

CONNECT02

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NEXUS
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SCHOOL

PUTRAJAYA

Whole School

CCA

Notice regarding CCA and some changes that will take effect this term

- As normal there will be a two week grace period where changes will be allowed after the start of the CCA term. These changes must be submitted to harrison.j@nexus.edu.my before **September 26th**. Requests after this period will unfortunately not be addressed
- The CCA term begins on **Monday 8th September**. As usual there will be weeks where CCA sessions are not running due to holidays or events. Please find the calendar for this year linked below:

<https://docs.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/spreadsheets/d/10LlcFDdYwo-DNCe8makSdeAe5kmlqZ4CCFmLIkYJk0A/edit>

- With the change of the school finishing time this year CCA sessions have altered accordingly. All sessions will start at **3.20pm** and finish at **4.20pm**
- For learners catching the school buses provision has been made for **Tuesdays and Thursdays only** that the bus will depart at **4.30pm**
- Parents or guardians of primary learners must provide an **initialed signature** when collecting learners after CCA
- Again as normal it is expected that all learners attend in the appropriate uniform or attire relevant to the activity taking place. **Please be aware that learners may be refused access to activities if appropriate clothing or footwear is not worn**
- **All primary learners not taking part in CCA must be collected at 3.10pm and are not allowed to**



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date:
12 September 2014
Time: 9.00 am
Venue:
Multipurpose Room

remain at school

- Secondary learners not attending CCA will have two options available: **Quiet study in the main school library or supervised free time in the boarding cafeteria next to the secondary pick up area**. These provisions are made available for learners waiting for siblings and not for general use
- All non boarding learners are expected to have left the school grounds by **4.30pm** unless taking part in fixtures or pre arranged school activities

PE Notices: Extra Curricular

Nexus International School, Putrajaya
The Global Citizens of Tomorrow

To compliment the existing range of sporting opportunities available within PE lessons and CCA, we will be running the following clubs this term:

Day	Clubs (7.30-8.15am)	WUSU (8.25-8.42am)	Pri. Lunch (12.20-1.10pm)	Sec. Lunch (1-1.50pm)
Monday		Sports Hall - GCR		Swimming - ASM
Tuesday	Fitness - ASM (7.15am)	Sports Hall - GNI		Fitness Suite - ASM
Wednesday	Fitness - ASM (7.15am)	Sports Hall - GCR		
Thursday	Fitness - ASM	Sports Hall - PBE		Swimming - GNI Fitness Suite - PBE
Friday	Swimming - PBE	Sports Hall - KHA	Y3/4 Benchball - GCR	Sec. Boyys & Girls Basketball - PBE/ ASM

Please speak to a member of the PE department if you have any questions/queries about school sports clubs.

Monday 8th September

U18 Boys Volleyball at MKI
(Squad already selected)

U18 Girls Volleyball at MKIS
(Squad already selected)

Thursday 11th September

U13 Boys Football Vs MKIS at Nexus

U13 Girls Football Vs MKIS at Nexus

U15 Boys Football Vs MKIS at Nexus

U18 Boys Football Vs MKIS at Nexus

Saturday 13th September

U18 Girls Football Tournament at ISKL

U18 Boys Football Tournament at Nexus

Sports Fixtures

This year we have even more opportunity to represent Nexus in sport. With 90+ fixtures on the calendar this term alone, we very much need your support. There are many ways to find out when/where these fixtures are taking place, such as:

1. Every week in **CONNECT** you will find a report on last weeks sporting highlights plus upcoming fixtures.
2. Via the **PE Dept Website** which can be found here - <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/pe-dept/>
3. Check the **Learner Bulletin** each week.
4. Take a look at the TV Screens on the corridors. They will display the fixtures for the week ahead.
5. Each learner has been shared the **Fixtures Calendar**. Save and display this calendar alongside your own using Google.

Please check using the above before emailing a member of the PE staff.

Primary

RECEPTION & NURSERY

IPC Topic:

All About Me

After a week of settling down, the learners spent the start of this week thinking about the BIG question for our IPC topic. They were introduced to the idea of 'What makes me special?' They were a little shy to say what makes them special to begin with, but came up with a lot of ideas in the end such as 'I am special because my hair is blond', 'I am special because my name is Evyavan' or 'I am special because I am a girl'. They looked in the mirror carefully and drew pictures of their faces and wrote their names.

They continued by focusing on families and looking at how all families are different and that makes us special. They learned about numbers by counting using their fingers how many people there are in their families, finding out their house numbers, singing number songs, cutting shapes to make a house and drawing the number of people living in their house. The learners also had fun looking for clothes with numbers that were blown off the washing line. They had to find them in the outdoor Discovery Area and peg them back in the correct order.

They also explored the concept of favourite by looking at their favourite food, animal, colours and numbers. What a 'special' and busy week!

Curriculum Information For New Parents

All new parents are invited to an information session at **9am in the Conference Room**. Mr. Griffiths will speak about how Nexus uses the International Primary Curriculum and UK National Curriculum to help all our learners to make progress. He will also talk about our assessment and reporting procedures.



**Nexus'
New Gamelan
Ensemble**

Handmade in Indonesia



Nursery & Curiosity

Nursery learners have actively explored their new environment thereby extending their curiosity in many ways. This week we have built on learner's knowledge and interests by engaging in different practical activities in readiness for our upcoming unit 'All about me'. Our small collaborative groups have given our learners the opportunity to interact with peers in a more natural way.

Secondary

CATS Tests

These tests will be held Monday 8th to Thursday 11th September for Years 7, 9, 10 and 12.

These tests are designed to give us baseline data, which will enable us to track learners' progress throughout the year against an established set of norms. There is no preparation possible for these tests and learners simply arrive and complete them on their computers. Parents will be advised of their child's performance in due course.

University Seminars

Last Friday the University of Sheffield paid Nexus a visit, which was attended by a number of Y13 learners. This week a representative from the University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada, will be at Nexus on Friday during the lunch break (upstairs in the Library). Last year we had two learners accepted at UBC. It is ranked in the top 100 worldwide Universities.

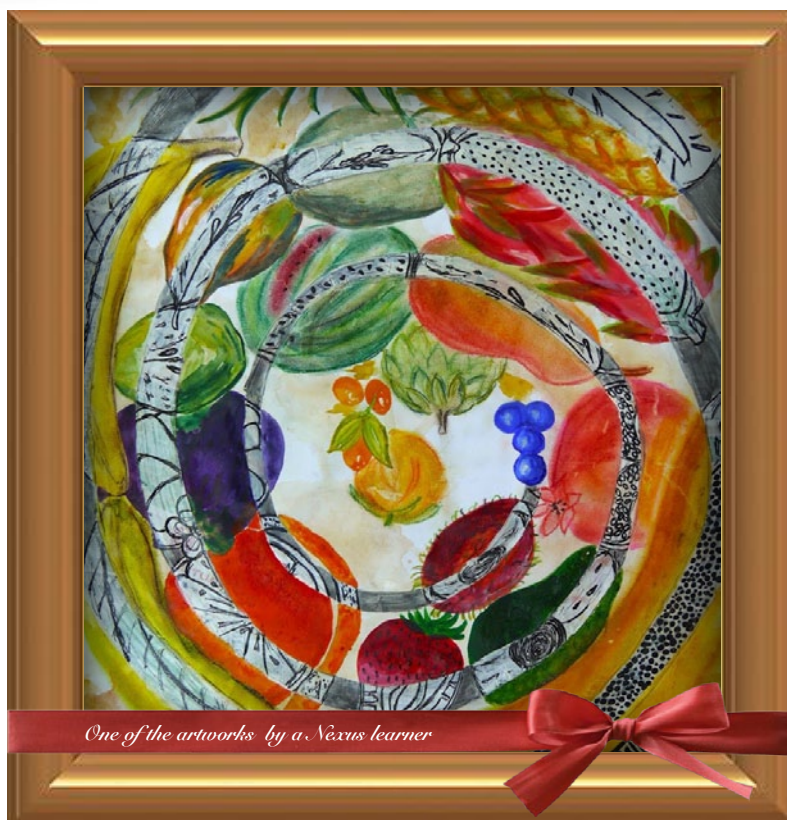
All learners in Y11-13 (and Parents) are welcome to attend these presentations so please check your emails and notice boards in the Library and IB common room for all future events.



Secondary Art "Newspaper Appeal"

Secondary Art would like to appeal for newspapers, as we are going to start our **Papier-mâché** project with Year 9 learners and to cover the table while painting. We also recycle the Newspapers for paper making and printing activities.

Please send the newspapers to the Secondary Art room (122 or 123) anytime during school hours. All contributions are highly appreciated.



One of the artworks by a Nexus learner



Memorable Moments of Hari Raya Celebration

Photos provided by ISB Learners



CAS Reflection

by Lawrence Li

Since the first week till the 5th week of the CCA, I really enjoyed the cycling CCA, though the rides sometimes are tough and steep. I really enjoy the ride to the mountain, the view on top of the mountain was enormous, and we always have a lot of fun during the rides. I think I have improved my leg muscle endurance as I can ride to the top of a steep hillside without taking a break, which is great progress made towards my goal, I think I need to improve my handling during turns as I also turn too much so the bike sometimes goes out of control. I think I can improve this by starting to turn my bike before the turns so I can control my bike easier. All in all, I think I have improved a bit throughout these 5 weeks and I hope I can improve more before the end of the term.

Music News

Music Clubs and CCAs

All the Music Clubs and CCAs will start again next week - 8th September

Primary		
Mondays	Lunchtime	Recorder Group with Miss Ann
Wednesdays		Xylophone and Glockenspiel Group with Miss Ann
Fridays		Singing Group with Miss Ann

Secondary		
Mondays	Lunchtime	Music Technology Club with Mr Tim
Wednesdays		Fun Vocal Group (Acapella singing - Glee Singing) with Mr Tim & Mr Steve
Fridays		Jazz Band/Group with Mr Tim & Mr Steve

Music Lesson 2014-15

Over 60 new learners have signed up for Instrumental/Voice lessons, making our current total 207 learners taking lessons in school.

If you could not make the meeting or have not signed up yet IT IS NOT TOO LATE! You can now do so on the new Online Sign-Up Form below:

<https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/music-department/sign-up-for-instrumental-lessons>

We still have a few instruments to loan FREE of charge to learners: **Fife (small plastic flutes for little hands) x 5, Flute x 1, Clarinet x 1, Saxophone x 2, Trombone x 1, Trumpet x 1**

Please let the Music Department know if you would like to secure one of these instruments.



This year we are holding our Nexus' Got Talent show in the first term this year - Learners have 9 weeks to practise their items ready for the Auditions on 10th November. We are looking for a variety of acts not just singers so get your thinking cap on and talk to your friends to see what you could do together.

FREE Workshops and Shows in Music, Dance, Drama, Film etc. @ KLPAC - Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September

Click on the 3 tabs near the top of the page for the schedules: <http://klpac.org/ysdartsfest/workshop-dance/>

Dates For Your Diaries

Monday 10th November	Nexus' Got Talent Auditions
Thursday 20th November	Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Friday 21st November	Young Nexus' Got Talent FINAL
Wednesday 10th December	Production - TBC
Thursday 11th December	Production - TBC

Drama News

ISTA Theatre Festival May 7th-10th 2015

This is an exciting opportunity for learners from Y6 - 9 to join peers from other international schools in creating performances and learning new Drama skills.

We have been invited to take a group of learners to the **Middle School Festival** hosted by Regents School, Pattaya, Thailand. They will prepare a short piece of Drama to perform at the Festival, and will participate in specialist workshops, ensemble work and guided tours exploring the local area. Learners will be hosted by families from Regents School, fostering a sense of involvement and community.

The International Schools Theatre Association (ISTA) is a highly regarded international organisation which brings together learners, teachers and performing arts professionals from around the world. Having attended their festivals and training events in Asia, Africa and Europe, I can guarantee that our learners will have a fun-packed, thought-provoking experience which boosts their confidence and skillset. The Festivals promote learning through Theatre, as opposed to just learning about Theatre.

A letter will be sent out next week with further details and costings, but please ask your child to speak to Ms Rach or Mr Jason as soon as possible if they would like to attend.

Why Study Music?

Musical training can improve language and reading:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-28703013#>

TED-Ed, Lessons Worth Sharing

If you watch this excellent video you will want to be signed up for instrumental/vocal lessons:

<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/how-playing-an-instrument-benefits-your-brain-anita-collins>



School Production CCAs

We have planned something truly unique for this year's School Production, which will be performed in the second week of December. We've taken different stories from South East Asia and scripted them into a series of short plays. They involve lots of different performance styles including acting, physical theatre, movement, masks and puppetry.

Learners who have signed up for the Tuesday and Thursday School Production CCAs, plus those who come to the Y5 & 6 Drama Club on Tuesdays, will be involved in aspects of performing, directing, design and props making over the coming weeks.

A list of props and costumes will be issued next week. Please could learners bring in any spare newspapers to the Art Department so that they can make Papier-mâché.

What's On

KLPAC (<http://www.klpac.org/>)

A whole festival of Performing Arts is coming to KLPAC from 10am - 8pm on September 13th and 14th, and the best news is IT'S FREE!

Please see the KLPAC website by clicking the link above to book onto the performance workshops and performances.

Our very own Aaron Sim (Y11) will play with the KLPAC Symphonic Band; don't miss out!



DPAC (<http://www.dpac.com.my/>)

Damansara Performing Arts Centre (<http://www.dpac.com.my/content/27/Event>)

have plenty on offer during this month,

including a Malay experimental theatre piece, Neo-Romantik, this weekend.



Dates for Your Diary

October 16th	Y11 & 13 Drama Showcase
December 10th & 11th	School Production



Nexus International School, Putrajaya

LIBRARY

storytime

*Please come along and join in a story session
with Miss Jenny in the library.
Parents and EY/MP1 children are all invited.
(Parents must accompany their children)*

**Story sessions will be on
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
from 3.45-4pm**

*The primary library is opened
and book swapping in EYS/MP1 is available
from 8-8.45am and 3.15-4.30pm
each day.*

*Parents must go along
with their children!*

*Meet other parents,
develop a love for literacy!!*