

# CHARTER NEWS

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*"Teachers employ a range of differentiated activities that enable learners of all ages and abilities to access learning."*

*"教师们采用了一系列学习差异化的活动，使不同年龄段和不同能力水平的学习者都能参与到学习中。"*

*"คุณครูมีการใช้กิจกรรมการเรียนรู้ที่หลากหลายและแตกต่างกันไป เพื่อให้ผู้เรียนในทุกช่วงวัยและทุกระดับความสามารถสามารถเข้าถึงการเรียนรู้ได้อย่างเท่าเทียม"*

CIS/WASC May '23



# MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTOR

A new year and new beginnings! Although I don't really make new year resolutions, this is definitely a time for new beginnings.

Firstly, one that we have already begun work on and that I am very excited to announce!

Over the coming weeks we will add solar panels to the rooves of some of our buildings, which will massively reduce our carbon footprint. Once installed these will produce 300.24 kWp. Reducing our CO2 emissions by approximately 169,039.48 kg per year, the equivalent of planting about 230 trees.

Secondly, at the end of last term, I asked for your opinions on ideas for

the branding of our sports teams. The clear winner was Phoenix. So, from now on our sports teams will be reborn as the Charter Phoenix! Expect to see fiery phoenix's coming soon!

As I write we have three sets of students jetting off to Kuala Lumpur to represent the school at FOBISIA events.

We have two bands who have qualified for their finals in the Battle of the Bands and another group who will be showcasing their mathematical abilities. We have a further group who will be competing in the national robotics championship on Saturday.

I would like to thank all the staff who give up their spare time to make such events possible. The range of activities our students compete in, to the highest level is staggering.

Other notable events coming up this month include our Open Days, so if you have friends who be interested in their children having that kind of amazing opportunity, then encourage them to talk to our Admissions team about signing up for one of our three Open Days for a chance to see the school in action.

As always, you are welcome to contact me with any questions you may have. We can either meet in person or drop me a line at [nelrick@charter.ac.th](mailto:nelrick@charter.ac.th).



**'The community was welcoming and the education is great. '**

Love (Class of '22), Graduated at Queen Mary University of London, BSc Business Management



# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



## Messages from Head of Primary

Welcome back to a wintry start to the new year! The children have returned full of enthusiasm, refreshed, and as eager as ever to engage in their learning. This half term promises to be an exciting one, with many new IPC themes to explore such as 'Treasure Islands' in Year 1 and 'Time and Place, Earth and Space' in Year 4.

Though short, this half term is packed with activity as we prepare to send home Term 1 reports. Thank you to those who attended our recent coffee morning—it was wonderful to see so many of you!

For those who couldn't make it, we're pleased to announce that it will be repeated on Monday, 27th January.

This year's Primary reports are in a new format, so we encourage you to attend or look out for my shared presentation and email, which will explain everything ahead of the report release on 31st January.

Wishing you a wonderful term ahead, and we look forward to inviting you into school soon.

Mrs. Julie Kelly  
Head of Primary  
jkelly@charter.ac.th

## COMING UP...

### • Jan 21st

Coffee Morning - Positive Behaviour Management (For Primary)  
8.10am *in the Lily Theatre*

### • Jan 23rd

Coffee Morning - An introduction to the Secondary School  
8.10am *in the Lily Theatre*

### • Jan 27th

Coffee Morning - Term 1 Report  
(This is a repeat of the previous coffee morning.)  
8.10am *in the Lily Theatre*

### • Jan 28th

Chinese New Year Celebrations  
9.00am *in the Lily Theatre*



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## RECEPTION - T

In RT, we've been diving into our new topic: the beach! The children explored rock pools and discovered the fascinating creatures that live in them. We shared our favorite beach activities and got creative in the tuff spot with sand play, building sandcastles and using different shaped molds. Teamwork shone as the children collaborated to create sand mountains and volcanoes. They also designed boats and experimented with floating and sinking. Art activities brought the beach to life as they explored sand-textured paint and designed their own colorful surfboards. It's been a fantastic start to our seaside adventure!



## THAI AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TFL)



As we begin Term 2, Year 2 students will explore the topic of greetings and asking "How are you?" in Thai. Students will learn how to greet formally and informally, respond to common questions, and use polite words such as "สวัสดี (sà-wàt-dee)" and "สบายดีไหม (sà-bai dee mái?).". Through interactive activities like role-plays, they will practice their listening and speaking skills, building confidence in everyday communication.

## YEAR 3G

Class 3G embarked on an incredible journey back in time as they kicked off their new IPC topic, Footprints from the Past. To set the stage for an unforgettable learning experience, the classroom was transformed into a paleontology hub, and the children eagerly dressed the part, donning hats, and utility belts to become budding paleontologists for the day.

The adventure began in the Early Years sandpit, which had been cleverly transformed into a dinosaur excavation site. Armed with hammers and brushes, the young explorers set to work with great anticipation. The task at hand was to uncover hidden dinosaur fossils, and the atmosphere buzzed with excitement as the children carefully sifted through the sand.

With meticulous care, they brushed away layers of sand to reveal what appeared to be enormous dinosaur bones. Their faces lit up as they pieced together fragments of fossils, imagining the creatures that once roamed the Earth. The hands-on experience not only sparked curiosity but also laid the foundation for the fascinating learning journey ahead.



## YEAR 5

Year 5 launched their exciting new IPC unit, Bake It, with a delicious bread-tasting activity that combined science, food technology, and cultural exploration. Pupils sampled a variety of breads from around the world, including baguettes, ciabatta, naan, and sourdough, analysing their appearance, aroma, flavour, and texture. This engaging experience highlighted the diversity of bread-making traditions and encouraged curiosity about how bread reflects different cultures and climates.

Working in small groups, pupils compared their observations, shared opinions, and debated the best uses for each bread, such as toast or sandwiches. They recorded their findings using tally charts and graphs, sparking enthusiasm and questions such as, "What makes bread rise?" and "Why are breads different textures and colours?"

This activity not only excited pupils for the learning ahead but also emphasised the importance of understanding global food traditions. Over the coming weeks, Year 5 will explore the science of cooking and become bread experts!





## YEAR 6 THAI AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TFL)

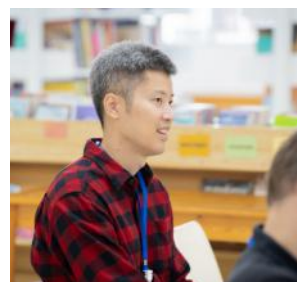


In Year 6 TFL, students are exploring the exciting topic of hobbies and interests. They began by sharing their favorite hobbies, practicing speaking skills while learning about their classmates. The class then discovered popular hobbies and interests from around the world, comparing cultural differences and similarities. Finally, students proudly shared information about hobbies and activities unique to their own country, fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.



## COFFEE MORNING EARLY YEARS - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR STRATEGIES

This week, Miss Jade and Mr. Jim hosted a successful Positive Behaviour Management Coffee Morning for EYFS parents. The event provided a warm and welcoming space for parents to explore effective strategies for fostering positive behaviour at home. Over coffee and light refreshments, parents gained practical tips to support their child's social and emotional growth while sharing insights and experiences with one another. Miss Jade and Mr. Jim emphasised the importance of consistency, encouragement, and communication in building a strong foundation for our youngest learners.





# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



## Messages from the Head of Secondary

Let me wish all of our students, parents and staff a warm welcome back to school and I hope everyone had a restful and joyful Christmas break. As we begin this new term, I am delighted to share some of the exciting developments and events that have already taken place.

The first two weeks of term have been a focused time for our Year 11 to 13 students, who have been undertaking their mock exams. These rigorous assessments are an essential step in preparing for the summer exams and help our students to refine their study strategies and build confidence. I commend them for their dedication and effort during this challenging period.

Alongside academics, our Term 2 extracurricular activities are now fully

underway, offering a broad range of opportunities for students to explore their passions, develop new skills, and connect with peers. Whether through sporting, creative or academic clubs, we encourage every student to make the most of these enriching experiences.

Looking ahead, Term 1 reports will be published on the 31st of January, providing a comprehensive overview of student progress and areas for development. Please take some time to review these reports and discuss them with your child to help set goals for the months ahead.

This weekend, we are thrilled to have students representing Charter in three prestigious competitions. In Kuala Lumpur, our bands will showcase their talent in the FOBISIA Battle of the Bands, having given us an incredible send-off

performance during Wednesday's assembly. Also in Kuala Lumpur, our Secondary Maths team will put their problem-solving skills to the test in the FOBISIA Secondary Maths Competition. Closer to home, our VEX IQ Robotics teams are set to compete in Nontaburi, demonstrating their creativity and engineering expertise. We wish all our competitors the very best and look forward to hearing about their achievements!

I am confident this term will be filled with even more accomplishments, challenges, and growth for all of our students. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to celebrating the successes of this term with our vibrant Charter community.

Warm wishes,  
Mr Adam Plant  
Head of Secondary

## TEACHER FEATURE

This edition's teacher to be featured is Mr. Common who teaches English and Drama in Secondary School.



**Mr. David Common**  
English and Drama

Charter is a lovely school to work in. Even after 7+ years here, I still feel happy when I park up each morning and ascend the Himalayan stairs of the Languages Building. I enjoy teaching both English and Drama; added to that, for the past three years I've been fortunate to start each day with the best and happiest Homeroom in the school (okay, maybe I'm biased!). When I left university and took a summer school job in the UK many moons ago, I never imagined that I'd then teach in Mexico, become a university teacher in the UK then Thailand and then revert back to school teaching again. But that is the joy of life - the new and unexpected, and in this school I've been involved in so many activities beyond the classroom - directing and staging many plays and musicals, taking students on numerous trips, helping out with sports and, of course, dressing up... Although I've been in Thailand almost two decades now, I still see every day as another stage of a journey and continue to find new adventures here, especially with my camera, in the jungle. It matters little how long you've been at a place; what's important is that you see each sunrise through fresh eyes and always embrace each day and opportunity. At Charter I still feel I can do that.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: STUDENTS SHINE IN THE BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

On the 11th of November, 11 students (1 missing from the photo) from Years 11 to 13 participated in the prestigious British Physics Olympiad (BPhO). The challenging competition tested their advanced problem-solving skills through a rigorous 2-hour 40-minute exam. Congratulations to all our participants for their hard work and determination, with a special shoutout to our Bronze Award winners!



## FOBISIA SECONDARY MATHS COMPETITION KUALA LUMPUR

Four talented students from Year 7 and Year 8 have travelled on an exciting journey to Kuala Lumpur, this weekend to represent Charter at the FOBISIA Secondary Maths Competition. This event brings together students from leading schools from all across Asia, making it a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their skills and teamwork on an international stage. Best of luck to our talented mathematicians—make us proud Ansh, Nicha, Juni and Serena!





# FOBISIA BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION

This weekend our two representatives for the FOBISIA Battle of the Bands competition, 7-Beat and Dream Waves, fly off to represent Charter in Kuala Lumpur. Both bands had their final practice performance in the Secondary Assembly in front of students and parents and sounded amazing. A lot of hard work and practice has gone into shaping these bands and we wish them all the very best for their performance at the competition!



## COFFEE MORNING - UK UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCESS

Secondary parents join on Wednesday this week for a coffee morning where we explored the UK university application process. Some were just starting to think about university others are already in their application journey, this informal session provided helpful insights on key steps—from choosing the right course and university to writing their personal statement, and understanding entry requirements. It was a great opportunity to ask questions, gain clarity, and connect with other families navigating the same path.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



## FERNGY

On January 12, 2025, Ferngy competed in the Thailand Junior World Tour at the Watermill Golf Club (Course #1), securing an impressive 4th Runner-Up position out of 12 participants. In this competition, Ferngy showcased her perseverance, balancing rigorous Year 10 Term 2 academics with her dedication to golf practice. Despite a challenging start in the first 9 holes, she demonstrated a true fighter's spirit, recovering with pars and birdies in the final 9 holes. Her preparation involved careful planning to avoid conflicts between training and exam schedules. At Charter, her IGCSE PE curriculum includes regular fitness sessions, supplemented by daily morning swimming at school. These efforts have significantly contributed to maintaining her physical fitness and overall performance. Congratulations to Ferngy for her determination and outstanding achievement!

