



Overseas Family School High School

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Principal's Message

As we approach the end of another academic year, it is a fitting moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of our students and community. Since August 2024, our students have demonstrated remarkable dedication – not only in their academic pursuits, but also through meaningful involvement in a wide range of activities and community service, both within and beyond our school. Their commitment to lifelong learning and global citizenship has truly shone throughout the year.

Some of the year's most memorable highlights include:

- Exceptional academic performance in both the IB Diploma Program and IGCSE examinations
- Continued in successful university and college applications across the globe
- A vibrant celebration of the Arts, with standout events such as Culturefest, the High School production of Macbeth, the Soaring Heights Dance Show, and Battle of the Bands, all showcasing the incredible creativity and talent of our students
- Strengthened partnerships with organisations such as the Singapore Red Cross and NTUC Nursing Home
- The Global Picnic, an annual OFS tradition and calendar highlight, celebrated our diverse community with food, festivities, and fun for all
- Outstanding participation and achievements in our OFS Tigers Competitive Sports program, marked by numerous team victories and personal milestones
- Student engagement in a variety of external academic competitions, including Olympiads, Envirothons, Hackathons, and university-level challenges, reflecting a passion for exploration and excellence

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our High School faculty. Their dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to our shared mission have been instrumental in making this year such a success.

As we bring this chapter to a close, I am filled with anticipation for the initiatives and opportunities the next academic year will bring.

To our graduating seniors, departing students, families, and staff – thank you for the contributions you have made to the OFS community. Your presence will be missed, and we look forward to hearing about your continued successes.

For those returning, I am excited to continue our journey together. Let's build on this year's achievements and strive for even greater things ahead.

Wishing everyone a joyful, restful, and safe holiday break.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at adam_ashton@ofs.edu.sg.

Adam Ashton
High School Principal

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IB Diploma News – Education For Life

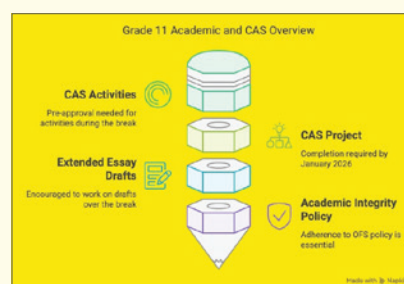
GRADE 12

On Thursday, 17 April 2025, Grade 12 students marked their final school day with heartfelt celebrations, including a farewell assembly, a performance by elementary students, T-shirt signings, and reminiscing through photo displays. Congratulations to all the Grade 12 students for their dedication and perseverance.

Please take note of the deadlines and processes outlined below: IB DP results will be accessible on Sunday, 6 July 2025, at 12:00 GMT (20:00 SGT) via candidates.ibo.org, using credentials available on the OFS dashboard. Prior to this, students will receive an email detailing procedures for remarks and retakes.



GRADE 11



Grade 11 students are reminded that any CAS activities during the June–July 2025 break require pre-approval from Mr. John James, with all CAS outcomes and the CAS Project due by January 2026. Additionally, students

are encouraged to work on their Extended Essay drafts over the break, ensuring adherence to the OFS Academic Integrity Policy.

If you have any questions regarding the IB Diploma and courses, please feel free to contact me at the school or at my email address (trapti_trivedi@ofs.edu.sg) and/or Mr. Lee Woollard, IB DP Assistant Coordinator & Extended Essay Coordinator (lee_woollard@ofs.edu.sg).

(Trapti Trivedi – IB DP Coordinator)

From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

As the academic year draws to a close, the PA wishes all of you a very happy and safe summer. We hope you have enjoyed the events we organised this year, and look forward to seeing all of you again during the "Welcome All New Parents Coffee Morning".

Date: Thursday, 14 August 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Venue: Parent Lounge (Level 4 of the Administration Building)



Junior High School News

THE PERSONAL PROJECT: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY AND GROWTH

Since March, our Grade 9 students have officially begun their Personal Project journey, a key milestone in the MYP experience that encourages independent learning, creativity, and personal growth.

To support them, we held two student assemblies where we introduced the purpose of the Personal Project and walked them through the first steps of the process. Students had the opportunity to reflect on their interests, explore potential topics, and begin shaping their ideas. There was already a buzz of excitement as they prepared to meet their supervisors and dive deeper into their projects.

We also invited families to a Parent Information Session, where we explained what to expect over the coming months and shared examples of successful projects. This gave parents a clearer picture of what a Personal Project can look like and how they can support their child along the way.

Finally, to ensure strong guidance throughout the process, we hosted a professional development session for staff. Supervisors received resources and strategies to help them mentor students effectively, and are looking forward to providing ongoing feedback and encouragement.

It is inspiring to see the enthusiasm from students, families, and teachers alike, and we are excited to follow the students' progress and celebrate their achievements later this year!

If you have any questions about the IB MYP or IGCSE programs, please feel free to reach out to me at (ab_palacios@ofs.edu.sg) or Ms. Clara Fuentes Torruella, IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, at (c_fuentestorruella@ofs.edu.sg).

(Aida Blat Palacios – Grade 10 Coordinator and MYP/IGCSE Coordinator, and Clara Fuentes Torruella – Grade 9 Coordinator, Personal Project Coordinator and IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator)



Academic Advisors Update

It's been a busy year for the Academic Advisors - numerous university information sessions, workshops, and guest lecturers have taken place. We have hosted a wide range of university information sessions, workshops, and guest lectures, including recent online Country-Specific Sessions. Notably, we welcomed representatives from three Russell Group universities – Glasgow, Liverpool, and Warwick – who provided invaluable insights into their programs and the latest changes to the Personal Statement. Looking ahead, we'll be offering Common Application and Personal Statement Workshops at the end of this semester to further support our Grade 11 students.

GRADE 12 UNIVERSITY OFFERS

Our Grade 12 students have started to secure offers to study a wide range of undergraduate courses from prestigious universities in various countries. Many offers are still pending, but a selection of universities that have offered places to OFS students includes:

- **UK:** London School of Economics, University of Edinburgh, University College London, University of Manchester, Imperial College London, King's College, University of Warwick, University of Bath
- **Ireland:** Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin
- **Canada:** University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, McGill University
- **USA:** University of California San Diego, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Washington, University of Southern California, Boston University
- **Australia:** The University of Melbourne, Monash University
- **Hong Kong:** Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- **Europe:** Bocconi University, Semmelweis University
- **Japan:** Sophia University, International Christian University
- **India:** Krea University

TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Congratulations to our High School students for making it through another busy year!

(Tamara Chanrai-Hills – Academic Advisor)

Continued Commitment to Student Success: After-School Academic Support

Throughout this academic year, our High School teaching staff have continued to go above and beyond by offering dedicated academic support every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm.

This extended support program has provided students with personalised assistance in a calm, focused environment, offering an opportunity to prepare for assessments, work on internal assessments, or strengthen their understanding of key concepts. Whether it involved clarifying difficult topics, revising content, or applying learning in new ways, students have greatly benefited from the time and expertise of our staff.



A special thank you to Ms. Sanamjit Puarr, for her on-going support with this program.

(Neisha Pratt & Richard Petherick – High School Deputy Principals)

Unplugged

Unplugged was an evening of acoustic magic on Thursday, 10 April 2025 in the OFS Black Box Theatre. So many amazing performances from the talented musicians in the High School.

Folk, pop, blues, Latin and many more genres were on show.

The music teachers joined in with the action in the House band and the singers and instrumentalists wowed us with some beautifully moving performances. Thank you to all the talented performers who made it such a great night!

(Sarah Malloch – SA Leader: The Arts)



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OFS Student Ambassadors: Confident Voices of Youth Leadership

At Overseas Family School, leadership is not just something students learn – it is something they live. The OFS Student Ambassador Program empowers High School students to step forward as confident communicators and community-minded leaders. At our recent Open House event, our ambassadors assisted in showcasing the school to prospective parents. Our students represented the school with pride, participating in this key event modeling how the role of a student leader goes beyond event participation as they embodied the values and vision of OFS.



Jang Yubeen *"I felt really proud of OFS as a former SPP student, I was able to showcase my learning as I welcomed Korean families onto our campus. I was really proud to be an ambassador and proudly introduce them to our school."*



Noam Yoskovitz *"I really enjoyed showcasing the self-taught program as it is something I am proud to be a part of."*



Kayden Francis *"I enjoyed showing the parents around in the Design Tech room, and showing them all the tools and equipment that we have access to in order to grow our knowledge and understanding on how we can create our desired products."*

Our OFS Student Ambassadors are supported by platforms that foster growth and initiative. Their contributions are formally recognized through the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA), MYP Service and Action, and DP CAS. Additionally, students who demonstrate exceptional leadership and service may be honored with the Community Commitment Award—highlighting their dedication and influence.

As role models and student leaders, the OFS Student Ambassadors are an inspiring presence in the school. They are confident, articulate, and motivated to create change—true reflections of the next generation of global leaders.

(John James – CAS & TOK Coordinator)

Proud Moment: MYP Grade 10 Economics - Aryaveer Towar Wins Prestigious Harvard Essay Finalist Distinction

Some moments as a teacher stay with us forever, and this is one of them. We are delighted to share the remarkable achievement of our MYP Economics G10 student, Aryaveer Towar, whose essay titled "Inequality: A Socioeconomic Challenge, In the Hands of Taxation" has won the distinction of Finalist in the prestigious **Harvard International Economic Essay Contest**.

In a highly competitive pool of global entries, Aryaveer stood out for demonstrating a deep and nuanced understanding of economic theory. His accomplished writing style captured the judges' attention. The essay explored the intricacies of socioeconomic inequality through the framework of taxation policy, blending historical context with present-day relevance. What truly set the piece apart was its clear, original argument and effective use of real-life data to construct a coherent and persuasive narrative—demonstrating a strong awareness of how economic policy impacts everyday lives.

As Aryaveer's teacher, I have seen firsthand the dedication and intellectual curiosity that went into this work. This recognition from Harvard is a testament to his academic capabilities and a proud moment for our High school community. Congratulations once again to Aryaveer on this outstanding accomplishment.

(Nivedita Banerjee – Business and Economics Teacher)



IB DP Geographers Embark on Fieldwork Adventures – From Singapore's Heart to Spain's Rivers

The IB Diploma Program is known for pushing students beyond the classroom – and Geography is no exception. In fact, it is one of the few subjects in the program that requires a fieldwork component. At Overseas Family School, our fortunate Grade 11 Geographers have two incredible fieldwork opportunities this year: a group will soon travel to Barcelona, Spain, to conduct a river study, while others have already begun investigating urban environmental change right here in Singapore.

On Wednesday, 16 April 2025, the Singapore-based Geography students officially kicked off their Internal Assessment (IA) journey with a field study stretching from the bustling streets of Chinatown to the peaceful greenery of Pasir Ris Park. Along this urban-to-suburban transect, students collected vital data from ten different locations. Their aim? To investigate how urban environmental stress and service provision vary between the city center and outer suburban regions.

Equipped with sensors, survey sheets, and boundless curiosity, the students gathered data on air quality, noise levels, building density, green space availability, traffic counts, and local services. These variables will help them answer their key research question: Is environmental quality better in suburban areas of Singapore compared to its urban core?

There are few better places in the world to examine urban geography than Singapore—a city-state where planning, sustainability, and infrastructure intersect daily. As the students analyse their findings and begin crafting their Internal Assessments, we hope this experience will inspire a deeper understanding of and interest in urban planning – an increasingly vital field both locally and globally.

Stay tuned to see where this journey takes our young geographers next.

(Laura Winberg – Geography Teacher)





Award winning Theatre Company: *Frantic Assembly* visit OFS



Earlier this semester, the Grade 11 IB DP Theatre and Dance students were invited to participate in a fun and innovative movement based workshop led by renowned UK professional theatre company, *Frantic Assembly*, in conjunction with Singapore Repertory Theatre, (SRT). Students attended a 3 hour workshop, developing physical theatre skills, which

taught them different devising techniques such as The Frantic Method, and they learned skills and strategies, which took them beyond their perceived limitations, enabling them to create thrilling, energetic and unforgettable theatre.

(Louise Ballantyne – IB DP and MYP Theatre Teacher)



Grade 9 Students Prepare for Service Trip to Cambodia

A group of enthusiastic Grade 9 students are preparing for an exciting and meaningful service trip to Cambodia, taking place from 21 to 25 May 2025. This important initiative builds on the strong and lasting partnership Overseas Family School has developed with Opportunities for Development (ODA).

<https://www.odaopportunitiescambodia.org/>

In the lead-up to their journey, students have been deeply engaged in planning and developing lesson materials, practising their teaching strategies, and learning about Cambodian culture. Their preparations are focused on ensuring they can make a positive and lasting contribution during their time with the local communities.



This service experience is not only an opportunity for students to grow as individuals and deepen their global competencies, but it also supports their progress in the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) program by fulfilling key service components.

Through this trip, students will develop valuable leadership, communication, and teamwork skills, while gaining firsthand experience in making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and commitment to service, and we look forward to seeing their impact during their time in Cambodia.

(Julia Hodgson – Physical Education Teacher)



ANNUAL UNIFORM & STATIONERY SALE – ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

No purchases without recently issued OFS security pass. Please contact the school at **6738 0211** if you have not received your pass

ONLINE ORDER

Duration: From Monday, 14 July to Tuesday, 5 August 2025

Website: <https://www.ofs.edu.sg/my-ofs/schoolshop/OnlineSchoolShop.jsp>

Delivery service is available at S\$30.00 per trip.

ON-SITE SALE

Duration: From Monday, 28 July to Friday, 15 August 2025

Venue: OFS School Shop located at Level 2, Administration Block A

Important: All purchases will be charged to your Family Account only.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.ofs.edu.sg/events/2025/annual-uniform-stationery-sale/>

OFS Tigers

The OFS Tigers continue to progress and compete at the highest levels of sport at ACSIS Conference, Singapore National and World international levels.

OFS have been absolutely on fire, showing incredible skill, dedication, and teamwork that's earned them recognition in a wide range of sports and cementing the OFS names as one of the strongest sporting outfits in the country.

The Junior Swimming team has made us incredibly proud, being crowned the **TOP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TEAM IN SINGAPORE** at the recent Singapore Nationals! The swimmers have broken ACSIS and National records and achieved their biggest medal haul to date.

OFS Swimmers qualified for and competed at Swimming World Cup and have been selected to represent the Singapore at the forthcoming South East Asia (AG) Championships. The swimmers this year have broken ACSIS as well as National records - some that have stood for 23 years!

In addition to the swimmers, the OFS Tigers have National Champion and National Gold Medalists among them.

Our OFS Tigers ACSIS teams have been dominant. Crowned as ACSIS Champions in everything from Badminton, Basketball, Cross

Country, Football, Gymnastics, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Volleyball as well as achieving top 3 positions in Cricket Netball, Rugby and Volleyball. The Academic Year 2024–2025 saw the return of (Middle School) Track and Field as well as Softball to ACSIS competitions – while also increasing the provision for Badminton, Basketball, Football, Netball and Tennis.

The bar is set very high moving into the next year as we seek out new opportunities and new challenges for our strongest teams.

All these fantastic achievements will be celebrated at the OFS Tigers Annual Sports Awards at the end of May, where we will be recognising the outstanding contributions of our athletes, coaches and teams. Trophies for the Most Valuable, Most Improved, Tigers Spirit, Team of the Year, and Coach of the Year are up for grabs with the highlight of the evening being the crowning of the OFS Tigers Sportsperson of the Year trophy, awarded to the athlete who has demonstrated exceptional sporting excellence, leadership, and school spirit. It is going to be an unforgettable night celebrating our exceptional students, teams, coaches and school.

Here's to many more victories and achievements!

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)

