to design an eye-catching logo that would be used to advertise an important fundraising campaign to rebuild the St Richard's community building. The logo had to incorporate the

image of a heart somewhere in its design, be clear and easy to recognise, and include the slogan ***"Putting the heart back into the community."*** Not only would the chosen logo be used to promote this extremely worthwhile community cause, and the winning designer get the great pleasure to see their design adorn a plethora of promotional paraphernalia, but there were also a handful of fantastic prizes up for grabs.

Two weeks later Reverend Bracher returned to school to collect a large number of stunning designs to choose from, and I'm happy to announce that the competition winner, who wins a celebration dinner for himself and his family, and a mobile phone as well as his own copies of the professionally printed adverts, is **Jack Griffiths from 9JBO – well done Jack!**

Reverend Bracher, who was

extremely pleased with the outcome said "Jack's design was in the top 3 choices of



everyone who saw the designs. We liked his design because it was simple & eye-catching and followed the brief exactly. He also explained the ideas behind his design excellently."

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the Year 8 & 9's who took part in this competition and helped to strengthen important ISCCB's ties with the local community.

Jack's logo is being put into print as we speak.

Mrs Jobling



Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Cheyenne McLucas, Karine Harber and Suzanne Breakwell on the lovely stories and poetry that they submitted to the EAZ completion last summer. We had many entries and these three winners have been published in the EAZ calendar for 2012 which is being distributed in our primary partner schools and to local community partners.

Well done!!



Attendance News

Attendance & Punctuality

Autumn Term News



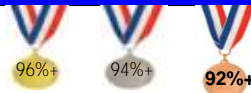
Whole School Attendance!

Our School Attendance Target this year is **96%**
Attendance so far this year has reached **94.35%**
Higher than last year but we need your support to reach our Target.
We're nearly there!



Year Group Attendance

September - December 2011
Year 7 95.08%
Year 8 94.97%
Year 9 94.85%
Year 10 93.03%
Year 11 93.65%
We need 96%



First Aid

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS



All medication **MUST** be handed in to Student Services to be kept locked in the first aid cabinet.
If your child needs to take prescribed medication they can do so in Student Services. We strongly advise students **NOT** to keep medication with them during the day.
Parents/carers please contact 464 9623 to speak to Clare Twomey to inform us of any medication issues.

Going for Gold

The International School welcomes the Olympics!
Meet our Mascots Wenlock & Mandeville rewarded weekly to best form Attendance & Punctuality –
Our Students are Going for Gold!
This term Students with 92%+ will win their Bronze Medals – Congratulations your on Way to achieving your Gold.....



Parent contact details

We need to be able to contact you should there be an emergency in school. Please make sure if you change your home phone/mobile number that you update the school.



0121 464 9600

Attendance News

Congratulations!



Name	Class gp
Jamil, Mahnoor	7CFE
Dyer, Jay	7CFE
Meade, Matthew	7CFE
Abdi, Jibril	7CFE
Abdikadir, Iman	7CFE
Mukhtar, Amaal	7CFE
Pullen, William	7CFE
Williams, Jamie	7CFE
Azhar, Khazir	7KMO
Hazel, Jazmin	7KMO
Bibi, Tahira	7KMO
Stanley-Chahal, Sophie	7KMO

Vann, Lee	7KMO
Hussain, Botan	7KMO
Hussain, Muna	7KMO
Jama, Baaruud	7KMO
Roden, Alexandria	7KMO
Ash, Jordan	7KMO
Ayaki, Aureli	7KMO
Ball, Courtney	7KMO
Ball, Keighley	7KMO
Clarke, Demi-Lee	7KMO
Hopkins, Jodie-Florence	7KMO
Jones, Kieron	7KMO
Liburd, Jasmine	7KMO
Muzein, Jasmin	7KMO
Parkinson, Jade	7KMO
Yogarajah, Sinthujan	7KMO
Haseeb, Mariyah	7LHH
Khokhar, Muhammad	7LHH
Akbar, Wasif Ali	7LHH
James, Connor	7LHH
Smith-Shervington, Malika	7LHH
Iqbal, Zunaira	7LHH
Kalsoom, Ikra	7LHH

Your on Target towards your Silver & Gold

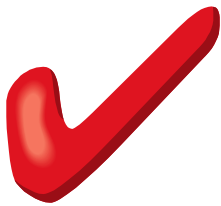
Lynn, Arizona	7LHH
Miles, Lauren	7LHH
Abbas, Saiba	7LHH
Deol, Ravneet	7LHH
Griffiths, Amy-Sylvia	7LHH
Shakeel, Komal	7LHH
Akhtar, Zahra	7LHH
Botan, Salma	7LHH
Hansol, Hajar	7LHH
Hassan, Yusuf	7LHH
Mahmood, Assiya	7LHH
Nadir, Amna	7LHH
Whitehead, Karl	7LHH
Amer, Yassine	7LPA
Hussain, Qadeer	7LPA
Freeman, Melissa	7LPA

Kendall, Jordan	7LPA
Vincent, Dion	7LPA
Egal, Abdi	7LPA
Field, Courtney	7LPA
Iqbal, Adaam	7LPA
Malik, Selina	7LPA
Shinwari, Shams	7LPA
Wheeler, Lauren	7LPA
Greenhalgh, Joshua	7LPA
Kanhimbe, Reign	7LPA
Ali, Zaynab	7LPA
Anandarajah, Aarusan	7LPA
Earl, Robyn	7LPA
Garrido Bagi, Bruno	7LPA
Jawed, Hadia	7LPA
Razaq, Kabir	7LPA
Smith-Shervington, Mathias	7LPA

Students who have currently achieved their Bronze Medal Autumn Term 2011

Attendance News Continued ...

Attendance News Congratulations!



92%+

On Target for Silver & Gold

Name	Class gp
Abdalla, Saif U Deen	8SHJ
Azad, Anis	8SHJ
Aziz, Jegir	8SHJ
Barnett, Shannon	8SHJ
Brown, Stacey	8SHJ
Devlin, Katie	8SHJ
Leitao Gomes, Marta Raquel	8SHJ
Lennon, Mitchell	8SHJ
Loveday, Thomas	8SHJ
Mbuyamba, Kelvine	8SHJ
Nadir, Fizza	8SHJ
Omer, Yousef	8SHJ
Sugele, Mukthaar	8SHJ
Vincent, Lewis	8SHJ

Chandler, Andre	8SHJ
Headley, Mellie	8SHJ
Hussain, Sikander	8SHJ
Munir, Mustafa	8SHJ
Timby, Paul	8SHJ
Schrouder, Rocharn	8SHJ
Omer, Hamed	8SHJ
Beale, Sophie	8SHJ
Jamaogle, Abdi	8SHJ
Osman-Ramazan, Gyo	8SHJ
Ahmed, Hanif	8LWR
Amos, Grace	8LWR
Horton, Kane	8LWR
Jones, Tamekah	8LWR
Mulugeta, Nazrawi	8LWR
Muqtar, Iqra	8LWR
Wiltshire, Lewis	8LWR

Fulford, Alex	8ASI
Abdi, Maymuna	8ASI
Daniels, Jack	8ASI
Gallagher, Ryan	8ASI
Rolph, Andrew	8ASI

Naven, Lauren	8LWR
Savage, Taneisha	8LWR
Afrah, Naima	8LWR
Aaron, Shewayne	8LWR
Abdikadir, Manal	8LWR
Hussein, Nimco	8LWR
Khan, Mariam	8LWR
Rashid, Zulayka	8LWR
Yusuf, Saynab	8LWR
Arrowsmith, Shannon	8LWR
Sexton, Adrianah	8LWR
Hassan, Arwaa	8LWR
Zaman, Ashalyah	8LWR
Ahmed, Shorif	8LCO
Chaza, Rufaro	8LCO
Daniels, Kim-Elizabeth	8LCO
Hassan, Mohammed	8LCO

Iqbal, Fatimah	8LCO
Mahmood, Rahil	8LCO
Osman, Liban	8LCO
Randle, Katherine	8LCO
Smyth, Courtney	8LCO
Thomas, Amahri	8LCO
Willis, Akeim	8LCO
Willis, Rakeim	8LCO
Habeeb-Ur-Rahman, Mohammed	8LCO
Cotton, Kirstie	8LCO
Green, Michael	8LCO
Khawaja, Adam	8LCO
Abdikadir, Mohamed-Amin	8LCO
Partridge, Gerard	8LCO
Rodi, Abdul	8LCO
Mahamed, Abdikarim	8LCO
Bileh, Ahmed	8LCO
Woolley, Cameron	8LCO
Hussein, Muhammed	8LCO
Abairie, Halla	8DHG
Akhtar, Noshin	8DHG
Raees, Mohammed	8DHG
Khanam, Sunjidah	8DHG

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Clarke, Lauren	8DHG
Jama, Yusuf	8DHG
Sabour, Usman	8DHG
Jamil, Aqeel	8DHG
Nazmin, Rohima	8DHG
Biddle, Demi	8DHG
Biles, Ethan	8DHG
Clarke, Keeley	8DHG
Hart, Michael	8DHG
Kilmarten, Keanna	8DHG
Kozlova, Vita	8DHG
Mahmood, Sumaiyah	8DHG
Parantar, Geonne Icelle	8DHG
Aldridge, Jamie-Leigh	8DHG
Lepsik, Anett	8DHG
Marriott, Reanne	8DHG
Layton, Skye	8ASI

Abdi, Jabir	9AKI
Elmi, Hassan	9AKI
Kempson, Jodie	9AKI
Naven, Corrin	9AKI
Parkinson, Shaun	9AKI
Randle, Jonathon	9AKI
Bullion, Kayleigh	9AKI
Kennedy, Cee Jay	9AKI
Owen, Luke	9AKI
Rishi, Zubayr	9AKI
Spinks, Russell	9AKI
Dyer, Lauren	9AKI
Hussain, Nabeel	9AKI
Abdi, Daud	9EJ
Anandarajah, Arany	9EJ
Griffiths, Jack	9EJ
Hulme, Toni	9EJ
Muqtar, Hassan Mahmud	9EJ

Shah, Syed	9EJ
Brown, Philip	9EJ
Fulford, Daniel	9EJ
Gould, Lewis	9EJ
Greenhalgh, Nathan	9EJ
Inayat, Aqiga	9EJ
Starnes, Owen	9EJ
Bryan, Corey	9EJ
Harvey, Bonnie	9EJ
Kauser, Alisha	9EJ
Fatah, Amaal	9EJ
McLucas, Rebekah	9EJ
Griffiths, Tamara	9EJ
Dembo, Denette	9HHO
Mahamuud, Mustafa	9HHO
Muzein, Faris	9HHO
Muzein, Mohammed	9HHO
Osman, Guled	9HHO
Robinson-Barrett, Nyeesha	9HHO
UI-Abdeen, Zain	9HHO

Abdullahi, Mohamed	9HHO
Botan, Abdalla	9HHO
Mahmood, Asad	9HHO
Mohamed, Abdulahi	9HHO
Donald, Bradley	9HHO
Iqbal, Aleenah	9HHO
Khan, Simayrah	9HHO
Bah, Fatoumata	9HHO
Karimi, Arifa	9HHO
Hill, Jordan	9HHO
Lother, Callum	9HHO
Cunningham, Nathan	9JBO
Haycock, Jordan	9JBO
Hussein, Ahmed	9JBO
Chadney-Mills, Jade	9JBO
Khan, Khalid	9JBO
Vincent, Chad	9JBO
Coley, Tiffany	9JBO
Hassan, Abuubaker	9JBO
Abdulkadir, Hamdi	9JDA



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Ahmed Alama, Mariam	9JDA
Begum, Farhana	9JDA
Chowdhury, Mohammed	9JDA
Ricketts, Ben	9JDA
Sabour, Sharifa	9JDA
Abukar, Abdirahman	9JDA
Green, Liam	9JDA
Taylor-Jones, Christopher	9JDA
Abdikadir, Juweyriya	9JDA
Glynn, Conor	9JDA
Evans, Cheyenne	9JDA

Name	Class gp
Ahmed, Furqan	10AEV
Ahmed, Junaid	10AEV
Billingsley, Daniel	10AEV
Card, Alyssia	10AEV
Evans, Ryan	10AEV
Randle, Lauren	10AEV
Randle, Matthew	10AEV
Welch, Brad	10AEV
Sakala, Chimwemwe	10AEV
Skeete, Kalisha	10AEV
Speedy, James	10AEV
Williams-Farnhill, Ben	10AEV
Gardiner, Kieron	10AEV
Duffen, Jessica	10AEV
Jackson, Jamie	10AEV
Robinson, Rochelle	10AEV
Farooq, Sarosh	10AEV
Warburton, Nathan	10AEV
Mace, Joe	10CTH

McKoy, Melekeem	10CTH
Ahmed, Bilal	10CTH
Leary, Emma	10CTH
Jones, Ashley	10CTH
Lynn, Ocean	10CTH
Proctor, Georgia	10CTH
Thornton, Nicole	10CTH
Amon, Jabari	10CTH
Clarke, Michael	10CTH
Mapps, Reece	10CTH
Perks, Connor	10CTH
Smith, Charlotte	10CTH
Beasley, Wade	10CTH
Tonks, Sam	10CTH
Azad, Nawees	10KBA
Khanam, Shabina	10KBA
Mosazay, Sabahun	10KBA
Ali, Abdikhadir	10KBA
Begum, Farzana	10KBA
Karimi, Ouzra	10KBA
Khan, Tariq	10KBA
Suleman, Adnan	10KBA

Losala, Djodjo	10KBA
Madni, Hadib	10KBA
Hrustic, Dzemila	10KBA
Smith, Aaron	10KBA
Abdi, Hamsa	10KWE
Fatah, Sharaf	10KWE
Isse, Liban	10KWE
Wahid, Nasim	10KWE
Alim, Abdul	10KWE
Brown, Karl	10KWE
Raouf, Jwankar	10KWE
Larkin, Julie	10KWE
Symonds, Melissa	10KWE
Hollis, Toni	10KWE
Roberts, Emma	10KWE
Jones, Rebekah	10KWE
Biles, Joe	10KWE
Daahir, Abdiaziz	10KWE

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Seyaad, Zakaria	10KWE
Vaughan, Sheldon	10KWE
Larkin, Sarah	10KWE
Fabian-Edwards, Rebekka	10PNH
Hailemeskel, Gebremedhin	10PNH
Osman-Ramazan, Tiemo	10PNH
Qassim, Mohamedamin	10PNH
Scandrett, Jody	10PNH
Parantar, Christian	10PNH
Benham, Charlotte	10PNH
Cleaver, Courtney	10PNH
Hussain, Akaash	10PNH
Ruddock, I'esha	10PNH
Henry, Adena	10PNH

Bota, Michelle	10PNH
Breakwell, Jessie	10PNH
Green, Courtney	10PNH
Nazmin, Hakim	10PNH
Badger, Stephen	10PP(LHU)
Dowds, Shaun	10PP(LHU)
Hayes, Joshua	10PP(LHU)
Jama, Zakariya	10PP(LHU)
Timmins, Kieran	10PP(LHU)
Trotman, Mark	10PP(LHU)
Day, Shea	10PP(LHU)
Hussein, Shaffi	10PP(LHU)
Cosnett, Jack	10PP(LHU)
Hassan, Mohamed	10PP(LHU)
Vickerage, Sophie	10PP(LHU)
Wickham-Daly, Jevon	10PP(LHU)
Alsied, Mohamed	10PP(LHU)

Nasar, Natasha	10PP(LHU)
Abdin, Shahena	10RER
Evans, Dale	10RER
Imran, Mohammad	10RER
Junaid, Mohammed	10RER
Mariano, Nairobi	10RER
Muhwati, Rutendo	10RER
Shafaq, Kubra	10RER
Elmi, Fatima	10RER
Ahmad, Hasnaat	10RER
Luckman, Nikkita	10RER
Moseley, Ross	10RER
Jama, Farah	10RER
MacDonald, James	10RER
Wright, Kathryn	10RER
Kempson, Debbie	10RER
Devlin, Brogan	10RER
Fulford, Blake	10RER

Cahill, Lauren	10RER
Hassan, Amal	10RER
Abdikadir, Salsabil	10RJB
Gomes, Ruben	10RJB
Khalif, Abdurizag	10RJB
Khattak, Sadia	10RJB
Lord, Ciera	10RJB
Vassell, Rondene	10RJB
Winter, Remi	10RJB
Ahmed, Faheem	10RJB
Corbin, Taquane	10RJB
Probert, Emma	10RJB
Morton, Jordan	10RJB
Bates, Ethan	10RJB
White, Sam	10RJB
Wiseman, Jade	10RJB
Johnson, Taylar	10RJB

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Ahmed, Siddique	11JI
Ahrar, Atuallah	11JI
Davie, Joshua	11JI
Horne, Kierren	11JI
Javed, Hassan	11JI
Mbewe, Nicholas	11JI
Amjad, Shamila	11JI
Malobo, Patricia	11JI
McLucas, Cheyenne	11JI
Norton, Tracey	11JI
Abdullahi, Sahra	11JI
Ali, Chouker	11JI
Bibi, Bushra	11JI
Akhter, Zereen	11JI
Siraj, Mohammed	11JI
Suleman, Nafeesa	11JI
Edwards, Dianna	11JWH
Hart, Emma	11JWH
Khan, Asghar	11JWH

Name	Class gp
Abdi, Mubarak	11EOH
Chamberlain, Junior	11EOH
Checketts, Roxanne	11EOH
Harber, Karine	11EOH
Harris, Deshaun	11EOH
Lea, Jordan	11EOH
McLaughlin, Alix	11EOH
Olenga, Alice	11EOH
Tackore, Reneiah	11EOH
Taylor, Stefan	11EOH
Rowland, Chloe	11EOH
Ali, Mohammed	11EOH
Peachey, Lydia	11EOH
Naeem, Hoorya	11EOH
Parkes, Kieran	11EOH
Round, Skye	11EOH
Cahill, Curtis	11EOH
Daniels, Jayde	11EOH
Badger, Laura	11EOH
Walsh, Liam	11EOH

Kulsoom, Shahida	11JWH
Roberts, Demi	11JWH
Trotman, Kerry	11JWH
Botan, Abu-Bakar	11JWH
Ali, Anbreen	11JWH
Heaton, Mark	11JWH
Hunt, Tiffany	11JWH
Ali, Ayesha	11JWH
Murphy, Connor	11JWH
Sherzad, Naveed	11JWH
Nunes, Daniel	11JWH
Rehman, Zahid	11JWH
Aldridge, Jessica	11JWH
Cooper, Luke	11LKY
Kozhippally, Abhaydas	11LKY
Rigby, Adam	11LKY
Watts, Jack	11LKY
Whitehead, Jennifer	11LKY
Leary, Alex	11LKY
Roberts, Troy	11LKY
Walker, Rees	11LKY
Alama, Maha	11LKY

Carnero, Alessandra	11PBE
Stuart, Joshua	11PBE
McCoy, Ellen	11PBE
Wheeler, Jordan	11PBE
Coley, Collette	11TGR
Jeys, Robson	11TGR
Lewis, Demilee	11TGR

Clarke, Harry	11LKY
Jarvis, Shanice	11LKY
Alam, Shamsa	11LKY
Chapinga, Simbarashe	11LKY
Lees, Jake	11LKY
Mahmood, Asim	11LKY
Rodi, Habiba	11LKY
Abdulkadir, Ahmed	11PBE
Fatah, Mahamed	11PBE
Horner, Jamie	11PBE
Bickley, Hayley	11PBE
Egal, Ise	11PBE
Hancock, Luke	11PBE
Kilmarten, Shanice	11PBE
Mustafa, Mursal	11PBE
Breakwell, Suzanne	11PBE
Plested, Sean	11PBE
Weston, Dannielle	11PBE
Beale, Luke	11PBE



Students who have currently achieved their Bronze Medal Autumn Term 2011

Attendance News Congratulations!



On Target for Silver & Gold



Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year



Holidays In Term Time

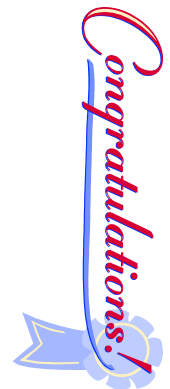
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Lucas, Joshua	11TGR
Madzima, Rumbidzai	11TGR
Sakala, Taonga	11TGR
Watts, Amy	11TGR
Arlington, Sinead	11TGR
Smith, Lewis	11TGR
Fagg, Matthew	11TGR
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Thanks for all your support
with helping to improve
School Attendance
Outstanding Attendance =
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Holidays should not be taken in term time. School does not authorise holidays in term time except in absolutely exceptional circumstances.
Why?
1 Week's holiday = 25 missed lessons
2 Week's holiday = 50 missed lessons
Students can never make up for this lost learning and their achievement is badly affected.

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Sixth Form News

On Wednesday 7th December Sixth Form students were interviewed by a representative from the world of work.

This is a valuable experience not just for those students who may be seeking employment in the coming months but also for those who may be considering going to University in the

future. Interviewers gave feedback to students regarding conduct during the meeting and offer advice for future use.

The day was a great success and students found the interviews a very valuable experience.



Driving Academy

We are also looking forward to starting our second course of Idrive. Students have already signed up and our instructors from 5 Star Driving Academy are poised with their foot on the accelerator waiting to go after Christmas.

This is a very popular course and a very enjoyable experience for our youngsters, which also helps them to understand the importance of being safe on the road.



Young Leaders

A number of Sixth Form Students are taking part in our "Young Leaders" award. This involves going to primary schools and leading groups of pupils in P.E. lessons as well as planning

sessions, coaching and advising on topics such as Healthy Eating.

Students are always a credit to the school and enjoy the course immensely.



Many Congratulations

Following very successful interviews last week, Zishan Bhatti and Talal Babar have been offered places at Coventry University to study Automotive Design.

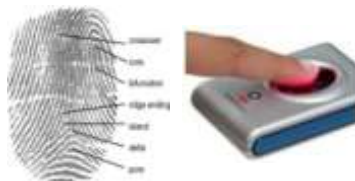
Well done and congratulations to you both.

Biometrics

Introducing Biometrics

Biometrics, involving the latest in fingerprint technology are being used at many locations around the country to provide a secure and convenient way of establishing personal identity. Banks, supermarkets and now schools and colleges are using this technology to give students and staff access to a range of services.

We are proposing that we use biometrics to set up a personal identity system for all staff and students so that we can do away with having to buy – and replace when they get lost or stolen – expensive ID swipe cards. This means that all services such as cashless catering,



printing, library services etc. can be accessed by using a digital image of a thumbprint.

turns your child’s fingerprint in to a mathematical calculation. The image of the fingerprint is then discarded. The information that is stored cannot be used to recreate an image of the child’s fingerprint

What happens when my child leaves the School?

When a student leaves school this data is deleted.



Biometrics and Security

Students, parents and staff can rest assured that the fingerprint images used in biometrics cannot be used by any other source for identification purposes. Biometrics does not use actual fingerprints. The system uses an image of the fingerprint to create a mathematical algorithm and then discards the fingerprint. Only the numbers remain and these cannot be reinterpreted back into a fingerprint image.

Some Frequently Asked Questions

Why do you need to take my child’s fingerprint?

By taking an image of your child’s fingerprint we can turn this information into a digital signature. This unique image will then be used to replace their current swipe card.

Can fingerprints be used by any other agency?

No - the software we use

When will Biometrics be introduced to our school?

Our newly redeveloped school buildings and ICT systems will be ready for us to use early in 2012. We are planning to create digital signatures of all students and staff in early January so that we will be ready to use our new systems when we move in. An actual date for the process will be announced shortly to all parents and staff.



Biometrics and our School

If you have any other questions or concerns about biometrics please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Congratulations

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE = EXCELLENT RESULTS

Irving Sewell joined The International School on 04/09/2006. Irving has proved that coming to school every day and striving to do his best has resulted in excellent exam results. Irving has achieved the highest threshold measure of GCSE performance (5 or more A*-C grades including English and mathematics).

GCSE in Maths, English, History, Geography, PE, RE, Citizenship, Business.

BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science. Also following early entry in Year 9 Irving achieved a GCSE in Product Design.

Year 7 2006/2007	97% Attendance	Year 8 2007/2008	100% Attendance
Year 9 2008/2009	100% Attendance	Year 10 2009/2010	100% Attendance
Year 11 2010/2011	100% Attendance		

The International School would like to congratulate Irving on achieving 100% Attendance for 4 consecutive years.



Music Department News

Wednesday 8th December

The Music Department made their annual trip to the Bromford Care Centre on Wednesday 8th December!

Each year students from the Music and Drama Departments take time out to deliver some Christmas cheer to the elderly residents at the home.

Last year we were treated to a performance

by the home's own choir and our students sat and talked, shared a joke and generally developed good rapport with the residents.

Our students were great ambassadors for the school and were touched by the whole experience.

Well done to all who were involved: **Kirstie Cotton, Taneisha Savage, Lauren Naven, Geonne Parantar, Re-**

anne Marriott, Tammy Hill, Aanat Huthman and Kierren Horne.

Miss Pinnock



Christmas Concert!

Thursday 15th December,

7.00 – 8.30

Our Christmas concert!

Showcasing the wonderful talent of our students and staff, yes I did say staff!

Our staff choir has to be heard to be believed!

Only two weeks into rehearsals the choir will perform at the Christmas concert!

Tickets available from school shortly.



Change of Date for Parents' Consultation Evenings

Please note the change of date for the following Parents' Evenings:

- *Year 9 Options Evening will now be on Thursday 1 March 2012*
- *Year 10 Parents' Evening will now be on Tuesday 13 March 2012*



Pasta King

'Pasta King' was chosen as a result of the catering surveys which were given to each student in school. When the results were collated, it was apparent that the results seemed insignificant in terms of the statistics. Many students failed to complete the entire survey and many made no contribution towards the suggestions. With this we faced a dilemma. It took a remarkably long time to design, produce and distribute the surveys to each individual. Therefore we decided we had

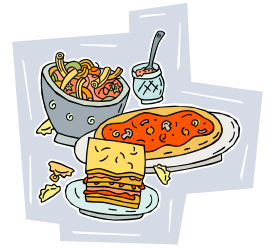
to make the best of the feedback given to us by students. We took a close look at our results and realised there was a great favour for pasta.

As a result we did some internet research and found '**Pasta King**', which is a national school food supplier. '**Pasta King**' doesn't just specialise in pasta, although the name suggests so. They do a range of healthy pizza's, desserts, toasties and rice. All of their products are Halal and they also offer vegetarian and

vegan options. With this we decided '**Pasta King**' was perfect for our school as it suited everyone dietary needs.

'Pasta King' have also launched '**spice connections**' which has dishes that contain rice/noodles with a spicy sauce. This organisation has a range of 60 sauces and has consistently achieved high levels of food audit and accreditation. '**Pasta King**' has been awarded a BRC grade A for seven consecutive years.

Rondene Vassell, 10RJB



Army Residential

On Monday 5th December 2011 a group of eleven Year 10 boys set off on their army residential to Nescliffe in Shrewsbury.

The students were involved in a number of activities, including camping out overnight with rations, working as a team and confidence building. All boys returned to school on Friday 9th December shattered, but very happy.

They all enjoyed the experience thoroughly and were a credit to the school.

Well done to all students involved: Furqan Ahmed,



Brad Welch, Melekeem McKoy, Corey Pledger, Joe Biles, Nasim Wahid, Mark Trotman, Gebre Hailemeskel, Mohammed Junaid, Rutendo Muhwati and Abdi Khalif.

The army run various courses throughout the year

for both girls and boys in Years 9 and 10. If you think your child may be interested in attending free of charge, please contact Mrs Porter at school on 0121 464 9609.

PHSE News



It has been a busy half-term for Personal Social Health and Economics Education (PSHEE)! This half term Year 7 have been looking at 'Ambition' which includes thinking about what they want to achieve at school,, Year 8 have been working on anti-bullying and Year 9 have been looking at the world of work and earning money. The pupils have also been involved in community projects which gives them the opportunity to do things which help other people as well as themselves.

A very topical issue has been the focus for Year 10 – 'Money Sense'. This is a unit of work about managing money, budgeting and avoiding debt, something that many of us will find difficult at this time of year!.

Year 11 have been studying 'Healthy Living' which includes the need for a balanced diet, enough exercise and not smoking. Again something that many people will be thinking of in the New Year!

The highlight of the term though has been our special events. Year 8 had a whole day looking at how to maintain their emotional and mental health. This was delivered by specialists from Birmingham University who were very impressed by the enthusiasm of our pupils.

Years 9 and 11 have also taken part in a special event that included a performance by the theatre in education company "Round Midnight". This looked at the dangers of

drinking alcohol and peer pressure leading to risk-taking behaviour. This managed to combine an entertaining activity with important messages which will help them safe.

Overall it has been a very busy and interesting term and we are looking forward to more interesting topics for the year ahead.

Ms Burton, PSHEE Co-ordinator.



EAL News



On Tuesday 6th December the EAL Department took 14 EAL students to the German Market in Birmingham City Centre, as a reward for progressing and working so hard this term .

A lovely time was had by all visiting the market. Yassine Amer (one of our German speaking students) spoke to some stall sellers in German and translated some of the words around the market for us.

The trip had a wintery, festive feeling and all

that attended enjoyed it thoroughly. Everyone had a hot chocolate at the end which warmed us up and was a nice way to finish the trip before we headed back to school in a very festive mood.

Miss Matthews
EAL Co-Ordinator

Christmas Card Competition



Blake Fulford
10RER

A number of entries from different year groups were submitted for the Christmas Card Competition.

Mr Garside judged the entries and picked a first, second and third. Well done to **Blake Fulford,, Daniel Boyle and Ben Williams Farnhill.**

Thank you to all the students who entered the competition.



Daniel Boyle
10AEV



Ben Williams
Farnhill
10AEV

Year 7 Design

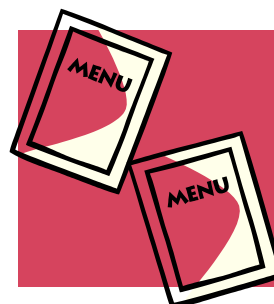
Year 7 have been working on designs for the Sheldon Hall Pub to win a carvery. Winners



won't be announced until after Christmas.

We will bring you further details in the next Newsletter.

Best of luck to all who have entered.



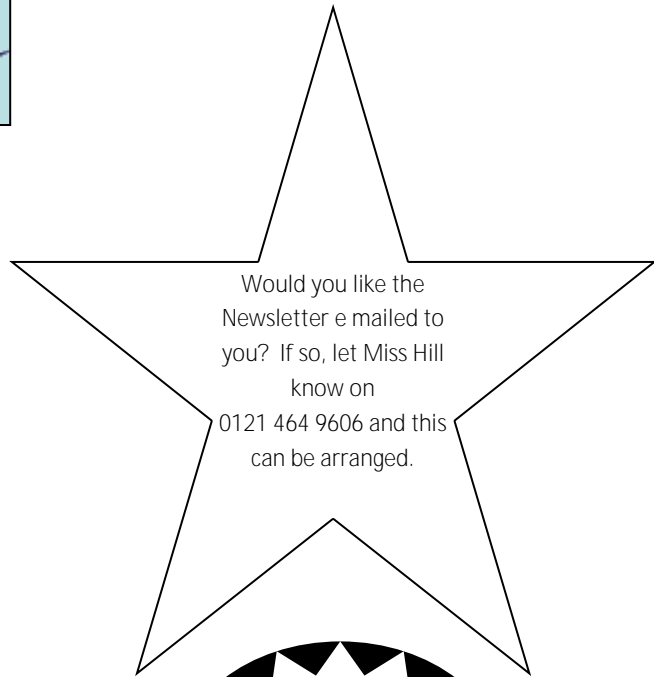


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Term Dates

Monday 9th January 2012 to Friday 10th February 2012

HALF TERM

Monday 20th February 2012 to Friday 30th March 2012

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 16th April 2012 to Friday 1st June 2012

HALF TERM

Monday 11th June to Friday 20th July 2012