



Overseas Family School

High School

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Principal's Message

I am delighted to welcome all new and returning families to the start of another exciting school year. For families who are new to Singapore, I hope you are settling into your new surroundings and that OFS is providing a supportive and welcoming environment as you begin this journey with us. It has been wonderful to meet many members of our community already, including those who attended the High School Back to School Night on 27 August 2026. I hope the evening provided valuable insights into the year ahead and helped strengthen the partnership between home and school.

I would also like to congratulate our 2026 IB Diploma and IGCSE students on their outstanding examination results. These achievements reflect the commitment and perseverance of our students, the encouragement and support of their families, and the dedication of our teachers. We are incredibly proud of what they have accomplished, and I hope their success inspires all of our students to set ambitious goals, embrace challenges, and strive to achieve their personal best.

The start of the academic year is always filled with energy and excitement, and already there is so much underway. Our Student Voice team has been busy organising Spirit Week, providing a terrific opportunity to build school spirit and strengthen our sense of community, alongside a range of other activities that students can enjoy throughout the Semester.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead. Our competitive sports program is now in full swing, with OFS Tigers training and competing across a wide range of sports. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of academic, cultural, and leadership experiences, including our inaugural Grade 9 Camp in Vietnam, TalenTime, TEDx, the Lion City University Fair, MUNOFS XIX, and our annual celebration of international-mindedness through CultureFest. In addition, each grade level will participate in educational technology workshops designed to further develop students' digital literacy and prepare them for an increasingly digital future.

I encourage every student to embrace these opportunities. Getting involved beyond the classroom not only enriches learning but also helps students build confidence, develop lasting friendships, and discover new interests and passions.

The success of our students is strengthened through the partnership between families and the school. By working together, we can ensure that every student receives the guidance, encouragement, and support they need to thrive. You will soon receive information about our upcoming Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences, which will be held on 23, 24, 25, and 28 September 2026. I strongly encourage you to attend these conferences with your child, as they provide an important opportunity to celebrate progress, discuss future goals, and work collaboratively with teachers to support your child's continued growth and success.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. I look forward to working with you throughout the year and to celebrating the many achievements and successes that lie ahead.

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

Neisha Pratt
High School Principal

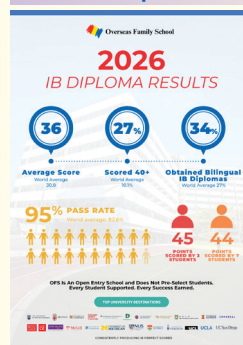


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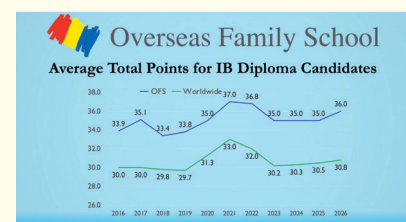
MAY 2026 IB RESULTS

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.

2026 IB Diploma Results



As in previous years, our IB candidates have continued to achieve an average point total well above the worldwide average.



Notable Achievements

Congratulations to our two students who earned a perfect score of 45 on their IB Diploma.



CHO, Minhyung



UPPALAPATI, Samhita Savitri

A total of seven students were awarded the IB Diploma with 44 points.



KIM, Soowook



KIM, Jiyun



KHANNA, Diya



WANG, Yingrui



HANS, Kabeer



UNNI, Gayatri



LIU, Zichen

Students are encouraged to work on their Extended Essay first draft during the break, ensuring compliance with 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 Lee Woollard, IB DP Assistant Coordinator & Extended Essay Coordinator, at lee_woollard@ofs.edu.sg.

(Trapti Trivedi – IB DP Coordinator)



From The Parent Association (PA) Desk

Welcome back! After a two-month summer break, we returned to school in August. The students are settling back into their routines, and we hope our new parents are also getting to know the school and our community better.

September will be another busy month for the PA. 5 September is Teachers' Day in Singapore, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our teachers a very Happy Teachers' Day! Thank you for your hard work, patience, and everything you do for our children.

On 10 September, we will have a Police Talk for parents, giving us a chance to learn more about safety and life in Singapore, the place many of us now call home. Everyone is welcome to join.

We are also planning a series of parent workshops for different age groups, covering topics such as parenting, communicating with teenagers, supporting children through school and exam stress, and improving communication between parents and children.

If you are interested, please feel free to register or email us for more information.

We hope to see many of you at our upcoming events!

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 excited to begin the academic year with our incoming Grade 9 cohort, as well as any new students joining OFS. We had a fantastic first week of school, filled with activities and sessions that gave us the opportunity to get to know our students better. We look forward to another year of supporting their academic and personal growth throughout their high school journey.

We also look forward to sharing the IGCSE results with you in next month's newsletter.

We wish everyone a wonderful year ahead!

MYP PERSONAL PROJECT RESULTS



We are delighted to share this year's IB MYP Personal Project results, which reflect the dedication, creativity and perseverance of our students. Our school average of 4.85 is

well above the IB world average of 3.99.

A particular highlight this year is the 21 students who achieved a grade 6. What an amazing achievement! We are also very proud that every student successfully completed and passed the Personal Project.

Students developed valuable skills in research, planning, communication, reflection and self-management that will support them throughout High School and, in particular, as they begin their IB Diploma Extended Essay. These achievements would not have been possible without the guidance and support of our dedicated supervisors and the encouragement of families throughout the process. Well done to all our students!

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.

(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)

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' Homebase Learning Portal and the Academic Advisors' Website. Parents 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 100 universities worldwide, including those from the UK, the US, Canada, Europe, and Australia. Join us on Thursday, 24 September 2026, from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM in the Auditorium.

- UK: King's College, Manchester University, University College London, University of Edinburgh
 - USA: Boston College, Indiana University, Savannah College of Art and Design, University of Oregon
 - Canada: The University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, McMaster University
 - Singapore: Nanyang Technological University, National University of Singapore
 - Australia: Monash University, University of Western Australia, University of New South Wales,
 - Europe: ESSEC Business School, IE University, EU Business School
- And many more!

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

(John James – Academic Advisor)

Korean Senior Talk on 22 May 2026 at G22



The Senior Talk event was successfully held on Friday, 22 May 2026 in G22, with the participation of Korean parents and students, as well as some students from other countries.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for representatives of the Year 12 Korean students, who were preparing for graduation, to share their knowledge with junior students, including information about IB Diploma subjects, effective study tips, and their own experiences. The event was hosted by Minhyung Cho, who achieved a perfect score of 45 on the IB.

Dr Kimberly Kwon organised the event for the IB DP students. Ms Vanessa McConville, Ms Hannah Park, Mr Eric Park, Mr Ju Chan Jo, Ms Jinju Im, Ms Shin Mijin also attended the event and showed their support and encouragement.

It was a meaningful and successful event that allowed senior students to pass on their valuable experiences and advice to their juniors. Thank you!

(Kimberly Kwon – World Languages (Korean))

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Celebrating Madhav's Outstanding Academic Achievements

A huge congratulations to Grade 10 student Madhav Rajgupta on an exceptional series of academic achievements recently.

At the World Scholar's Cup Global Round in Kuala Lumpur (June 2026), Madhav ranked 28th individually out of approximately 900 students, earning 11 Gold and 3 Silver medals across debate, writing and a range of academic disciplines. His team was also placed 27th out of approximately 300 teams.

Following his outstanding performance at the World Scholar's Cup Global Round, Madhav has qualified for the Tournament of Champions at Yale University, USA, taking place in November 2026.

Madhav has also been shortlisted for the prestigious 2026 John Locke Institute Global Essay Prize in Politics, from more than 100,000 entries across 183 countries.

His achievements in mathematics have been equally impressive, earning Gold medals in both the Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) and the Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge (SIMOC).

Congratulations, Madhav! Your curiosity, dedication and willingness to challenge yourself across such a diverse range of academic disciplines are truly inspiring. We look forward to celebrating your continued success!

(Neisha Pratt – High School Principal)



Oliver Woodfine's Recognition



We are incredibly proud to celebrate one of our stellar students, Oliver Woodfine, who spent his summer taking on the prestigious International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition (IAAC). As our Coordinated Science student, Oliver tackled some seriously tough, mind-bending astrophysics problems. Our Science team had the privilege of supervising his work through the challenging semifinal exercises, after which he pushed through and completed the demanding final exam entirely on his own. In a global field of over 9,100 participants testing their knowledge, Oliver didn't just hold his own, he earned a Silver Honour in the finals! That puts him in the top 20% of all finalists and the top 5% of all competitors worldwide. To see the kind of rigorous problems Oliver worked through, feel free to check out the IAAC website and explore the competition structure. Huge congratulations to Oliver on a truly remarkable achievement!

(Felipe Gaviria – Science)

Peer Mentors' contribution to the school community

We are a team of 60+ Peer Mentors, working to ensure that every newcomer has someone they can rely on when joining OFS. Before the first day of school, we host Connect Sessions where newcomers can meet their Peer Mentors and other newcomers of their age. Through fun activities, these sessions encourage conversations and friendships while helping ease the transition into a new environment.



On the first day of school, we also run icebreakers for the Grade 9s, as they are also new to

High School. This gives all Grade 9s an opportunity to bond as a Homebase, which they will remain part of throughout their four years of High School. We wear bright yellow shirts so that newcomers can easily spot us, and we make an effort to respond quickly to any concerns they may have. There are also regular check-ins with our Peer Mentors during the first two weeks, as it helps us identify and fill any gaps in support, ensuring that every newcomer feels welcomed as they settle into the OFS community.

(Richard Petherick – Deputy Principal – Pastoral)





NYAA Service Trip to Cambodia – May 2026

In May 2026, 18 Grade 9 students travelled to Siem Reap, Cambodia for the annual NYAA Service Trip, continuing OFS's long-standing partnership with ODA (Opportunities for Development through Art).



Throughout the trip, students worked closely with local school communities, planning and delivering English lessons to younger children and taking part in hands-on service activities, including helping to paint and improve school spaces. They also shared a dance performance from the Semester 2 Dance Show and delivered contributions from across the OFS community, including donated books and items prepared by the Recycling and Recycled Notebooks Club and Cambodia Outreach Club. The experience challenged students to step outside their comfort zones, develop their confidence and communication skills, and gain a greater understanding of communities and ways of life different from their own.



Alongside their service work, students experienced Cambodia's rich culture and history, exploring the temples of Angkor, visiting Tonle Sap and learning about humanitarian demining at the APOPO Visitor Centre. From teaching and volunteering to cycling to Angkor Wat and spending time together as a group, the trip provided opportunities for students to learn, contribute and build lasting connections.

"It was really eye-opening to see how much privilege we have." — Ahilya Awasthi

"An unforgettable experience that will be a highlight of my school years. This experience has opened my awareness to seek out ways to positively impact different communities." — Bahia Drissi

"This trip was an eye-opener for me as it showed me the diversity of the cultures around the world that I'm still yet to see." — Viraaj Dadhwal



This trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills, broaden their perspectives and seek out ways to make a positive contribution to other communities in the future.

Students interested in NYAA or future service opportunities can contact Ms. Hodgson for more information.

(Julia Hodgson – CAS & NYAA Coordinator)

Step Into the Future with Our New VR Room!

We are thrilled to launch our brand-new Virtual Reality (VR) Room, an exciting space where learning goes beyond textbooks to make the impossible possible. Students can now float through the International Space Station like real astronauts, take instant virtual field trips to iconic landmarks around the world, paint 3D art in the air surrounding them, and even build custom solar systems and stars from scratch. By turning abstract concepts into hands-on, interactive adventures, this cutting-edge facility lets you step directly inside whatever you are studying!

(Mathieu Dooms – Events & Educational Technology Coordinator)



OFS Tigers

TIGERS READY TO GO!



We are thrilled to launch another exciting season of Tigers sports as our student-athletes prepare to represent OFS in ACSIS competition! Trial turnout across all sports was fantastic, with our High School athletes bringing incredible energy and focus to the courts and fields for those 7:00 AM morning sessions. It has been inspiring to see our students so happy and active, doing what they love. As rosters take shape, our focus shifts from trials to building strong friendships, supporting one another through every win and challenge, and fostering a positive, inclusive team culture. Go Tigers!

(Bruce Shang – Head of Athletics)

