

2024 / 2025 Newsletter



Celebrating our TOK exhibition

Message from the Head of School

This is a busy term with our external tests and end of year assessments as we lead into completing reports on progress for all learners. We conducted the GL Assessment tests for English and Mathematics for all learners from Year 2 to Year 11. This year we continued to build on our fantastic results with 15 learners placing within the top 10% of all test takers globally in Mathematics and 11 learners within the top 10% of global test takers in English. Well done! These learners will be celebrated in upcoming assemblies and as part of our end of year event.

This week we also celebrated our Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition with Year 12. The TOK Exhibition is a showcase of thought-provoking ideas, where students explore how knowledge shapes our world. Through curated artifacts and insightful reflections, our class was able to bring abstract concepts to life, challenging perspectives and sparking meaningful discussions.













Preschool/K1: Recycling



In our Unit of Inquiry 'How we organise ourselves', K1 learners are exploring the role of recycling workers and how they help our community. We are learning that recycling helps keep our environment clean and are beginning to take responsibility by sorting rubbish and using recycling bins.

Year 1: Polution and the environment

In their Unit of Inquiry, Year 1 have been learning about pollution and the effects it has on the environment. In this lesson, the learners were focusing on water pollution and the negative impact plastic has on ocean life. The class were exposed to a video of a turtle having a plastic straw removed from its nostril. They then sculpted their own turtle out of clay before painting it.





Year 3: Moulding meaning. Year 3 explores beliefs through clay.





After exploring symbols from different belief systems around the world, Year 3 students designed their own personal symbols to represent something they believe in or value. Using clay, they brought their designs to life as they carefully shaped and sculpted their unique ideas into meaningful creations. This hands-on activity helped them express identity, belief and creativity in a tangible way.











Year 5 : Looking ahead to Year 6







Year 5 students are busy preparing for Year 6 and the PYP Exhibition by working on their research and presentation skills. Learners are reading and presenting about a religious celebration of their choice.

Senior School: Synchronised swimming

Year 7/8 students had their first experience with synchronised swimming in PE class and impressed everyone with a well-coordinated group display. The activity encouraged teamwork and international mindedness as students explored a sport with global appeal. It was also a refreshing and creative change of pace from their usual swimming routine, which the class thoroughly enjoyed.



Welcoming a special guest for performing arts



We were excited to have Ms. Natalia Portillo, an experienced and knowledgeable Drama IGCSE and Theatre IBDP teacher and subject lead from <u>UWC Waterford Kamhlaba</u> visit our school to support some of our Senior School students with their End of Year performance projects. With her friendly guidance and helpful tips, Ms. Portillo worked with the students on their ongoing work, helping them feel more confident and adding a bit of fun to the process. Her visit inspired our students to create performances that will bring a shine to our end of year event.











CAS field trip to Udon Thani hospital



As part of their CAS project, Year 12 (DP1) students Natasha and Michelle organised a meaningful initiative to support Udon Thani Hospital by donating essential medical supplies such as bandages, rubbing alcohol, cotton pads, and other necessary items. To raise funds for the donation, they baked and sold cakes at school and within their home communities. This project not only contributed to the hospital's efforts in providing quality healthcare to those in need but also allowed them to develop key ATL skills, including collaboration, social, research, communication, and mindfulness. From planning and fundraising to organising the delivery, Natasha and Michelle demonstrated compassion, responsibility, and a strong commitment to community service. Their efforts reflect a genuine desire to make a positive impact on the lives of others and to support healthcare professionals in their vital work.

Learning more about Ms. Liza our JS EAL Coordinator







Meet Ms Liza, our wonderful EAL Coordinator! She has been teaching our students for the past six years and delights in helping them grow in confidence and develop their English language skills. Outside of the classroom, Ms Liza enjoys reading great books and watching animated movies. She also loves swimming and taking long walks at the beach.

This summer, she is looking forward to bringing her knowledge, energy and creativity to our Summer Camp for Years 1–4! She is excited to help students build their communication, thinking and social skills while creating fun–filled memories along the way.











Thai @UDIS : Language and religion



In our Year 5 Thai class, we have been learning about 'Language and Religion of Me and My Friends.' We explored how to say 'welcome' in different languages and studied important symbols from various religions. Now, we are learning about the traditions, rituals, and beliefs of different faiths.

June summer school



Upcoming events

16 May TOK Exhibition
26 May PYP to MYP Transition parent
cafe for Year 6 with Ms. Diana
2 June Personal Project parent cafe
for Year 10 with Ms. Diana
3 June Queen Suthida's Birthday
6 June UDIS swimming gala
10 June EOY conference day
13 June End of Term 3

16-27 June K1-2 and Y1-4 Summer School 25 July Term 1 invoices due date

13 August Start of Term 1 2025/2026 19 December End of Term 1 13 January, 2026 Start of Term 2







