

CHARTER NEWS

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Ror Dor begins for our older Thai boys

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'我们对学生福祉的承诺还体现在建立完善、全面的儿童安全保障体系上。'

[Our] 'commitment to well-being is also evidenced by the establishment of a thorough and comprehensive child safeguarding system'

CIS/WASC May '23



MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTOR

There is a real buzz around the school at the moment! Students have settled into their new routines and are making some excellent progress. ECAs are now in full swing with students turning their hands to a whole range of amazing things, for example, sport, art, music, cookery, drama, robotics, the list really does go on and on. In class, in the Primary school, many of your children will have been involved in the entry point for their new units of learning. These are a great chance for students to become really enthused about what they are about to learn.

We have also launched our much expanded Coffee Morning programme for parents. Last week we spoke to Secondary parents about university guidance and how our students gain entry into some of the best universities here and around the world. Over the next few weeks topics will include Health & Well-being, check-ins for different year groups, and explanations on how the IPC and English are taught in the Primary school. Please do come along to these and ask any questions you have. Another initiative this year is to further develop our Alumni network. If you have friends or

relatives that used to be students at the school, please do encourage them to get in touch. We love to hear where they are, their successes, what they are doing and, of course, their memories of their time at Charter.

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.

Neil Elrick
Director



'I experienced a significant period of personal growth and self-discovery at Charter. It served as a catalyst for broadening my perspectives and shaping how I see the world'

Stella (class of '17), now studying for a PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Hong Kong



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome from the Head of Primary

The last 2 weeks have been full of fun and focus. I have really enjoyed spending time with the children at breaktimes and have noticed how important friendship and physical activity is to many. The levels of energy on the climbing frame, basketball court, football field and even the bicycles is immense.

But what really stands out is the kindness and compassion they show each other in times of need.

This week we have launched into our new themes of learning. There have been rainforest explorers wandering the walkways and chocolate scientists investigating unusual tastes and smells!

Watch this space to find out more about the amazing IPC learning happening in our classrooms.

Julie Kelly
Head of Primary

COMING UP...

- Sep 24th

Coffee Morning:

Meet the New Head of Primary (repeated)

8:10am Lily Theatre

- Oct 1st

Coffee Morning:

Learning and Assessment in the I.P.C

8:10am Lily Theatre

- Oct 1st

Coffee Morning

Teaching Phonics in Early Years

8.10am Lily Theatre

- Oct 8th and 9th

Primary Parent Teacher Conferences

Stars of the Week

Over the last 2 weeks we have been focusing of the SLOs (Schoolwide Learner Outcomes):

- Responsible Citizens
- Critical Thinkers

Congratulations to our Primary Stars of the Week who impressed their teachers with these goals.



STAR OF THE WEEK
6TH SEPTEMBER 2024



STAR OF THE WEEK
13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



COLOURFUL LEARNING 1K

During the past few weeks, our little learners have been exploring their new world of the Primary School.

In Maths, we have been learning how to sort, count, compare and represent objects and numbers in various ways. We used our spacious playground to collect different objects to help us to understand.

The outdoor learning continued in our English lessons where we practised writing sentences using a special colour code to help us understand the different types of words.



VANISHING RAINFORESTS IN Y3T

Our IPC Entry Point began this week with the children dressed up as rainforest explorers. They eagerly shared their home learning activities, such as the cameras and binoculars they had made using recycled materials.

Working effectively as a team, they built their own classroom rainforest with a variety of leaves attached to vines and hung across the classroom. This was followed by research into the different animals found in the Amazon Rainforest. Carefully, the students drew pictures of their animals and included them in their rainforest.

But... the following day, the beautiful rainforest had been destroyed! Parts of it were burning, other areas were flooded and some trees had even been chopped down!

This was all part of the children developing an understanding of deforestation.

MINDFULNESS MATTERS - YEAR 6

Year 6 have just completed their IPC topic 'Brainwaves'. The students have learned how to use metacognition strategies to support them in their learning. For their Exit Point, they created their very own mindfulness session to share with the younger children. They designed mindful spaces in a calm and peaceful atmosphere with a variety of activities promoting the importance of mindfulness. As the younger children came and enjoyed the session, the older students adapted the activities to meet the needs of the different year groups. We hope everyone learned some mindfulness strategies that they can use independently to keep them focused and calm during their learning.



EARLY WRITING SKILLS

In RT, we've been busy developing our fine motor skills through fun sensory activities like playing with shaving foam and molding playdough! This is helping us develop a firm pencil grip so we can form the letters in our names accurately.



We've also started discovering our Set 2 phonics sounds with the accompanying actions and we are beginning to match objects to their initial sounds. Finally, we have loved getting creative with crafts to represent the letters we've learned so far!

INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS BEGIN!



The primary inter-house competitions have officially begun, with Year 6 being the first to take the field in their football contest.

Lanta, Samet, and Phuket went head-to-head in a fierce battle, showcasing strong effort and determination. However, it was Phuket who emerged victorious, claiming the first inter-house competition win of the year.



We look forward to more exciting inter-house games as the year continues.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



AINA YEAR 3

We're thrilled to announce that Aina, one of our talented Y3 students, made a splash at the recent RBAC by HOSA Swimming Championships #3-4, held on June 8th and 9th, 2024. Competing against the best young swimmers in Thailand, Aina showcased her incredible skills across multiple events, including the 50m kick freestyle, 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, and 50m butterfly.

Her outstanding performance earned her 2nd place overall in the competitive 7-year-old category! This remarkable achievement was recognized with a medal and a special trophy - an honor bestowed upon only the top 6 athletes in each age group. We're so proud of you, Aina!



EMPIRE YEAR 4

Congratulations to Empire in 4W who recently took part in the Asian Science and Mathematics Olympiad for Primary and Secondary schools and received an 'honorable mention' for his work.

The dedication and commitment that Empire puts into his Mathematics learning is really impressive and has helped him to achieve such notable academic success.

Well done Empire!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



DEEPROM YEAR 4

Congratulations to our talented student, D prom, for securing 3rd place in the Micro Rookie category at the Rotex MaX Challenge Thailand×Asia Trophy 2024!

The event took place on August 31st - September 1st at the Bira Circuit Pattaya. D prom's outstanding performance contributed valuable points to their annual cumulative score.

We're incredibly proud of D prom's dedication and skill on the track. Keep racing towards success!





SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome from the Head of Secondary

Dear Students, Parents, and Carers,

It has been a vibrant and purposeful start to Term 1 here in Secondary, with a strong sense of community, enthusiasm, and a commitment to learning that is already evident throughout the school. A particular highlight has been the incredible assembly performances by our talented and award winning young musicians—Kim (Y8), Nont (Y9), Kant (Y8), and Melody (Y8). We are immensely proud of them for sharing their gifts with the school community.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming residential week, taking place from the 4th to the 8th of November.

This week offers students the opportunity for personal growth and development through a variety of activities designed to challenge and foster a deeper understanding of the world around them. Please keep an eye out for the letters coming home with details about each trip, and don't forget that deposits can be returned to the finance department. We encourage you to attend the information meetings to gain further insight into these enriching experiences.

Our coffee mornings have also provided a fantastic forum for meaningful conversations about our students' futures. In addition to fostering connections among parents and staff, these sessions have been invaluable in sparking progressive discussions about pathways to university and careers.

We are focusing on equipping our students with the tools and guidance they need to make informed decisions about their futures. Your input and engagement in these conversations are helping us shape a bright future for every student.

Thank you to all the parents who have participated so far—your enthusiasm and involvement reinforce the strong partnership between school and home that is so crucial for student success. We look forward to parents joining us for more events in the future as we continue building this momentum together.

Warm regards,

Mr Adam Plant
Head of Secondary

TEACHER FEATURE



Mr Moxey
Geography
Humanities Department

This edition's teacher to be featured is Mr Moxey who joins us from the UK to teach Geography.

This is my second time being lucky enough to get to live, explore and celebrate Thailand and Thai culture. I've just spent a year teaching in Romania, in South East Europe, and before that I was teaching in London's East End. I've also worked and lived in China and Spain. I'm a country boy and have been exploring landscapes on motorbikes since I was 14 years old and I also love travelling by train. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to teach the students at Charter. There's no plan(et) B, so having an understanding of how and where we live is so important for the future generations of leaders and decision makers. I'm looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know you all.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



PARENTS - CHARTER NEEDS YOU!

We are delighted to invite parents and the Charter community to get involved in two of our Extra Curricular programs:

SECONDARY PRODUCTION:

The stage is calling! The music department is looking for expertise in:

Set Design and Construction
Costume Creation and Coordination
Prop Gathering and Construction

Your involvement in these aspects of the production would be much appreciated and will help make this musical truly unforgettable for secondary students.

In addition, we are also offering the opportunity to any parents who would like to be the sponsor of this year's secondary production. See Mr Lim for details.



ENTERPRISE - JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Our enterprise teams are looking for support in:

Consultancy and Guidance - volunteers who have the expertise and knowledge to mentor a team

Manufacturing and Production - connections with firms with the facilities to make the teams ideas a reality

COMING UP...

• Sep 18th - Wednesday

Y11-13 Residential Info:

Details on the upcoming trips for Y11-13 in residential week
3:15pm *Sec Library*

• Sep 19th - Thursday

Coffee Morning :

Health and wellbeing provision and guidance in Secondary
8:10am *Sec Library*

• Sep 25th - Wednesday

Coffee Morning:

KS3 Check In
8:10am *Sec Library*

If this applies to you, get in touch with:
aplant@charter.ac.th



WHAT'S HAPPENING...



COFFEE MORNING: UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE WORKS AT CHARTER

Last Tuesday saw the first of a series of coffee mornings on Charter's university preparedness programme. The general overview covered what students need to do to get into the most selective of universities, as well as how we guide them to make the best choices on course choices, the universities they want to apply to and how to write amazing applications.

Future events will look at Applying for Medical courses, Applying to the UK universities, Engineering and Applying to Thai universities. Also look out for information on the university fairs that we will be attending.



CHARGED UP YEAR 11 PHYSICS

Our IGCSE Physicists sparked off the year with an electrifying start, exploring static charges using the Van de Graaff generator. Their hands-on experiments brought plenty of hair-raising fun, setting the stage for an exciting but high-voltage term ahead with the intensity building as exams edge closer.



COFFEE MORNING : Y7 PARENTS CHECK IN

At our recent Year 7 Parent Coffee Morning, we explored the pathways available to students as they progress through Secondary School, from Key Stage 3 (KS3) to A Levels and university preparation. We discussed how our curriculum, alongside enriching ECAs and robust well-being support through programs like Komodo, helps students develop both academically and personally. Parents also learned about Unifrog, our university preparation platform, which ensures students are well-equipped for their future studies and careers. It was a valuable opportunity to connect and outline the exciting journey ahead for our students at Charter.



COFFEE MORNING : IGCSE AND A LEVEL STRUCTURE AND PREPARATION

At our third Parent Coffee Morning, we focused on the structure and preparation for IGCSE and A Level courses. Parents were given an overview of how these key academic stages support students' pathways to university and future careers. We highlighted the use of Unifrog for university guidance and the integration of careers-focused Project-Based Learning (PBL) lessons, which help students explore different career paths and prepare for their futures. It was a great opportunity to share insights and engage with parents on their child's academic journey.



PIANO RECITAL AND MASTERCLASSES BY MR JAMES KIRBY



On Thursday, 12th September, Charter was honoured to host internationally acclaimed pianist James Kirby for a truly memorable piano recital and masterclass! As our very first visiting artist this academic year, Mr. Kirby captivated the audience with his expressive performances, showcasing both technical mastery and emotional depth as well as sharing his musical and career journey with our students and staff.

During the masterclasses, students had the unique opportunity to work directly and closely with Mr. Kirby, gaining invaluable insights into technique, interpretation, and the art of piano performance. It was an inspiring day filled with exceptional learning opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Kirby, for sharing your talent and passion with our secondary community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



CHARTER STUDENTS AT RORDOR

Recently, our Year 11 to 13 students participated in RORDOR, the Thai military training program designed to build discipline, leadership, and resilience. Through a series of physical and mental challenges, students gained valuable skills such as teamwork, responsibility, and self-discipline. This unique experience complements their academic journey, fostering personal growth.



MELODY CELEBRATES IN STYLE

In this week's assembly, we were treated to a stunning performance by Melody in Year 8, who sang Astonishing from Little Women to celebrate her recent success at the Gold Star International Music Competition in Kuala Lumpur. Her powerful and expressive performance captivated the audience and highlighted the incredible talent within our student body. Every Wednesday assembly features a musical performance to showcase and celebrate our students' diverse talents, and Melody's achievement is a shining example of their dedication and passion for the arts.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



OUR STAR GOLFER, TINTIN!

Congratulations to our star golfer, TinTin!

TinTin has secured a coveted spot in the Junior World Golf Championship 2024 Qualifying round, emerging as one of only 20 players selected from across Thailand.

But that's not all! TinTin's exceptional skills have also earned him a place in the prestigious Thailand Amateur Open 2024, competing for the Royal Trophy of King Rama VII.

We're incredibly proud of TinTin's achievements and can't wait to see him represent our school on these grand stages.

