



# Overseas Family School

## High School

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## Principal's Message

I am delighted to welcome both our new and returning families to the new school year. For those of you who are new to Singapore, I hope you are settling in well and that your child's experience at OFS is helping to make the transition smoother. It was a pleasure to see so many parents and guardians at the High School Back to School Night on 28 August 2025, and I trust you found the evening both informative and engaging.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2025 IB Diploma and IGCSE students on their outstanding results. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students, the support of their parents, and the dedication of their teachers. We are extremely proud of their success, and I hope it serves as an inspiration for all our students to pursue their goals with determination and reach their full potential.

The start of the academic year is always filled with energy. A lot is already underway to create meaningful learning experiences, events, and activities for our students. This semester has already featured the High School Club Fair, the Grade 11 IB Core Information Evening, a Personal Project Workshop, and a Digital Well-being Assembly. Looking ahead, there is much more in store, including TalenTime, TEDx, the Lion City University Fair, the Senior UKMT (Mathematics) Competition, the PSAT, MUNOFS XVIII, and our annual Internationalism Celebration, CultureFest.

Our competitive sports program is now in full swing, with Tigers training across a range of sports, alongside our outdoor enrichment program where students are learning skills such as sailing, paddle boarding, kayaking, and wall climbing.

The success of our students is built upon the strong partnership between parents, students, and the school. In this spirit, you will soon receive information about our upcoming Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences, scheduled for October 1, 2, 3, and 6. I strongly encourage you to attend these conferences with your child or ward, as they provide a valuable opportunity for open communication and collaborative planning to support ongoing success.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [adam\\_ashton@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:adam_ashton@ofs.edu.sg).

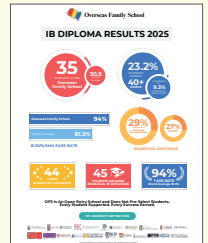
Adam Ashton  
High School Principal



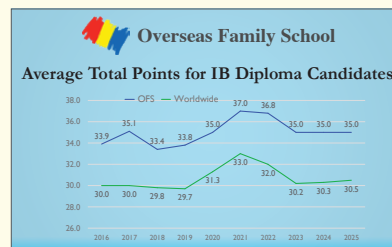
## IB Diploma News – Education For Life

### MAY 2025 IB RESULTS

As we begin a new academic year, I am pleased to share the remarkable accomplishments of our Grade 12 students in this year's IB Examinations. These results are truly commendable, particularly given that OFS maintains an open-entry policy. This distinguishes us from most schools, both in Singapore and internationally, where students are typically pre-selected for the Diploma Program.



### 2025 IB DIPLOMA RESULTS



As in previous years the average point total for IB candidates continues to be well above the Worldwide averages.

All students entering Grade 11 are encouraged to enter the IB Diploma program if they choose to do so.

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

First of all, congratulations to our two students who earned a nearly perfect score of 44 on their IB Diploma.



SINGH Myra



NG Jia-Rui Shaylin

A total of eight students were awarded the IB Diploma with 43 points.



PURNOMO Latisha  
Saphira Putri



SUZAKI Yumiko



BHATIA Nehal



CHENG Jiaming



GROVER Meher



MENON Dhruv  
Hari



SHAH Dia  
Vishal



CHAKKARWAR  
Rohan Praful

While we celebrate the IB Diploma achievements of our Class of 2025, it is equally important to recognise that our students are defined by much more than their exam results. Their journey with us has been deeply rewarding and enriching, and we eagerly look forward to seeing the directions they pursue as they embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead.

### THE EXTENDED ESSAY (EE) NEWS:

**Extended Essay (EE):** The first submission of the EE is due on Monday, 13 October 2025. The deadline for the final submission is Friday, 16 January 2026.

**Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS):** CAS experiences continue this semester. Through these experiences, students are expected to cultivate a deeper understanding of themselves, a sense of empathy for others, and the ability to collaborate effectively with fellow individuals.

### THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK):

TOK is an interdisciplinary requirement, intended to stimulate critical reflection on knowledge and experience gained inside and outside the classroom.

### GRADE 11 NEWS:

Once again, there is a large cohort of students, with many enrolling for the full complement of IB courses. CAS is an important feature of the Diploma Core, and students need to balance their involvement across the three strands: Creativity, Activity and Service each semester.

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](mailto:trapti_trivedi@ofs.edu.sg)) and/or Mr. Lee Woollard, IB DP Assistant Coordinator & Extended Essay Coordinator ([lee\\_woollard@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:lee_woollard@ofs.edu.sg)).

(Trapti Trivedi – IB DP Coordinator)



## Junior High School News

### WELCOME BACK

Greetings to all our Grade 9 and Grade 10 students and their families!

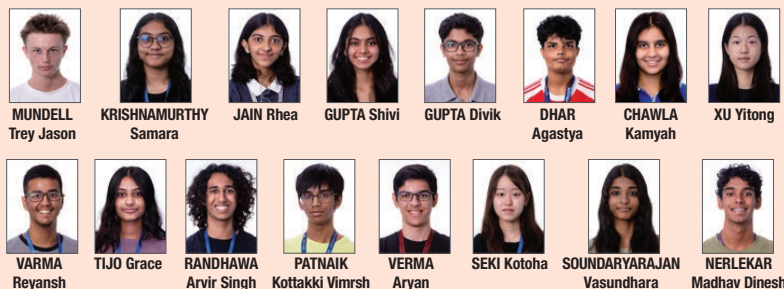
We are delighted to welcome back our Grade 10 students and thrilled to begin the academic year with our incoming Grade 9 cohort, as well as any new G10 students joining OFS. Last year, our Grade 11 students achieved outstanding results in the IB MYP Personal Project, an inspiring example of what dedication and passion can look like!

As we kick off the school year, we are committed to working together to support your child's academic and personal growth as they journey through high school. In addition, we look forward to sharing the IGCSE results with all of you in next month's newsletter.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

### MYP PERSONAL PROJECT RESULTS

This year's IB MYP Personal Project results showcase the remarkable talent and commitment of our students. We are thrilled to share that our school's average score of 4.70 is not only an improvement from last year's 4.45 but also well above the 2025 IB world average of 3.94. In addition, we would like to highlight sixteen of our students for achieving the top grade of 7, a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to their creativity, perseverance, and passion for learning.



Congratulations to the above students for this outstanding achievement.

We are proud of every student in the 2025 cohort for the effort, resilience, and personal growth demonstrated throughout the process. These results also reflect the guidance of our dedicated supervisors and the encouragement from families who supported each step of the journey.

The Personal Project is not only a celebration of academic success but also of the skills and curiosity that will serve our students well into the future. We commend each student for their dedication and achievements, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to apply their skills and creativity in the years ahead.

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](mailto:ab_palacios@ofs.edu.sg)) and/or to Mr. Austin Riedeman, IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, at ([austin\\_riedeman@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:austin_riedeman@ofs.edu.sg)).

(Aida Blat Palacios – IB MYP/IGCSE Coordinator & Grade Level Coordinator – Grade 10 & Austin Riedeman – IB MYP/IGCSE Assistant Coordinator, Personal Project Coordinator and Grade Level Coordinator – Grade 9)

## 2025–2026 Curriculum Updates

Welcome to a new academic year. Over the summer, we have made a number of exciting developments to enhance our students' learning experience. Our Languages program continues to grow from strength to strength, offering a wide variety of options to meet students' needs and interests. To further support their success, we have created a dedicated Oral Examination Centre, providing a space where students can take their practice further through targeted activities and focused preparation.

In preparation for future digital examinations, we are introducing exam.net as a platform for selected Grade 9 classes to complete summative assessments digitally. This will begin with a gradual rollout in Semester One, ensuring students are well-prepared and confident with the format.

Recognising the importance of digital literacy in a rapidly evolving world, we are also implementing digital literacy workshops for all grades in the High School this year. These sessions, facilitated by Mr. Mathieu Dooms, will equip students with the skills they need to navigate technology safely, effectively, and creatively.

We look forward to working together in Academic Year 2025–2026 to continue preparing our students for success in their learning and beyond.

(Neisha Pratt – Deputy Principal – Curriculum)

## Academic Advisors Update

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Throughout the academic year, we will be hosting universities that are travelling in the region, which will be advertised in the Gazette, students' Homepage Learning Portal and the Academic Advisors' Website. Parents/guardians are also welcome to attend.

### LION CITY FAIR

We are excited to announce our upcoming University Fair! This is your chance to connect with representatives from over **130 universities worldwide**, including those from the UK, US, Canada, Europe, and Australia.

- **UK:** Imperial College London, King's College, Manchester University, University College London
  - **USA:** Northeastern University, Maryland Institute College of Art, University of California, Davis
  - **Canada:** University of Toronto, The University of British Columbia
  - **Singapore:** Singapore Management University, Nanyang Technological University, National University of Singapore
  - **Australia:** Monash University, University of Western Australia, University of New South Wales, University of Melbourne
  - **Europe:** ESSEC Business School, IE University, EU Business School
- And many more!**

You will be able to speak directly with the university representatives to learn about programs, admissions requirements, scholarships, and campus life.

(Tamana Chanrai-Hills – Academic Advisor)

## From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

This September, the Parent Association (PA) is delighted to organise a series of meaningful events for our parent community:

- **Singapore Law Talk for Parents** – Gain valuable insights into Singapore's legal landscape and how it affects families.
- **Half-Day Tour of Singapore** – Discover the city's hidden gems and enjoy quality time with fellow parents.
- **Happy Teachers' Day Celebration** – Join us in expressing our heartfelt appreciation to all the dedicated educators who inspire and guide our children every day.

We warmly invite all parents to take part in these enriching and enjoyable activities. More information will be shared closer to each event, so please stay tuned! For any questions or to learn more about upcoming PA events, feel free to contact our PA Chairperson at: [parent\\_association@ofs.edu.sg](mailto:parent_association@ofs.edu.sg).



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## NYAA Singapore – Silver Award Success

We are proud to celebrate our first successful group of National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Silver Award recipients. This accomplishment reflects months of dedication, personal growth, and commitment to service, skills development, and physical recreation.

The NYAA program challenges young people to step outside their comfort zones, embrace new experiences, and make a meaningful impact in their communities. Our Silver Award recipients have demonstrated perseverance, resilience, and leadership, qualities that will serve them well in all areas of life.

Congratulations to our trailblazing Silver Award achievers! You have set a high standard for future participants, and we look forward to seeing more students follow in your footsteps.

Silver Award recipients:



JAIN Arin (Grade 10)



Bhanuja (Grade 10)



ANAND Aditi (Grade 10)



JAIN Rhea (Grade 11)



WOODFINE James David (Grade 12)



UPPALAPATI Samhita Savitri (Grade 12)

(Neisha Pratt – Deputy Principal – Curriculum)

## NYAA Service Trip to Cambodia May 2025

On Thursday, 21 May 2025, fourteen enthusiastic Grade 9 students travelled to Cambodia for a service trip, continuing our long standing partnership with the NGO 'ODA' (Opportunities for Development through Art).

The OFS community can be proud of the dedication these students demonstrated as they repainted tyre playgrounds in soaring temperatures, delivered well-planned, meaningful English lessons to several rural and remote school communities, and presented donations of laptops, stationery, and hundreds of toothbrushes to the ODA community.



**Daksh Gupta** *"One of the best experiences of my life".*



**Bowen Brouwer** *"The Cambodia Service Trip was extremely enjoyable and a good learning experience about less fortunate parts of the world".*



**Sarisha Bajaj** *"I learned a lot about myself as I was able to reflect on how privileged we are to live in Singapore and go to a wonderful school. I felt great helping the students in remote and rural Cambodia".*

Alongside their service work, students also had the opportunity to explore Cambodia's rich culture and history, visiting the temples of Angkor, a floating village, and the Apopo humanitarian demining centre.

Students interested in the NYAA can contact Ms. Hodgson for more information.

(Julia Hodgson – CAS and NYAA Coordinator)

## Mathematics Relay

Grade 10 students had a blast at last year's Mathematics Relay, a lively event that brought numbers and teamwork together in an exciting way. The competition featured stations where students raced to solve mathematics problems, complete logic puzzles, and tackle brain-teasing challenges. With pencils in their hands and determination on their faces, students showed off their mental sharpness as they sprinted between stations, proving that math can be both challenging and fun.

The Mathematics Relay highlighted the importance of collaboration and athleticism. From cheering on their teammates to laughter, energy filled the room as Grade 10 students bonded over shared success and the occasional mistake, turning the relay into a memorable experience that celebrated the end of Grade 10.

Congratulations to the following winners:

**Wang Siyan, Riella De Silva, Aditya Nayak, Samara Krishnamurthy, Aryan Verma, Ananya Krishnamurthy, Daivik Sen, Jenil Choudhary, Eunice Lam, Huang Manting and Aarna Garg.**



(Teresa Ong – Mathematics Teacher)

## Printing the Past – A Student Mural of Auschwitz

Students in Mr. Pitblado's Grade 11 History class completed a unique arts-integrated project exploring the history of the Auschwitz concentration camp. As part of their unit on Nazi Germany, students investigated how Nazi ideology and anti-Semitic policies escalated into systematic persecution and mass murder, culminating in the construction of extermination camps such as Auschwitz. Each student was assigned a specific site within Auschwitz I or Auschwitz II-Birkenau and studied historical texts related to their location. They wrote summaries explaining the historical significance of these places, then – with the assistance of guest art educator, Dr. Agnieszka Chalas – created collagraph prints that visually interpreted their research. These individual artworks were combined into a collaborative mural (outside S09-08), representing both the scale of the camp system and the human impact of the Holocaust. Accompanying the mural is a website that brings together the students' written work and artwork, offering a powerful student-led exploration of memory, history, and responsibility.

Website link: <https://sites.google.com/view/auschwitzmuralproject?usp=sharing>

(Michael Pitblado – Humanities Teacher)





## Mathematics Society

We are excited to announce the launch of the **OFS Mathematics Society** this semester! The student leadership team is being recruited in Semester 1, and will accept members in Semester 2. The Mathematics Society will be highly engaged in planning and leading Math-related activities and projects in the High School. One of the main tasks of the Mathematics Society is to publish the OFS Math Journal and share this beautifully presented and highly academic work with the rest of the school community. With this said, the OFS Publications Club will be launched in Semester 1, where we will support our students to explore fascinating ideas beyond the classroom, write and publish their own Math articles, and collaborate, challenge, and inspire each other, where ideas come to life in print.

We warmly encourage you to support your child in challenging themselves and exploring the beauty and creativity of Mathematics beyond the classroom. The Mathematics society will give students regular opportunities to engage with thought-provoking mathematical tasks published every fortnight in the school gazette. Please see the most recent published task by scanning the QR code shown on the logo designed by an OFS student, Jeong Yuchan, as part of the OFS



Mathematics Society Logo competition. The competition is still open for more input, but we wanted to celebrate Yuchan's contributions by using it in this newsletter.

(Duygu Bulut – Mathematics Teacher)

## Student Voice

Student Voice (SV) is a High School student-led organisation that works hard to provide a range of fun and enjoyable activities to all our High School students throughout each academic year. Between classes, clubs, Tigers sports and other out of school obligations, though, getting all of our SV leaders together to plan these events can be a challenge. That was why on Friday, 1 August 2025, before the official start of the academic year, 34 devoted Student Voice members went above and beyond and took time out of their precious summer holidays to come to OFS and put in the groundwork for an amazing semester of events for our High School.



In the morning SV leaders split into groups and began planning semester 1 events, including the Welcome Back Assembly and Spirit Week, Spooktober Spirit Week and Dance, and the ever-popular December to Remember. Once a solid start was made on those events, they enjoyed a pizza lunch and then headed out in teams to film some important content about school rules and policies, to ensure every High School student knows what it means to behave like an OFS community member. Lastly, at the end of the day, they played a rotation of short, fun games designed to enhance team work but more importantly, to get some laughs in.

Starting the year off strong with plans in place for SV's beloved events ensures all the High School students get to have some fun during Semester One.

(Laura Winberg – Humanities & TOK Teacher)

## Peer Mentors Lead the Way in Connect Sessions

On Friday, 8 August 2025, our Peer Mentors proudly stepped into their new role – and their new Peer Mentor shirts – during Connect sessions with our Grade 9 Homebases. The bright, visible presence of our Peer Mentors helped set a welcoming tone, ensuring every newcomer felt seen and supported. By leading activities, building connections, and modelling kindness, they continue to champion a culture of care in our High School at OFS.



**Anna Shimada** "It was wonderful to see many new smiling faces being warmly welcomed into our supportive OFS school community"



**Alexander Gfrerer** "It was nice to see friends reconnecting after the summer break. I am very excited for High School"

(William Finlay – Physical Education & TOK Teacher)

## OFS Tigers



We are so excited to welcome the OFS Tigers teams back to school in preparation for our fourth year competing in ACSIS, national and international level sports.

Over the past three years – the OFS Tigers have established themselves as one of the most formidable sporting outfits in Singapore across 15 sports and fielding over 100 teams across six main age groups throughout each year.

It was a very busy Summer in the pool for OFS with two OFS Tigers swimmers competing internationally and OFS hosting three international teams on our campus, supporting them in their preparations for the World Aquatics Swimming World Championships.

Tia Steere was selected to represent Singapore on the Singapore National Team at the 47th Southeast Asian Age Group Aquatics Championships held in the World Aquatics World Championship pool. Having turned 12 only a few days prior and having to compete in the 13 year old category - Tia is now, not only the fastest 12 year old in Singapore - but also the fastest 12 year old in all of South East Asia in both the 50m and 100m Breaststroke. She was impressive with significant improvements in personal best times leading to #3 place finish in Southeast Asia amongst the 12 year olds on both the 200m Breaststroke and 800m Freestyle.

Jill Meines competed at the Dutch Nationals. Her third time competing in Amersfoort, Holland, saw her reach the podium twice. Taking the Silver medal in the Women's 4x200 Freestyle relay and a bronze medal in the Women's 1500m individual freestyle, Jill is now ranked amongst the Top 3 best swimmers in her age group in both Singapore and the Netherlands.

OFS was honoured to welcome and host the national swim teams of Chile, South Africa, and Israel—featuring Olympians and world-class swimmers—who trained in our pool and gym ahead of the World Aquatics 2025 Swimming World Championships. Amongst them were 6x Olympian Kristel Kobrich of Chile, double World Champion Anastasiya Gorbenko of Israel and World Champion and double silver medalist Pieter Coetze together with bronze medalist Kaylene Corbett, both of South Africa. OFS was also visited by the incredible Mr. Osamu Itoi of Japan who was crowned World Masters Champion in the 50m and 100m Backstroke.

This 2025–2026 year of competitive sport is all set and promises to be faster, bigger, stronger and even better!

Wishing all the OFS Tigers a fun, safe and successful season!

(Gil Levy – Head of Competitive Sport)