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Myanmar Learners at Nexus

Every Thursday we welcome in a group of Myanmar learners. They participate in lessons, join the Nexus Community CCA and enjoy our sports facilities at the end of the school day.



Nexus Community, along with the entire school, are now raising funds and buying Christmas presents for these children. Each class will buy presents for one or two Myanmar learners. We would also like to invite everyone involved in the school community to donate extra to go towards the presents.

There is a donation box in the office. Any amount, no matter how small (or large!) will be very welcome.



CCA Notice

I am pleased to notify you that we will be opening our term two CCA portal for registration on Tuesday 2nd December at 9:00am the portal will remain open until January 6th 2015

The link for the portal is as follows:

<https://go.nexus.edu.my/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=CCA&-loadframes>

Select the link named CCA T2 2014/15 from the menu

Your user details will be emailed to you shortly. **Please do not attempt to access the system early as the system will not allow you to make a registration.** Please ensure you check all your email addresses for the details

Any issues please contact cca.enquiry@nexus.edu.my for assistance.

PE NOTICE

This week saw Tenby host the first of the competitive inter-school swim galas. It was a great event attended and the following swimmers each won bronze in their respective races.



Well done to all the learners who took part.

For those of you who are interested in being a part of competitive swim team, Miss Grace and Miss Gemma will be holding swim session in the pool every morning from 7.45am to 8.30am. Everyone is welcome, so please come along.

The boys U18 basketball team continued their 100% record this season with a win over MKIS 50-40. After last weeks victory over ISKL in overtime the boys really should be proud of their achievements so far and have great confidence heading into their return match against MKIS next week.

Saturday	29th	November	
KLISS Secondary Swim Gala at ISP (transport leaves Nexus at 3.15pm)			
ISAC	U19	Rugby	at Nexus
Monday	1st	December	
U15 Boys Basketball at MKIS (transport leaves Nexus at 3.15pm)			
U15 Girls Basketball at MKIS			
Tuesday	2nd	December	
U13 Boys Basketball at MKIS (transport leaves Nexus at 3.15pm)			
Wednesday	3rd	December	
U11 Boys Football at Nexus Vs Epsom (transport leaves Nexus at 3.15pm)			
U11 Girls Football at Nexus Vs Epsom			
U13 Boys Football at Nexus Vs Epsom			
U13 Girls Football at Nexus Vs Epsom			
Friday	5th	December	
ISAC Primary Swim Gala at KCLASS, Equine Park (transport leaves Nexus at 6.45am)			
Saturday	6th	December	
ISAC Secondary Swim Gala at KCLASS, Equine Park (transport leaves Nexus at 6.45am)			
Sunday	7th	December	
ISAC	U19	Rugby	at Nexus
Monday	8th	December	
U18 Boys Basketball at MKIS (Transport leaves Nexus at 3.10pm)			
U15 Girls Basketball at MKIS			
Saturday	13th	December	
U13 Boys Basketball at ISKL (Transport leaves Nexus at 6.15am)			
U13 Girls Basketball at ISKL			
U15 Girls Basketball at ISKL (Transport leaves Nexus at 10.15am)			

Book Covering **BLITZ**



When: Wed 3 Dec

Anytime from 8.35 am to 3.10 pm

Where: Library @ Level 2

REVISION TIPS FOR PARENTS AND LEARNERS

1. PLAN YOUR REVISION

- It's very important to take a structured approach to exam revision.
- Learners who don't plan their revision often end up spending most of their time covering areas they already know well.
- A proper revision plan will help you focus revision on the subject areas you really need to cover.
- When creating your revision plan, work backwards from the date of your first exam.
- Plan to revise for a minimum of ten weeks.
- Allocate more time to tricky topics and areas you don't know well but NEVER sacrifice one subject to concentrate on others.
- Be realistic when creating a timetable. You can't spend every minute revising – build in time for breaks and other commitments too. Remember revision will only work if you are realistic.
- Stick your revision timetable up somewhere and tell your family about it so they can help you focus on sticking to your plan.

2. CREATE THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT

When you revise at home, follow these revision tips to build surroundings that will help you revise effectively:

- Try and set aside an area that's just for revision. Avoid your bedroom if possible – you want to create a space you associate only with revision.
- Make sure your desk is lit well (with natural

light, if possible) and in a quiet spot, away from distractions like the TV.

- Most people revise most effectively in a quiet environment. However, at certain times playing music may motivate and inspire you. Research suggests that classical music is best but it doesn't have to be, however your music should not have lyrics.
- Find a spot where it's easy to avoid distractions. Turn your phone off, move away from the TV and shut down your internet connection.
- Most of your exams are written so hand writing your revision notes is not an issue.
- Have everything to hand before starting. That means pens, pencils, paper, textbooks, exam papers – anything you need to revise.
- Tell your family when you are revising so that they leave you alone to get on with your revision.

3. THINK ABOUT YOUR TECHNIQUE

Without the right revision technique, your meticulously-planned revision schedule and revision materials will be useless. These revision tips will help you make productive use of every minute of your revision time:

- Simply reading textbooks and notes is not enough for effective revision. You need to be active, making notes and diagrams.
- Short chunks of revision work best for most people. For instance, revise for 30 minutes, then take a ten-minute break.
- Use past papers, textbooks and syllabuses to work out what you should be revising. You don't want to concentrate on the wrong right areas.
- Use a whole variety of materials: notes, textbooks, online resources – and create mind maps, diagrams and posters.
- You can also try revision cards with the

question on one side and the answer on the other – this is where you could get your family to test you!

- Past papers are a really valuable way to test your knowledge.
- When you start a past paper try doing the questions initially without notes, then where you are not sure of an answer write this in a different colour pen (this will show you what you need to concentrate on for further revision).
- When you work through questions, make sure you have the mark scheme too.
- If you are not sure if you have got it right ask your teachers for help. Remember to take your completed question and the mark scheme with you and then they can see where you are struggling.
- Set aside time to think as well as read and write. It's important to switch environments for this. Maybe go to a cafe, a park or for a walk.
- Go over material more than once, but leave a day or two in between. This will help reinforce knowledge and fix it in your mind.

4. DON'T OVERDO YOUR REVISION

- Push yourself too far and you'll burn out, get tired or simply become less-effective. It's important to think about your mind, your body and when you perform best.
- Take frequent breaks. Ten minutes off every 30 – 40 minutes is a good balance for most people. Remember that it should only be 10 minutes.
- Stay hydrated and don't get too hungry. Keep a glass of water on hand, along with healthy snacks like fruit and nuts.
- Remember your friends and family. Spending time with them will keep you stimulated and stop you going 'stir crazy'!
- There are lots of other places online to get revision tips and advice.

- If things aren't going quite to plan, don't panic – just re-evaluate what you can cover in the remaining time, and focus on what you can achieve.
- Within school there are a lot of people who are happy to help out; your teachers and tutor should be the first people to ask for help from.
- If the stress is becoming too much then talk to people don't keep it inside remember we are all here to help.



One of the performances
in NGT2014-15

Primary

Year 4 Trip to FRIM

On Wednesday year 4 went to FRIM on a school trip, it was great fun and we all learnt a lot! The learners looked at recognising the differences between living and non-living things. They also learnt that living things can be classified into groups and this can be shown in a scientific diagram.

Here is Zhara's diary of the trip to tell you all about it!

After a long bus journey we finally arrived at FRIM!

Sarah and I collected acorns to crack open on the way to the canopy walk. It was a very long way to the canopy walk, I was a bit afraid I'd fall off! It was a long, tiring walk, but eventually we got there. Etienne went first, after that

Joshua, then me. I was scared, but I also loved it. Once we all got to the end, it started raining heavily. In the end, we had no choice but to go in the rain. It was an exciting, challenging but awesome journey on the way down. When we reached the bottom, everyone was really tired. We all got changed, and got on the bus back to school. Boy, that was an amazing day! We really were true explorers!





Young Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15

On Wednesday morning this week the Young Nexus' Got Talent competition took place in the theatre. The audience was treated to a fabulous morning's entertainment with acts including singers, dancers, pianists, violinists, a trumpeter, joke tellers and even magicians. These events are a great opportunity for our young learners to gain experience and build self confidence whilst performing in front of others.

Congratulations to everyone concerned.



Secondary

Exam Information IGCSE and IB Diploma

1. All learners in Years 11 & 13 should have received an Examinations Handbook for Learners, Parents and Guardians from Form Tutors. It contains all the do's and don'ts for exams as well as the exam timetables for the May/June external exams.

If learners haven't received a copy, learners can get one from their form tutor as soon as possible.

They can also download a copy from the school website. Go to **Learning > IB Diploma Programme > Downloads > Examination Handbook** (It is the same for both IGCSE & IB).

2. Learners taking IGCSE examinations in May should have received a statement of entry from their form teacher, as well as a letter explaining what needs to be done. The personal details need to be checked by parents. Any errors should be clearly corrected and then the sheet should be signed as correct, again by the parent or guardian. If there are mistakes to be corrected, return the statement of entry and the slip at the bottom of the letter. If there are no errors, just return the slip.

They should be returned to Mr Mark via Admin reception by Friday, 5th December. The entry details are identical for AQA and Cambridge. AQA entries have yet to open.



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.

Year 10 Parent Teacher Conference

The Year 10 PTC will be held in the MPR on Wednesday 10 December from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Please make an appointment via our online sign-up system this is the link to the Sign up: <https://sites.google.com/a/nexus.edu.my/nexus-parent-portal/home-1/sites/y10-ptc/>

Please make a 5-minute appointment with each subject teacher as soon as possible.



CAS Reflection by Howard Tung Hou Choo

In the last few months, progress has unfortunately been slow as the school where I coach at has been having holidays and cancelling CCAs due to exams occupying the hall. This will continue until next year as the school will be on holiday.

However, in those sessions available, trainings have been successful. There are now more players participating in the CCA and so trainings are pretty hectic and busy. Although there is a wide range of abilities in the players, I coach a variety of them as the coaches rotate responsibilities throughout the training. I have noticed relatively good improvements in the players as they now cope with the trainings better and are performing better at matchplay trainings. Nonetheless, there are still lots of room for improvement in terms of their skills and fitness. Therefore, I will make some changes to up the intensity and push these players further.

Hopefully, after the holiday and exam season is over, trainings will be back and full swing so that the players can make better progress.



Top in Country for IGCSE International Mathematics

The school would like to congratulate **Jerrell Ong Zhe Heng** on receiving a certificate from CIE for achieving Top in Malaysia for his IGCSE International Mathematics examination, which he took in June. This is a fantastic achievement and we congratulate Jerrell and his teachers.

Music News

Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15 THE WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the performers who took part in Nexus' Got Talent 2014. You all did yourselves and Nexus proud with your excellent performances and the hard work that went into practising them. It is not easy to perform on stage but you all held it together and did a fantastic job!

A HUGE congratulations to the Primary Winners: **Aidil, Ihsan, Nashveen, Aqeel, Xuen, Azuan** who performed "Demons" by Imagine Dragons and to the Secondary Winners: **Jonathan and Nicholas Chin** who performed a wonderful guitar duet "Depapepe One" by Sungha Jung

A big Thank You to everyone who helped make this show possible with special thanks to Fadlih or awesome compere and Ayman our wonderful backstage crew.

The video will be available to watch this week.

Young Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15

On Wednesday we has the little people's show and there were over 30 wonderful acts - Well done to all of the little learners who took part and performed so well.





Nexus' Got Talent 2014-15

For more photos, please visit our

Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nexus-International-School-PutraJaya/110246532328654>

or

Photo Galleries page on Nexus Website at <http://www.nexus.edu.my/News-Events/Gallery.aspx>





Why Study Music?

Music Education and the Brain

A very interesting Video, well worth 5 minutes of your time! <http://vimeo.com/101367905>

Dates For Your Diaries

Wed 10 Dec	Production, 'East Side Story'
Thu 11 Dec	Production, 'East Side Story'
Tue 10 Feb	Instrumental Parents' Evening 3.30- 5pm
Thu 12 Mar	Spring Concert

Boarder Blog

Igudesman and Joo's concert

Some people think that orchestral music is only reserved for the uppercrust and the sophisticated however after watching Igudesman and Joo's concert on a Friday evening some people may see classical music in a much more different light. On Friday, the 21st of November, 6 boarders including myself travelled down to the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra to catch the famous YouTube duo, Igudesman and Joo in their concert "BIG Nightmare Music" As we were ushered into the grand hall, we didn't really know what to expect, some of us assuming that it would be a night of classical music. However, we were soon proven wrong as the minute the duo stepped out, the audience's laughter rung time and time again through the hall as the duo blended jokes, props and silly antics brilliantly alongside the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra.

The night continued with a set of well known and loved songs that ranged from classical gems such as Mozart and Beethoven, cherished oldies such as "I Will Survive" and "Moon River" as well as famous movie soundtracks such as the various James Bond themes. Even the orchestra added to the duo's hilarity by joining in with various antics such as dancing, singing and even crying along during a rendition of "All By Myself"! Overall, I think this has been the most interesting and the most hilarious recital I've been to thus far and I'm eager to see what I Igudesman and Joo have in store the next time they drop by Kuala Lumpur!

Wi Kiat Year 13

