

Weekly NEWSLETTER

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Message from The Principal



Welcome back to Term 2 to all of our Nexus families and a special warm welcome to those 43 new families joining in Term 2. I trust you had a restful and rejuvenating Christmas and New Year break.

This term has begun with some exciting developments and growth across the school. I have been delighted to welcome our eight new staff who will further enrich our learners' time here at Nexus as we continue to grow as a community, with increasing numbers of learners and boarders. Nexus is a place where everyone belongs, and it's wonderful to see our shared values being embraced by an ever-expanding family.

Over the break, our facilities team have been working hard to enhance our campus, particularly in our Primary and outdoor learning areas. These improvements are designed to support experiential learning experiences and it has been lovely to see the learners making the most of the new areas this week.

During the break our Nexus learner, Ammar Amin (Y10N), proudly represented Malaysia at an International Rowing Competition in Thailand. This remarkable achievement highlights not only Ammar's dedication and talent but also the diversity of passions and skills

within our learner community. Well done, Ammar—we are proud of you.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to host the FOBISIA Battle of the Bands next week, starting on Friday and culminating in what promises to be an unforgettable finale on Sunday. This event is a true celebration of creativity and collaboration, bringing together talented learners from across the region to showcase their musical prowess. A special thanks to David Spencer for his outstanding efforts in organising the event. It's no small feat, and we are all looking forward to supporting our Nexus band and welcoming our FOBISIA friends to campus. Here is the [Website](#).

Here's to another amazing term at Nexus!

David Griffiths

Primary

Welcome back after the Winter break. We hope you had a wonderful, restful time with your families. We would also like to extend a warm Nexus welcome to our new Primary learners below and their families. We are very happy to have you in the Nexus community!

Our youngest new learners in Early Years



New learners in Years 3 and 4



Our new learners in Y1 and Y2



New learners in our Year 5, Year 6 and FEP classes

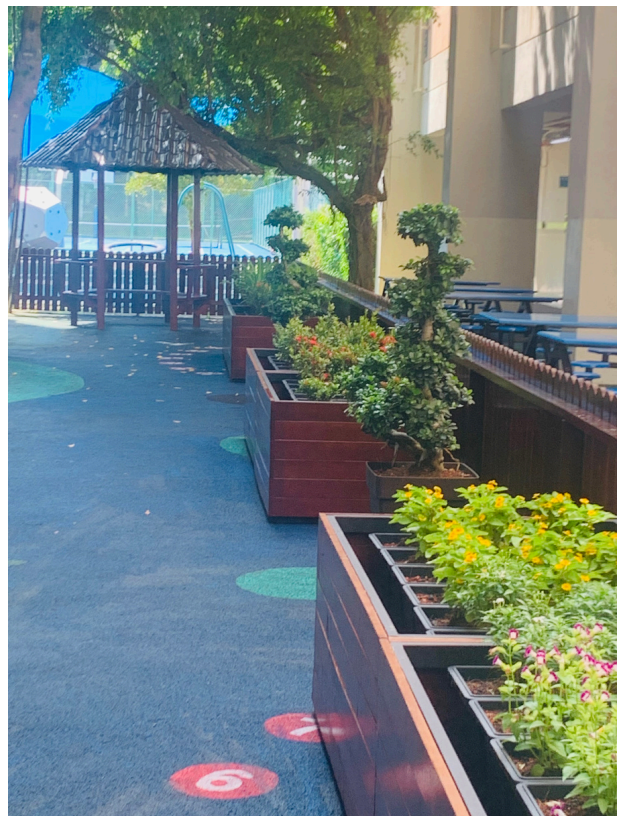


Primary

Early Phase Developments

Over the holidays, our Facilities Team have been hard at work developing our outdoor areas for the Early Phase (EY-Y2). The EPDM flooring in the EY playground has been replaced and is looking fantastic, with the addition of an alphabet area which can be used to make phonics learning even more fun.

Beside Y1, we have added a new fenced in area which will be used for outdoor learning opportunities - watch this space for more developments here! The new gazebo beside the Reading Hub will be a lovely place for our younger learners to read, learn or relax.



School Reports

The school report you received in December was in a different format from the reports we provided previously. We would like to gather parent feedback on the new style of report. We would be very grateful if you could take a few moments of your time to complete the very short survey in the link below:

[New Format Reports: Parent Feedback](#)

Secondary

It was a busy start to term for our Year 13 learners who have begun their mock examinations. Meanwhile for Year 11 it is the start of their decision making process as they decide what to study in Year 12. All of our Year 11s will have a guidance meeting with a member of senior staff to discuss their plans and these also began this week.

In term 1, all our Year 8 learners participated in the Radio Drama Challenge! In smaller groups everyone had to create an original radio drama, including sound effects and creative use of their voices. Each tutor group then voted for their favorite. These groups are being sent off to the FOBISIA Radio Drama Challenge hosted by Wellington College Hangzhou Drama Department and Dukebox Radio Station. They will judge all the submissions from other FOBISIA schools and announce their final winner later in April.

They already did an amazing job and we would love to share their fantastic work with you! Scan the QR codes in the poster, sit back and enjoy!

LISTEN TO THE WINNERS OF THE RADIO DRAMA CHALLENGE YEAR 8 DRAMA!



Boarding

Welcome back BBQ

We have celebrated and welcomed each other back to Nexus Boarding this week while introducing our new Boarders to the House and all the people they will live with. Our welcome BBQ dinner gave the opportunity for new Boarders to introduce themselves and to ask everyone their name.



Upcoming activities this weekend:

Saturday 11 January

Science and art - Cyanotyping experiments with Ms Anna
Afternoon Cooking time

Sunday 12 January

iOi Mall Shopping trip
Sports afternoon

Sports



Welcome Back Nexus Wolves!

Dear Nexus Community,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas break, with family and friends. I am happy to welcome you back and excited to start our term 2 of sports and activities.

Nexus Wolves are Back!

Get ready to roar! Our Nexus Wolves sports program will be kicking off again in the week commencing **Monday, 20th January 2025**. We have a fantastic lineup of sports and activities planned for this term, providing opportunities for students of all ages and abilities to get involved.

The PE Department strongly encourages all students to participate in our sports CCAs. It's a fantastic way to:

- Develop new skills: Learn and improve in a variety of sports.
- Stay active and healthy: Enjoy the physical and mental benefits of regular exercise.
- Make new friends: Connect with fellow students who share your passion for sports.
- Represent Nexus: Compete and showcase your talents as part of the Nexus Wolves.

More information about specific sports and sign-up details will be shared this coming week. Keep an eye out for announcements on Schools Buddy which will start on Saturday and the closing deadline will be on **Tuesday 14th January 2025**.

We're looking forward to a term filled with sporting achievements, teamwork, and fun!

Best wishes for a successful and happy new year.

