



Overseas Family School High School

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Principal's Message

The second quarter of the High School calendar is always one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year. Rehearsals and preparations for our upcoming High School musical, Alice in Wonderland, as well as our annual CultureFest, are in full swing, and our students continue to reach significant academic milestones.

Our Grade 10 and 12 students have successfully completed their Personal Project (PP) and the first draft of their Extended Essay (EE) – both major accomplishments representing over a year and a half of sustained effort. It was truly inspiring to witness their creativity and dedication at the well-attended PP Exhibition held in the OFS Auditorium.

Students also had the opportunity to sit for the PSAT, which provides valuable preparation for the SAT and helps them identify their academic strengths and areas for further growth. Meanwhile, our Grade 11 and 12 students excelled in the Senior UKMT Mathematics Competition, earning an impressive collection of gold, silver, and bronze awards.

As global citizens, OFS students are encouraged to take on leadership roles and contribute meaningfully to their communities. Many are actively involved in service initiatives such as MINDS, RDA, NTUC Health Nursing Home, Red Cross, beach clean-ups, and projects aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Please note that semester examinations will begin on Thursday, 27 November 2025. Each course examination contributes 40% of the semester grade, with the remaining 60% derived from assessments completed during Quarters 1 and 2. High school students may take study leave during the examination period with written permission from a parent or guardian. A detailed letter outlining these arrangements has already been sent home.

Following the examination period, regular classes will continue until the end of Semester One on Friday, 12 December 2025.

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

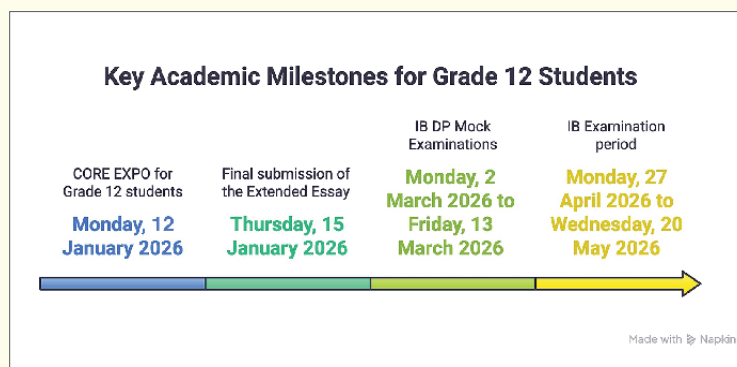
Adam Ashton
High School Principal



IB Diploma News – Education For Life

GRADE 12

Below are key dates for students in Semester Two:



• CORE EXPO – Monday, 12 January 2026, Period 5:

Grade 12 students will share their EE, TOK, or CAS experiences with Grade 11 students. Participation is optional but highly encouraged, with opportunities to work individually or collaboratively. Judges will be present, and certificates will be awarded.

• Thursday, 15 January 2026:

Final submission of the Extended Essay. Formal written feedback on drafts have already been provided.

• Monday, 2 March 2026 to Friday, 13 March 2026:

IB DP Mock Examinations. The schedule will be available on the school website.

• Monday, 27 April 2026 to Wednesday, 20 May 2026:

IB Examination period. Full IB Diploma students and Grade 12 course students will have study leave starting Friday, 17 April 2026.

GRADE 11

Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)

By the end of Grade 11, students should have completed two-thirds of their CAS requirements. Careful planning and selection of meaningful engagements in Semester Two are essential to meet this target.

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)



Junior High School News

MYP PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION:



On Thursday, 16 October 2025, our Grade 10 students brought the OFS community together to proudly present their work at the MYP Personal Project Exhibition. The event celebrated months of creativity, inquiry, and perseverance as students showcased projects that reflected their unique passions and learning beyond the classroom.

Over the course of several months, students explored topics of personal interest, combining research, innovation, and reflection to produce thoughtful and meaningful products. From innovative designs and creative performances to community initiatives and artistic works, each project was a testament to their curiosity, dedication, and personal growth. Their displays also highlighted the development of essential Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills, preparing them for success in future studies and life beyond school.

Parents and staff enjoyed engaging conversations with the students and commended the remarkable efforts of our Grade 10 students. Grade 9 students attended to support their peers and gain inspiration for their own projects next year.

The exhibition was a vibrant showcase of individuality, growth, and the power of self-directed learning. This milestone not only recognized student achievement but also reflected their resilience, creativity, and passion for learning. Congratulations to all our Grade 10 students for their hard work and for sharing their Personal Project journeys with the OFS community!

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 and/or to Mr. Austin Riedeman, IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, at austin_riedeman@ofs.edu.sg.

(Austin Riedeman – IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, Personal Project Coordinator and Grade Level Coordinator – Grade 9)



Academic Advisors Update

GRADE 12 UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

The university application process enters full swing at OFS this month, with most of our Grade 12 learners preparing their applications to a range of universities worldwide. Academic Advisors have been working with students and their teachers to support this process. A busy time for all!

PSAT

In total, 39 students (19 students from Grade 9, 14 students from Grade 10, and 6 students from Grade 11) completed the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) in October. It is a 2 ½ hour aptitude test and contains evidence-based reading, writing and Mathematics sections. It is intended to be useful practice for the SAT, which assesses students' readiness for college and is part of the admissions requirements of many universities in the United States, Singapore and Hong Kong.

(Tamana Chanrai-Hills – Academic Advisor)

Model United Nations – MUNOFS XVIII

From Friday, 7 November to Sunday, 9 November 2025, Overseas Family School will proudly host its 18th annual High School Model United Nations Conference, MUNOFS XVIII.

This year's event welcomes delegates from 20 schools across Asia, spanning from Cambodia to Thailand.

The 2025 conference introduces an exciting range of new committees, from the Roman Senate to the British House of Commons, providing delegates with fresh opportunities for debate, diplomacy, and collaboration, while challenging our advanced students to extend their skills further.

Our MUN Executive Committee, led by Secretary-General Sophia Tirmizi, has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to design and deliver a truly student-led and student-organised conference. Their dedication, professionalism, and teamwork exemplify the spirit of MUN here at OFS.

As we approach the conference, a few thoughts to guide us: Let our committees be led not only by rules and procedure, but by compassion, perspective, and the courage to understand one another.

Beyond speeches and motions, may this conference be a celebration of dialogue, empathy, and shared purpose.

(Neisha Pratt – Deputy Principal – Curriculum)

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High School Parent Wellbeing Workshop

On the morning of Wednesday, 8 October 2025, the High School Welfare Team hosted a parent workshop focusing on adolescent wellbeing and examination stress.

The participants shared common experiences from their home environments and examined a range of strategies and appropriate courses of action to support adolescents during periods of academic pressure.

The High School intends to conduct a subsequent Wellbeing Workshop in Semester Two. Sincere appreciation is extended to all parents in attendance and to Ms. Ornela for her professional insight and contribution to this initiative.

(Richard Petherick – Deputy Principal – Pastoral)



From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

As we celebrate the vibrant festival of Deepavali, we extend our warmest wishes to all who are observing this joyous occasion. Deepavali, also known as the Festival of Lights, symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

We are delighted to invite you to our Deepavali Coffee Morning – a joyful gathering featuring performances by students and parents, traditional Indian cultural activities, and the rich flavors of Indian cuisine for everyone to enjoy.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and embrace the spirit of Deepavali. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Event: Deepavali Coffee Morning
Date: Thursday, 6 November 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Venue: Parent Lounge (Level 4 of Administration Building)

Please register your attendance by signing up on the OFS webpage.
<https://www.ofs.edu.sg/events/2025/deepavali-themed-coffee-morning/>

Academic Support Program (ASP)

October has seen a record number of students attending the ASP sessions, along with strong teacher support. The library has been a hive of activity, with students revising, seeking additional help, and proactively getting ahead in their studies.

Students who wish to access extra academic support in a caring, positive, and encouraging environment can simply inform their GLC, who will help make the necessary arrangements.

ASP sessions run every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm.



Luo Mina's ASP quote

"ASP has helped me a lot because I always study Mathematics and Economics. My grades have improved since I started joining ASP. My Economics grades have gone from consistent 3s and now with the help of ASP I have been achieving grades above 5. The same improvement has happened in Mathematics".

(Richard Petherick – Deputy Principal – Pastoral)



Student Leadership – High School students shine at the OFS Open House

On Saturday, 11 October 2025, 27 OFS High School Student Ambassadors proudly showcased what our school has to offer to prospective families. Our ambassadors were outstanding as they shared real, honest, and balanced perspectives. As one family remarked, "they were so welcoming and they were not trying to sell us something." This event was a wonderful example of service leadership, and the students involved can be extremely proud of the professional and authentic way they represented the school throughout the morning.



Naruho Wada

"Having served as an Open House Ambassador, I believe that I have developed the ability to converse with strangers without feeling nervous. Afterwards, the parents I had guided kindly remarked that my explanations had been thorough and clear, enabling them to learn a great deal about the school's appeal. Seeing the families leave with smiles on their faces filled me with immense joy and a profound sense of fulfilment. Thus, through my experience as an Open House Ambassador, I was able to showcase the unique, free-spirited and relaxed nature of OFS, while also gaining many new experiences myself."



Mataya Luburic

"Being a student ambassador for the Open House was a great experience. I got to meet a lot of friendly parents and students, answer their questions, and help them get to know our school. Overall, it was a fun and positive experience where I enjoyed meeting new people, answering questions about our school, and showing parents what makes our school a welcoming place."

(Richard Petherick – Deputy Principal – Pastoral)



OFS Tigers

The OFS Tigers High School teams have been dominant in the ACSIS League's first season.

The 16U and 19U Boys Footballs teams have been sublime in ACSIS Season 1. Unbeaten and playing a higher level of football that is unmatched across the league. Fit, fast, organised and ferocious, OFS Tigers Football has raised the bar and both teams are strongly positioned for the title of ACSIS champions.

For the first time in OFS Tigers history – the 18U Rugby Team have qualified for the SCC Rugby 7s tournament and look to be in great shape for the forthcoming ACSIS season of Rugby. Referred to as "the sleeping giants" of international school boy rugby - the 18U team has grown in number and strength and is one to watch.

Similarly, the 16U and 19U Boys and Girls Volleyball have made significant progress. With powerful performances against many of the historically stronger schools – OFS Tigers Volleyball has become a force to be reckoned with.

The High School Cross Country and High School Swimming teams are poised to perform and achieve podium positions at their forthcoming ACSIS Championships and Swimming nationals.

An outstanding first season for the OFS Tigers High School students and teams. Kudos to the coaches and support systems structured to set up the competitive sports program to reach higher levels of performance.

Let's go OFS Tigers – "Where the best get better"!

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)

