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**GREETINGS FROM NEXUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, PUTRAJAYA** 





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# Whole School

#### **International Day on June 15**

Dear Learners, Parents, and Nexus Staff,

For International Day on June 15, the PTA would like to invite all the learners, teachers and staff as well as parents/guardians who will be attending, to wear traditional clothing or colors from your home country or other country you have chosen to represent.

Parents are also welcome to join us for the Opening Ceremony in the Field at 9:00am and the Closing Ceremonies in the Theatre (Primary at 1:20pm and Secondary at 2:15pm).

In addition, we would like to inform you that although there will be food sampling on this day, it will be a very small part of the event and therefore learners will still need to have snack and lunch as usual.

Finally, we have a full day of fun activities prepared and we don't want anyone to miss out so we kindly ask that you do your best to arrive to school on time.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this day special for the Nexus community.

We look forward to celebrating Nexus International Day with you!

Sincerely, Nexus PTA

## NISP ONLINE ART AUCTION

Hello Nexus Community,

The NISP 'ONLINE' ART AUCTON is happening soon - get ready to bid!

Various memorable, recent and past artworks, that have been exhibited about the school, will be up for auction BEGINNING, the 19th of June 2015 and ending noon on Thursday the 25th of June 2015.

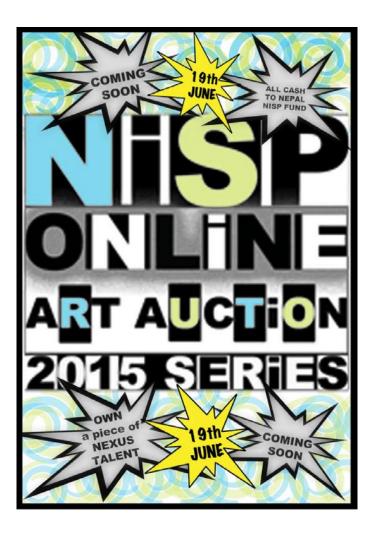
Instructions on how to bid will be relayed to you when the auction and bidding opens on the 19th.

The bidding will be open to secondary learners, all admin and staff and all parents of the Nexus community.

This is your chance to forever own a piece of Nexus talent and hang it up on your wall at home, reminding you of all those good times!

All proceeds will be donated to the NISP EARTHQUAKE APPEAL in NEPAL.

If you have any questions about this then please contact:
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Head of Visual Arts
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# **School Year Tutor Group Photos**

The annual Tutor Group Photos will take place next week. The photos will be taken mainly on Monday and Tuesday, so please ensure all learners are wearing the correct uniform. These photos will appear in our annual Yearbook.

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# Secondary

#### **University and Career News**

University of Nottingham campus tour, June 1st 2015

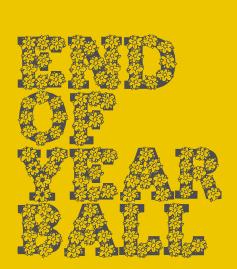
On Monday, Y12 had the chance to visit the University of Nottingham, Malaysia campus. They had a tour of the campus to look at the facilities that Nottingham has to offer. They also had a chance to see how teaching and learning takes place at the undergraduate level. The learners separated into two groups depending on their IB Science subjects and took part in four different workshops; two related to Engineering and two related to the Biosciences.

Nottingham university are running a series of Summer schools during August. if you are interested in your child attending please click on this link.

http://www.nottingham.edu.my/International/ Summer/International-High-School-Summer-Programme/International-High-School-Summer-Programme.aspx







The Student Council of 2014-2015 is proud to present this year's End of Year Ball, with this year's theme: "Time After Time"!

The ball is open to learners from Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

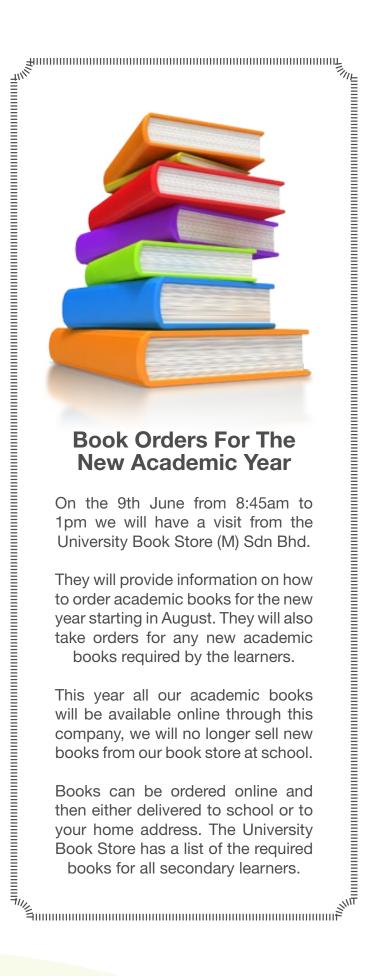
The details are as follows:

Day/Date: Saturday, 13th June 2015 Time: 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm Venue: Swiss-Garden Hotel Residences, Kuala Lumpur

Tickets for early birds (RM 130) has commenced and will end on the coming Monday, 18th May 2015.

From 19th May 2015 to 1st June 2015, tickets will be sold at RM 150.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the Student Council at student council@nexus. edu.my



### **CAS** Reflection

#### Bahasa Careers Talk

On June 1st 2015, 2 adults, a man and a woman came to explain our occupations to the entire Year 8.



The man, who was a fire-fighter, explained to us why he chose his occupation and what it takes to be a fire-fighter. Besides earning degrees, you also have to be above 1.57m and weigh more than 48 kg for a man! Also, he explained to core values of a fire-fighter, and in my point of view, the most important value was bravery. If you can't overcome your fears, how can you save other people?



The woman was a water-skiing coach. She even brought the Malaysian team to the 28th Sea Games to Singapore to participate! That was amazing! If you have an ambition, then follow your dreams. Be brave, courageous and enjoy your occupation. Samson

The Career Talk was actually fun because it was something different as we went to another place other than our usual classrooms. There were two people that spoke about their jobs. The fire-fighter was really nice and he gave a few people some presents as well. He talked about the requirements to be a fire-fighter, the training, and most importantly what they do. The water skiing coach was really nice as well and she talked about what she does. the different people she coaches and tricks. Overall, it was a fun lesson. Najla Rania

During the career talk, I learnt about what firefighters and water skiing coach does during their job. It gave us an idea of what they do. To be a fireman you need to be at least 175cm for male and 157 for female. For the first 4 months we needed to cut our hair bald and for female short. For the water skiing coach, she teaches the national team for Malaysia. She also teaches children starting at the age of 5. If the children are not confident with water, she teaches them how to be confident with water. They also wear life jacket in case the athletes get injured and can't swim.



## **Library News**

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#### **Updated! Again!**

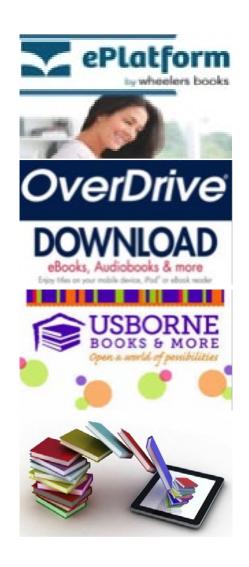
All users can login to see the books they have borrowed and when is it due. To do this, use your Nexus Id numbers to log into the <u>library website</u>.

The password is 123 for now. Once you login, an option "My Portal" on the left hand side of the page will appear, you can then change your password.

Login: Nexus ID number Password: 123 Change psw: MyPortal>Details>Change Password

Please scroll down!

We have updated the EBook and Audio Book Options.





"Storynory", "Storyline
Online" and "Loyal Books"
are freely available Audio
books. While "Wheelers"
"Overdrive" and "Usborne"
are subscriptions. Start
reading these books on your
browser or mobile devices.

Please scroll down!



The library website has a section dedicated for you, kindly scroll down to find this section – then, Login with your Nexus Gmail Accounts, to find your pictures, from the past library events that you have attended.

We take this opportunity to thank you and present to you the

"Certificates" for Volunteering at Nexus Library - on 16th of June 2015 at 2.45 pm – 2nd floor library. All the parents who have helped us, kindly send your names to register with us. We do not want to miss out any Parent Volunteer "Friend of our Library"! Many Thanks!

## PE Notices



#### Run for Nepal -Tuesday 16th June -8.45am - 10.20am

Thank you to everyone who has placed an an order for a T-shirt. We have sold 275 and have contributed much needed funds in our attempt to raise a total of Rm40000.

T-shirts can no longer be ordered as they are being printed this week.

They are available to collect

on **Friday 12th June** from Student services and all payments should be made to the payment counter on or before this date.

#### **Race Information**

#### Timing:

- 8.35am All learners should attend their P1 lesson to register with their normal P1 teachers.
- 8.40am All secondary learners to be seated the grandstand
- 8.55am Secondary race begins
- 9.00am MP2/3 race begins
- 9.05am EY/MP1 race begins
- 9.30am Primary picnic in Taman Cansari
- 10.20am All secondary learners to attend P3 lessons

 Primary Picnic end time is at the the PLT's discretion.

#### Routes:

All age groups start on the school field. Primary will finish in Taman Cansari while Secondary learners will finish back on the school field.

- EY/MP1 Same route as last year (1km)
- MP2/3 Shortened route (2km)
- Secondary same route with additional jungle loop (5km)

#### **Sports Fixtures**

Saturday June 13th - U18 Boys Softball competition at Tenby, Setia Eco Park

Please contact Mr Paul if you are able to play



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## **Boarder Blog**

#### LATELY IN BOARDING

Last Thursday was the day that we "officially" said goodbye to two of our house parents, Mr. Mark and Ms. Lisa, it was a joyous and sad night. Joyous because we had specially catered lamb on a spit to feast on, and sad, because we knew that our house parents who have contributed so much to boarding, would be leaving us.

The next day, there was a summer bash for Years 7-9. The start of the summer bash was unfortunately interrupted by the lightning alarm, but the learners persistently waited out the alarm while they enjoyed pizza and drinks. When the alarm finally went off, many of them ran on to the field holding sponges and holi powder, throwing them at each other. Within minutes, almost everyone (except for the lucky few) were completely multi coloured and soaked with water. The student council then went on to arrange multiple activities for them to keep everyone busy throughout the night. On Saturday, there was a boarding trip to Zoo Negara. After the long journey, many of the

boarders spread out into groups to see animals of their liking. The main attractions were, the giant pandas, elephants and the variety of carnivorous cats. After lunch in the restaurants, the boarders then set off to view the animals that they hadn't seen.

Alex O'Shea - Year 10





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### **MUSIC NEWS**

# What A Knight - Y7 Whole Class Musical on 3rd June by Class 7E

Congratulations to all the learners in 7E, your musical was wonderful and every one of you gave 100% to the performance. To see you come together as a team over the many weeks was very special, as was the help and support that you gave to each other. A wonderful and enriching project indeed.

A big thank you must also go the the learners from 7X who supported the 7E team by doing an amazing job operating the light and sound, working as stage crew and the front of house staff. Congratulations to you all for the amazing job and I hope your learning was enriched by the process.



## 2 Musicals left in 2 Weeks

As you already know, our Year 7 learners have been working hard over the last few months in their Drama and Music lessons preparing for their upcoming performance of their class Musical.

Each of the 3 classes in Year 7 have been working on producing their own Musical. They have learnt their lines, decided on staging, learnt their songs and words, helped with lighting/sound/back-stage (for other classes). All of their work comes to a close over the next 2 weeks with their final performances of the 2 remaining musicals.

- Wednesday 10th June Rocky Monster Show Y7
   Whole Class Musical- 7pm in the Theatre - Class 7N
- Wednesday 17th June Ye-Ha! Y7 Whole Class
   Musical 7pm in the Theatre
   Class 7X

Tickets are on sale from Student Services for Rocky Monster Show with Ye-Ha being available next week. Tickets will also be available on the door.

We hope that you will all come along and enjoy the remaining 2 shows, it is no fun performing to and empty theatre - They only last for an hour and are very, very funny indeed!

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# Lunchtime Music Clubs - ALL WELCOME! No Invitation Needed! Just Come Along and have FUN!

Primary		
Mon	Recorder Group with Miss Ann	
	String Group (Violins, Cellos) with Mr Mervin	
	Guitar Group with Mr Afiq & Mr Hafiz	
Tue	Brass Group with Mr Gerold	
	Drumming Group with Mr Mr Faeez & Ms Ann - STARTING IN AUGUST	
Wed	Flute Group with Miss Yem Voon	
	Ukulele Group with Ms Ann	
	Clarinet Group for ALL Learners - with Miss Kit	
Thu	String Group (Violins and Cellos) with Mr Mervin	
Fri	Singing Group with Miss Ann & Miss Audrey	

Secondary		
Mon	Drumming Group with Mr Faeez & Mr Tim - STARTING IN AUGUST	
Tue	Guitar Group with Mr Afiq	
	Jazz Band with Mr Tim & Mr Steve	
Wed	Flute Group with Miss Yem Voon	
	Senior Choir (Acapella/ accompanied singing, 3/4 part singing) with Mr Steve & Mr Tim & Miss Audrey	
	Guitar Groups with Mr Hafiz	
	Clarinet Group for ALL Learners with Miss Kit	
Thu	Senior String Group (Violins, Cellos) with Mr Mervin	
Fri	String Orchestra with Mr Steve & Mr Mervin	

# Rock Concert 2015 - Thursday 25th June - 7pm in the Theatre

Preparations are well underway for the Music Department's end of year celebrations at the Rock Concert. More details nearer the time and tickets will be on sale in a couple of weeks time - buy them early as this concert always sells out.

More information nearer the time but put the date in your diary now!

#### Why Study Music?

The Benefits of Music Education



#### **Dates For Your Diaries**

Wed 10 Jun	ROCKY MONSTER SHOW Y7 Whole Class Musica 7pm in the Theatre Class TBC
Wed 17 Jun	YE-HA! Y7 Whole Class Musical 7pm in the Theatre Class TBC
Wed 24	ABRSM
Jun	Music Practical Exam @ Nexus
Thu 25	Rock Concert
Jun	7pm in the Theatre