

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2023/24 | 19 April 2024

Message from The Principal



"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

-Walt Disney

Dear Nexus Community,

For both me and Nexus these words resonate deeply as this week I have announced my decision to leave Nexus International School, in July 2025, at the end of next academic year, after what will then be an 18 incredible years. From the pioneering opportunity of preparing and opening Nexus in 2007 as the Head of School to my current role as Principal for the past 6 years, I am filled with pride for all that we have achieved together.

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Over the years, we have built a community that is not just strong, but resilient. Together, we weathered the storms of uncertainty during the COVID years; many of you will remember the Continuation of Learning programme, and it was our strong community that helped not only navigate this huge challenge but adapt, evolve, and emerge stronger than ever before.

I am immensely proud of the progress we have made, the milestones we have reached, and the countless lives we have touched over the years. Each learner, teacher, staff member, and parent has embraced the diversity of Nexus, and helped challenge and shape the great minds of our learners.

My decision to leave in July 2025 has not been made lightly. I believe that now is the right time for me to step aside and make way for fresh perspectives and more wonderful innovations. The Board of Governors will commence a worldwide search for my successor, and by announcing my departure early, I hope to facilitate a seamless transition and assist in finding the perfect candidate to lead Nexus into its next exciting chapter.

I fully realise that there is still much work to be done between now and then and will of course be fully dedicated to ensuring Nexus continues to grow and succeed in our mission to ensure all learners are challenged to make the learning progress they deserve. Amongst the priorities for next academic year will be the development of outdoor learning and the forest school in the Primary school and a change of timetable to accommodate a wide range of subjects for iGCSE and IB as well as the further development of our boarding house and co-curricular activities.

In the meantime, enjoy this week's great Newsletter.

David Griffiths

Primary

Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to all our new learners and their Parents to the Nexus Primary community. The learners are settling in well and finding their way around with the help of their buddies and we look forward to getting to know you all and working with you to support learning.

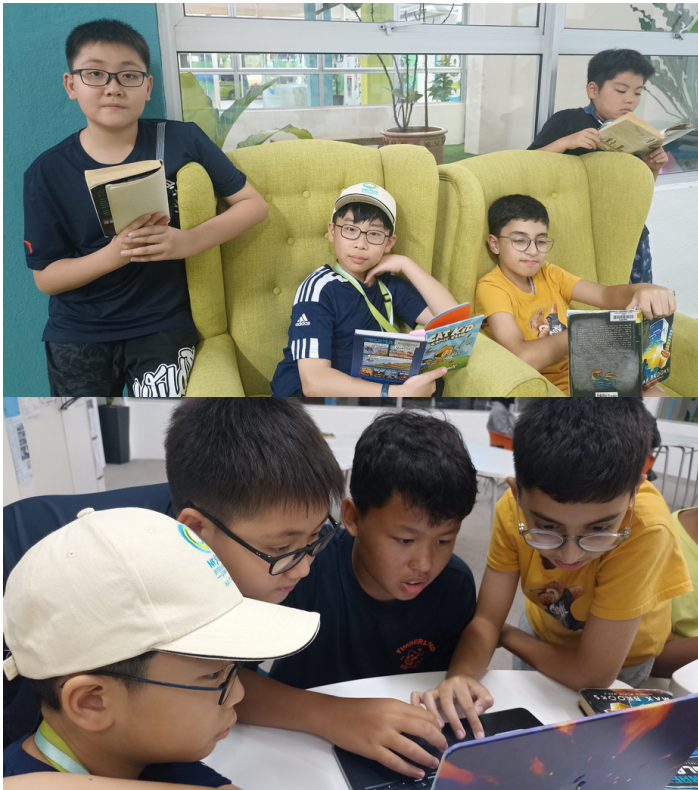
In the meantime, we have had our usual busy start to the term, with lots going on...



The Forest School sessions began this week with Year 4 learners. They had introductory sessions where they learned about the 5 Forest School Rules. Afterwards, they learned the ways to climb up and down a slippery bank safely. They even had some time to create Forest Faces out of natural materials.



Primary



Our Primary Boarders have been settling in well to their new home from home. Here they are enjoying their Boarding House reading area and learning about circuit breakers from a Year 8 learner.

Year 3 enjoyed a field trip this week to Lunar Kids Cooking School. They learned how to handle and cook different types of food as part of their IPC Unit "How Humans Work".

A great way to increase their knowledge about food and nutrition while also learning some practical cooking skills!



Secondary

Welcome back to all learners to Term 3.

It has been a busy start to term for Year 10 and Year 12 learners who had their midcourse examinations this week and I know they have been busy revising over the break. It was also the last day of school on Friday for our Year 13 learners and we wish them all the very best as they begin their IB examinations next week. Following tradition, Year 13 requested a dress up day for their last day of school and opted this year for a pyjama themed day. The next time they will all be together will be for their graduation on May 21st when they will be a little more formally attired!

This year I have enjoyed meeting learners on Wednesday at snack time to get to know them and find out about their experiences at Nexus. This term I am meeting Year 8 and look forward to hearing about how they are getting on at Nexus.



Boarding

Welcome to Boarding!

A huge, friendly welcome to all of four new Boarders this term. Our existing Boarders are doing a wonderful job by welcoming and guiding them in their first days of living at school. Our Boarding Induction includes all the essential information as Boarders arrive and includes many questions that we help them find answers for :

- Who are your roommates?
- What are the Boarding staff telephone numbers?
- How do I use the sign-out board and Orah App?
- What happens if I am sick?
- What do I do in an emergency?

By working with their new buddies, the new arrivals easily found everything they needed and then could work on fun induction events like trying out games and sports equipment.



Boarding



First events for our new Boarders

Some of our best times in Boarding are when we are enjoying good food and excursions. Our new Boarders were introduced to both this week as they held a 'get to know you' BBQ and were also taken by Houseparents on their first trip to the local village.

For our BBQ dinner on 'Teamwork Wednesday' each new Boarder had to take a turn cooking our burgers and also serving everyone. It was great to see our new arrivals host the BBQ and ask every Housemate 'What's your name?' and 'Where do you come from?' before being rewarded with a burger. This way every new Boarder spoke to everyone else in the House in one dinner!



Activities this weekend:

Saturday - Excursion to Bank Negara, Art Gallery and Museum
Sunday - Forest School day of outdoor activities

Notice

Change of Traffic Flow Monday 22nd April 6:30am – 10am

Please note the traffic adjustments for morning drop-offs:

Gate 2 will be closed for exiting traffic due to the AIMS X-Country Finals.

To ensure smooth operations, all Nexus learners should be dropped off at Gate 1. Additionally, all buses must use the main gate for drop-off purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation.



OPPORTUNITY FOR SUMMER CAMP WORK EXPERIENCE

In July Nexus will be hosting a summer language camp for some visiting learners who are aiming to improve their English Language from July 7th to July 21st. We have learners aged between 9 and 15 years confirmed as attending.

We now have the exciting opportunity to offer some camp supervisor jobs to responsible and dedicated learners from Y11-Y13 to help facilitate some of the activities. This is an excellent opportunity for you to build up evidence of experiences on your Curriculum Vitae / additional references for further education and employment applications.

We will have three tiers of Camp supervisors available:

- **Full-time (in house boarding)**
- **Part-time (minimum of 6 consecutive days, boarding)**
- **Part-time (minimum of 6 consecutive days and not boarding)**

****The full time positions will also receive a small 'thank you' contribution for their commitment in services and a certificate of Work Experience.

Activities are likely to be some of the following:

Sports - Football / Badminton / Basketball

Creative - Batik / painting / cooking / musical

Technological - Robotics / electronics / blogging / QR Code treasure hunts

Day trips out of school - Mallaka / KLCC / Port Dickson / Local Cultural

We will also have the opportunity for learners to come into class and support the learners with their english practising for speaking and listening.

If you are interested in a position at the camp, please email Mr David and let us know which tier position you are interested in. Please also check with your parents for your availability of the dates before you email with your interest.

Please outline:

- 5 skills that you could contribute to the camp
 - Any additional languages you may speak
 - A paragraph (minimum) of why you wish to take part and also why I should choose you - be creative! 2 minute videos are also accepted
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