



SEVEN SKIES INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL Newsletter

September 2024



Welcome Back

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful school holiday. We also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. Our teachers and staff are so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and we look forward to working with you and your children.

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Principal's Message

**Mr Djohann Iskandar
Kwan Abdullah**



Assalamu'alaikum waramahtullahi wabarakatuh.
May the peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be with you.

Dear Seven Skies Families,

"And that there is not for man except that [good] for which he strives. And that his effort is going to be seen – Then he will be recompensed for it with the fullest recompense." An-Najm (5:35-41)

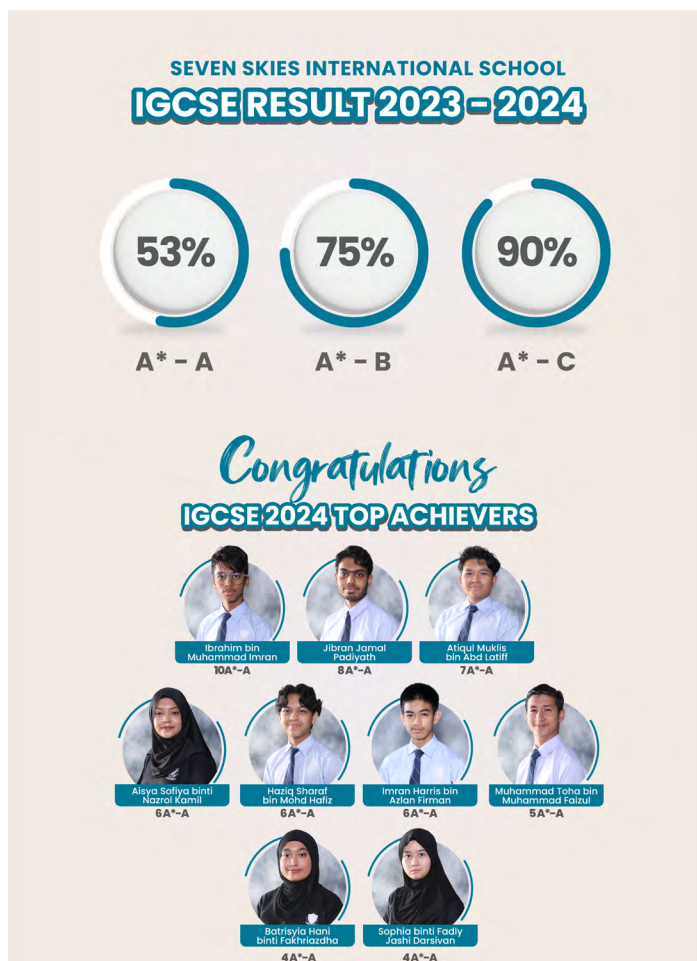
Welcome to Academic Year 2024/2025!

Greetings from Seven Skies International School, where the quiet halls are bursting back to life! It is hard to believe that the 2023/2024 school year has already flown by. It feels like just yesterday we were waving goodbye to our students in July, wishing them happy holidays. Now, we are welcoming them back to embark on another thrilling journey together!

As we dive into this brand-new academic year, I am incredibly excited to share the inspiration behind our school motto this academic year: *"Soar Higher, Reach Further!"* This motto perfectly captures our dedication to pushing the boundaries of growth and excellence—academically, personally, and as a community.

It is a bold invitation for every member of the Seven Skies family to aim for new heights and make an even greater impact beyond the classroom. Together, we are poised to achieve extraordinary milestones as we step confidently into our second decade!

At this point, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to our 2023/2024 Grade 11 students for their encouraging 2024 IGCSE results. 90% of grades fell within the A* to C range, 75% achieved A* to B grades, and 53% attained A* to A grades. A heartfelt congratulations to these exceptional students for their remarkable achievements:



These results not only underscore our unwavering dedication to upholding academic excellence but also reinforce the collaborative ethos that defines our institution. As we revel in this milestone, we eagerly anticipate the promising futures that lie ahead for our 2024/2025 Grade 11 students, futures they are undoubtedly poised to shape with distinction.

Sports and physical well-being have always been integral parts of our school ethos. Each year, we witness an increasing number of students actively participating and excelling in various sports, reflecting our growing commitment to physical education and sports. Our football, netball, badminton and athlete teams' admirable performances in the district competitions is a testament to this progress.

We are beyond ecstatic to witness Muhammad Huzaifah Bin Muhammad Faizul, from Grade 10 Al- Furqan, selected as a district player for the Petaling Utama U15 football team last July! This incredible achievement is not just a testament to Huzaifah's dedication, hard work, and talent on the field but also a proud moment for our entire school community. Huzaifah's selection places him among the elite athletes in the district, showcasing his outstanding skills and unwavering commitment to excellence.



As he dons the district colours, representing both his team and Seven Skies International School, we are filled with immense pride and excitement. This remarkable milestone is a shining example of what our students can achieve with passion, determination, and the support of their families, peers and the school community. We hope Huzaifah's success will inspire many more students to pursue their dreams in sports and strive for excellence in every endeavour!

Our students' determination, teamwork, and resilience are truly praiseworthy, serving as a beacon of inspiration for all of us to push our boundaries further. Let us continue to encourage and support our students as they strive for even greater achievements in sports, building on this positive momentum year after year.

Building upon the foundations of our achievements, we are excited to unveil our plans for this academic year to make learning more holistic and this year even more rewarding. With these initiatives, Seven Skies International School is poised to continue its journey of excellence and innovation, preparing our students to become the leaders and change-makers of tomorrow.

Job Promotion

With a new academic year, comes inevitable changes too. There will be a change in the leadership team of both the Islamic Studies and Character Development departments. Both Ustadh Ahmad Kamaldeen Adebisi and Ms Rameesa Sherfudeen will be taking on new roles within the school.

Moving forward, Ustadh Ahmad will be spearheading the Alim Path programme amongst a few others while Ms Rameesa, who is currently pursuing her Masters in Psychology, will be in-charge of the Safeguarding & Well-Being Department.

We are proud to announce the promotion of Mr **Ahmad Razif Bin Amin Nordin** as **Head of Character Development Department**, starting 1 September 2024. Mr Razif, who joined the school in 2021, has advanced through progressively and played very significant key roles in the area of character building of students. Mr Razif thus brings a wealth of experience to be able to lead the Character Development Department successfully.

Ustadh Toni Arianto, or more known as Ustadh Fathoni, an experienced Islamic Studies educator from Indonesia, is pursuing a PhD in Islamic Education. As the new **Head of the Islamic Department**, he aims to integrate Islamic values across the curriculum, promoting both academic excellence and moral development. He plans to implement a dynamic curriculum with interactive learning and character education, fostering empathy and resilience in students.

Mr Ahmad Razif will be ably supported by **Ms Nur Rashidah Kok Abdullah** as the **Deputy Head** and **Ms Fatin Munirah Binti Azmi**, **Senior CD Coordinator**, while Ustadh Fathoni will be supported by **Ustadh Aroos Bajurdeen**, **Deputy Head (Secondary School)** and **Usthadha Nurul Ashiqin Binti Sazali**, **Deputy Head (Primary School)**.

Last but not least, we are delighted to also announce the promotion of Ms **Nurul Aimi Amirah Binti Zulkefli** as **Head of Early Years**. Ms. Aimi brings 12 years of international teaching experience with a strong focus on early childhood education. She is dedicated to fostering a nurturing and engaging environment for our youngest learners, and will be key to further enhancing our EYFS programme.

We are very excited about these new promotions and roles at the school, and we are very sure they will make the school even better. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating everyone on his/her appointments.



Mr Ahmad Razif Bin Amin Nordin
Head of Character Development



Ms Nur Rashidah Kok Abdullah
Deputy Head of Character Development



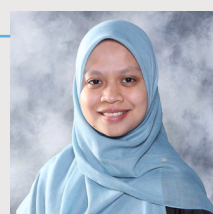
Ms Fatin Munirah Binti Azmi
Senior Character Development Coordinator



Ustadh Fathoni Arianto
Head of Islamic Department



Ustadh Aroos Bajurdeen
Deputy Head (Secondary School)



Usthadha Nurul Ashiqin Binti Sazali
Deputy Head (Primary School)



Ms Nurul Aimi Amirah Binti Zulkefli
Head of Early Years



Enhanced Curriculum

To further enhance our curriculum, we plan to introduce a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) programme that integrates these disciplines into cohesive learning experiences. We will implement project-based learning modules where students can work on real-world problems, such as designing eco-friendly solutions for local community challenges.



Community Initiatives

We plan to introduce service-learning projects that integrate community service with classroom instruction. We will also endeavour to establish partnerships with local NGOs and community organisations to provide students with opportunities to volunteer and make a tangible impact.



Fostering Well-being

We will expand our well-being initiatives by introducing mindfulness and stress management workshops and weekly mindfulness sessions, led by the Safeguarding & Well-Being Department, to help students manage stress and maintain mental health.

Additionally, we will initiate a peer mentoring programme where trained student mentors provide support and guidance to their peers, fostering a supportive and nurturing school environment.

By expanding these plans, we aim to create a holistic educational experience that not only emphasises academic excellence but also promotes personal growth, creativity, and social responsibility. We are committed to providing our students with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive in all aspects of their lives.



More Collaboration, Exploration and Interaction

We will initiate collaborations with external organisations and professionals across various fields to engage students in interdisciplinary projects. These projects will not only enhance creativity and critical thinking but also provide real-world experiences as students work alongside experts in both the arts and sciences.

Exciting New Student Recognition Awards Starting 2024!

We believe in celebrating the achievements and growth of our students in diverse areas. We are therefore thrilled to introduce three prestigious awards that recognise excellence in academic achievement, character development, and Islamic studies. These awards honour the legacy of distinguished figures in Islamic history, inspiring our students to strive for greatness in their own lives.

Ibn Sina Award

Ibn Sina, or Avicenna, was a pioneering polymath whose contributions to medicine, philosophy, and science were ground breaking. His works, particularly "The Canon of Medicine" remained influential for centuries, symbolising the pursuit of academic excellence.

This award will honour a student who has achieved outstanding academic performance across all academic subjects.

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq Award

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq (RA), the closest companion and the first caliph after the Prophet (PBUH), exemplified strong faith, humility, and leadership. His character and dedication to Islam make him an ideal figure for an award focused on character development.

This award will recognise a student who embodies these values in their daily life and interactions.

Imam Al-Bukhari Award

Imam Al-Bukhari is renowned for his compilation of Hadith, "Sahih al-Bukhari," which is one of the most authentic collections of Hadith in Islam. His meticulous scholarship and contributions to Islamic studies make him a fitting namesake for this award.

This award will be presented to a student who demonstrates exceptional understanding and dedication to Islamic studies.

We are excited to see our students aspire to achieve these prestigious awards and look forward to celebrating their successes at the end of the academic year. Let's all keep encouraging our children to strive for excellence in their studies, character, and understanding of our rich Islamic heritage!

Meanwhile, our dynamic office team is also bustling with energy, welcoming new families, securing essential materials, and ensuring all student records are up-to-date. And let's not forget our diligent custodians, who continue to transform the school into a spotless haven, ready to inspire greatness. The excitement is palpable as we gear up for an unforgettable journey of growth and discovery!

As we embark on this new academic year, let us approach every challenge with the same determination that brought us to where we are now. Let us foster an environment where learning, growth, and camaraderie thrive.

To our returning students, you are the torch-bearers of our legacy. We welcome you back with open hearts. To our new students, welcome to the Seven Skies family. You bring with you fresh perspectives and dreams. To our parents, thank you for your unwavering support. Your trust is the wind beneath our wings.

And to our teachers and staff, your dedication fuels the success of our students, and we are deeply grateful for your contributions. Your dedication is the compass that guides us forward.

All signs are already pointing to an extraordinary and exhilarating school year ahead! Our dedicated and visionary Academic, Character Development and Islamic Departments have meticulously crafted innovative plans to ignite a year of positive exploration and a love for learning in our students.

The journey ahead holds immense promise, and as we walk this path together, let us be guided by our past achievements and driven by the aspiration for excellence. Together, we will continue to raise the bar of excellence in education and all aspects of school life. We will journey to become an even more 'forward-thinking school' and making excellence a habit.

We eagerly await to welcome everyone back on campus for an exciting year of learning ahead. Here's to another year of exploration, discovery, accomplishments, boundless growth, unwavering resilience, and collective triumphs. Let's *"Soar Higher, Reach Further"* together this academic year. Insha Allah.

To all fellow Malaysians, a Happy Belated 67th Merdeka. ***"Malaysia MADANI: Jiwa Merdeka"***. Continue to be kind to one another.

If you have any questions regarding school policies, programmes, events and/or activities, please feel free to contact the respective department heads or me.

You will also find this document via the:

- School Website: <http://sevenskies.edu.my/>
- School Portal: <https://sevenskiesportal.edu.my/>

Jazakumullahu khayran.

With genuine excitement and enthusiasm,

Djohann Iskandar Kwan Abdullah

Principal

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Access Made Easier

A landing page that brings together all the applications we currently use at Seven Skies has been created. It can be accessed via this link: <https://apps.sevenskiesportal.edu.my/>

This page is designed to provide a more convenient and streamlined way for students, parents, and teachers to access the various platforms we offer. The applications which are currently available include:

- **Alma**
- **School Portal**
- **Reading Eggs**
- **Mathletics**
- **IGCSE Exam Registration**
- **Qur'an Competition Registration**

The following applications will be announced as and when they are ready to be used:

- **Pick-Up System**
- **ECA Registration**
- **Transit Registration System**

School Portal

The School Portal is the school's main and beneficial source of communication between parents and the school. Parents get to review more holistic information on their child's education in Seven Skies i.e., timetable, attendance and the school reports.

As it is a one-stop information centre, all of the information that we send out via email are found on the portal too, as we aim to ensure the information reaches everyone. Newsletters and announcements are uploaded onto this portal. We will continue to mass mail notices and post them on your children's official school Telegram channels too.

Parents can locate their children's official progress term reports on this portal too. It is, therefore, extremely vital that parents access the School Portal regularly to get up-to-date information.

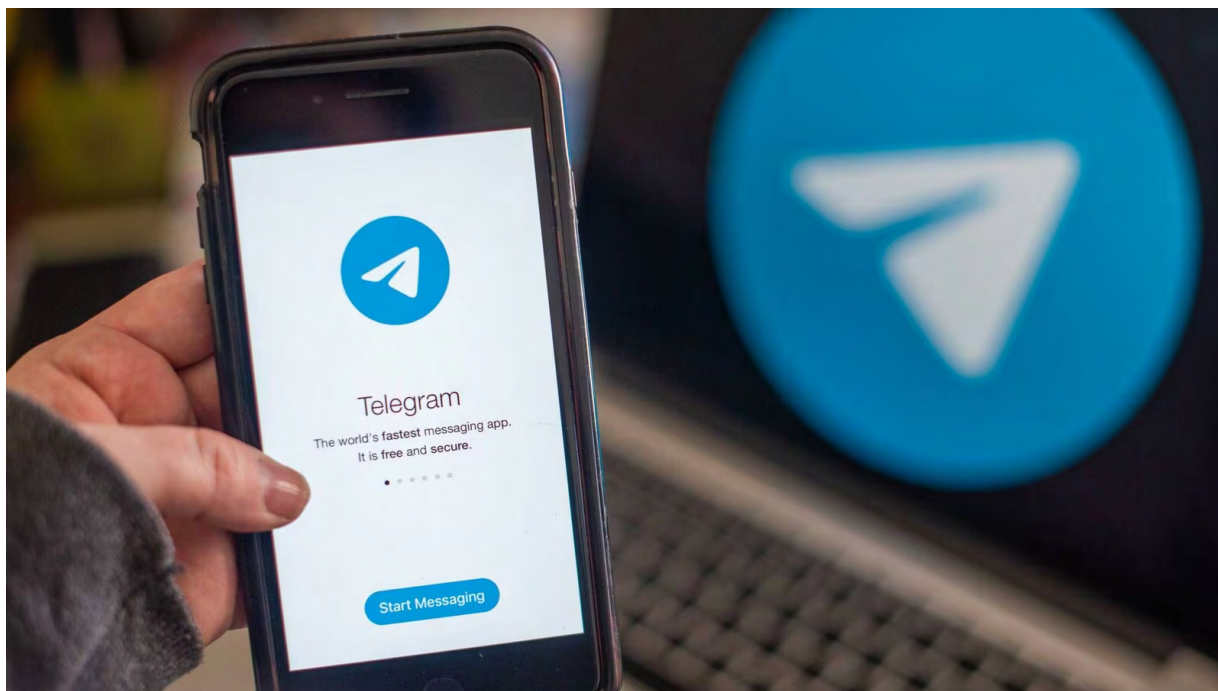
All parents, especially the new ones, are to take note of the following:

- Parents will be able to access the Parent Portal through the school website using their child(ren)'s login details.
- Parents can change their portal login ID to their preferred ID, using a valid e-mail address provided to the school.
- Please direct all enquiries to **admin@sevenskies.edu.my** should you face any technical issues.

We hope that you find the school portal user-friendly and informative. The 2024/2025 academic calendar is also on the portal. It is important to refer to the updated school calendar here. It is refreshed as and when we receive instructions or information from MOE.

Main Communication Channel– Telegram

SSIS uses Telegram for broadcasting news feed and updates to parents for immediate alerts and updates. One Telegram account is created and dedicated for each class, and managed by the school. **Relevant information and announcements will be shared via these Telegram accounts.**



To join a child's class Telegram account, a parent is required to email the **Admin Department** (admin@sevenskies.edu.my) and copy the **Admissions Department** (admissions@sevenskies.edu.my) the following information:

- **Telegram handle**
- **User-name and**
- **Contact number.**

Please rest assured that these channels will be on anonymous mode to help admins keep everyone safe from unnecessary updates, comments and personal attacks. Parents also need not worry as all profiles will be hidden and only the admins can send direct messages. The school will also ensure there will be no spam or unnecessary messages.

School Hours



Monday – Friday

Kindergarten : 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Grade 1 – 11 : 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

All students are required to reach school 15 minutes before the start of each instructional day. They are to attend fifteen-minute contact time slots with their respective class and/or assistant teachers. These slots will be used to develop bonds with the students, set high expectations and enforce classroom rules.

Activities include conducting attendance registration, disseminating important information for the day and building rapport. This makes the classroom become a place where every student feels wanted, appreciated and loved. This type of atmosphere eventually builds sustaining self-confidence for the students too.

School Assemblies

Please take note that attendance to weekly school assemblies is compulsory. Scheduled into the school timetable, they are conducted on **Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.**

We understand that students are probably feeling a little anxious, especially the new and younger ones. Therefore, we will be having a special one-hour **‘Welcome Back’** Assembly for all students on **Monday, 2 September** to help all students ease back into school for the new academic year.

There will also be opportunities to ask questions at the session and be given specific guidelines and feedback to ease their transition. Students can refer to their own class teachers for further clarification on school matters too. Please be strongly advised that any absences will directly affect a student’s school leaving certificate.



Curbing Tardiness

Thank you all for making sure your child attends school every day and is here on time.

Remember that contact time, which is held from 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., is part of the school's instructional day, and it is a student's responsibility to be present for the whole school day.

If a student is tardy to school, he/she is missing contact time, a time when important announcements are made, information is disseminated and advisory connections are established.

Late children must check in their attendance at the main administrative office upon arrival. It is an indication that the child is present to school but late for class. Personnel from the admin office will record this onto the online registration platform.

The subject teachers will then pick this up when they do their period-to-period attendance. All lateness will also be reflected in the child's "Session Attendance" in the school portal.

1st Tardy	Verbal Advice
2nd Tardy	Verbal & Email Advice
3rd Tardy	Meet up with parents, appropriate demerit points given & special counselling session with both Heads of Discipline and Character Development

A first reminder will be sent by the Discipline Department to notify parents if tardiness happens three times in a calendar month. Parents of latecomers will receive a second email if tardiness continues.

The school will then schedule a meeting with the parent of the student if punctuality to school is still of concern, despite the first two reminders. At that time, the school will determine whether all of the tardiness is excusable or if detention should be assigned.

A student will also unfortunately be given demerit points for the third tardy case in a calendar month.

This policy will continue to serve as a guideline on how the school assigns demerit points, and after-school classes. **To avoid tardiness, drop your children off latest by 7:45 a.m. on school days.**

Contact Mr Ahmad Kamaldeen at ahmad.kamaldeen@sevenskies.edu.my should you have any queries.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's punctuality and attendance to school.

School Uniform & Sportswear

Every student should have the correct school wear for his/her return to school, on 2 September 2024.

In view of that, kindly ensure that all items of uniform and sportswear purchased are consistent with all school requirements.

- All students should be in full school uniform, every Monday and Friday.
- Students must wear **black socks and appropriate school shoes, preferably black canvas shoes.**
- All students should be correctly attired in either P.E. or house t-shirts and plain navy blue/black track bottoms for P.E. and ECA activities.
- **Track bottoms should preferably not have stripes, patterns or logos on them. Tights and leggings are not allowed for P.E. and CCA.**
- The Seven Skies varsity jacket is the official school jacket and should be worn. Alternatively, a plain black jacket is also allowed.



Not Allowed



Allowed



Catered Meal Plans

KBR Group Sdn Bhd is catering breakfast and lunch meals that are nutritionally balanced for our students. A proud supporter and provider of healthy foods for a few private and international schools, they are committed to providing quality, variety and freshness in the menus and aim to provide a balanced, nutritious and flavourful experience for our students.



This plan is open to all students from the kindergarten, primary and secondary schools and will come into effect when school commences on Monday, 2 September 2024. It will run on an eight-week cycle until the end of each school term. Food selection will automatically revert to the Week 1 menu after the eighth week.

Therefore, parents are required to fill in the correct registration form by selecting the preferred meal before the start of each term.

Please take note that à la carte meals will not be available for purchase.

The appointed caterer will try his best to stick to the chosen meal plan. Nevertheless, please be advised that your child's menu will depend on the availability of raw ingredients, and will be updated as and when necessary.



For further information, please contact the person in-charge below:

Chef Nagesh

010-367 7901

mpsevenskies@gmail.com

Mondays to Fridays, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Traffic Route

Smoother Pick-ups & Drop-offs

The increasing number of vehicles entering the school grounds has become a significant concern, directly correlating with our growing student population. With hundreds of students moving throughout the campus, it is absolutely critical that we prioritize their safety above all else.

Therefore, it is imperative that every member of our school community strictly adheres to the school traffic policy. Disregarding these guidelines not only undermines our collective responsibility but also puts the lives of our children at serious risk. We must all commit to ensuring that our school remains a safe environment for everyone.

SSIS hopes that parents are united with the school in implementing them to prevent any untoward incident. This will require full understanding and compliance to the security policies/measures the school is implementing.

Please arrange a suitable time to drop off your child, latest by 7:45 a.m. in time for your child's daily contact time. Pick-ups are to be done between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

SSIS practises the "Drive Through Only" policy to help reduce traffic congestion. Kindly observe all school traffic rules and the instructions given by the security personnel whilst on school compound.

In an effort to improve the efficiency of traffic management, the school implements a Dashboard Card System as shown below. Picture 1 shows a Dashboard Card with just a student's name whilst Picture 2 shows the names of two students (siblings) to be picked up.



Picture 1



Picture 2

All parents, guardians and drivers, who are either dropping off or picking up a student, must display the card on the dashboard of their vehicles, prior to entering the school compound.

Your due diligence in following the directions of the school guards will assist in improving the school's traffic flow. It is our hope that this will speed up pick-up times.

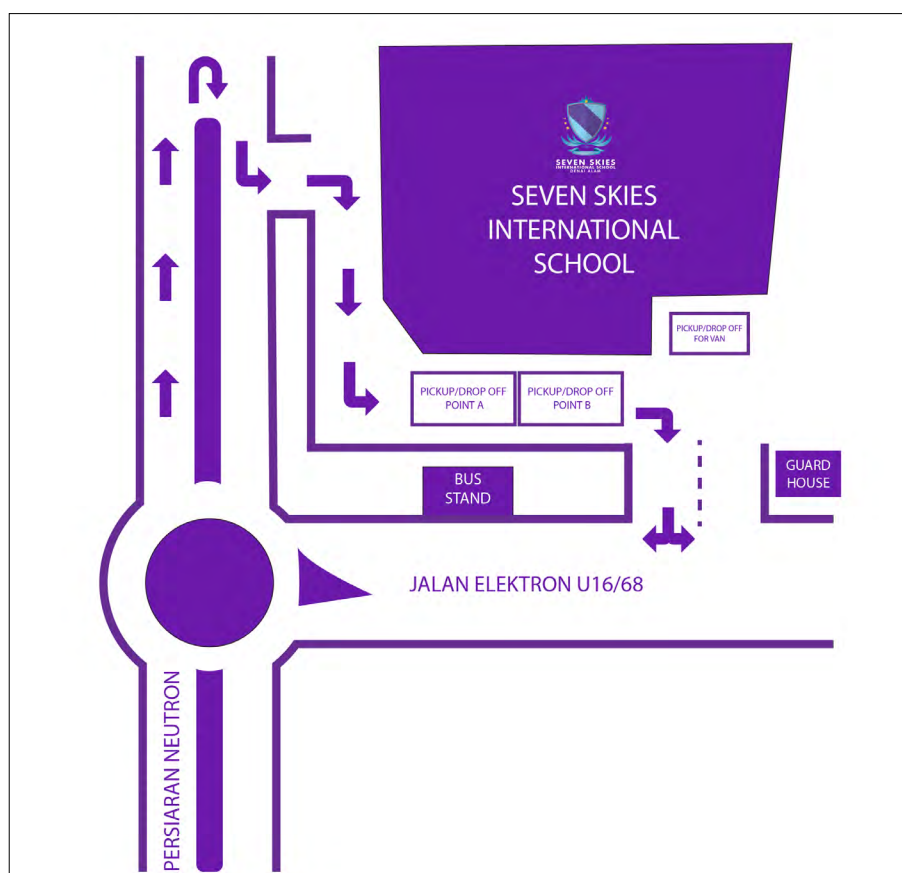
Please help us reduce congestion too by saying your goodbyes to your child/ren at home and/or in the car on the way to school.

The map depicted on the right is a simple summary of the traffic flow for pick-ups and drop-offs. Our security team and teachers will be on duty to quicken the pick-up process.

We would appreciate your cooperation should they ask you to move your vehicle. Please avoid drama. They are just performing the duties discharged to them.

To lower the risk of any untoward incidents, parents are not allowed to be in school during school hours and pick-up times. Only those on official matters are allowed to come into the school. Parents are to conclude the necessary tasks at the main administrative office and quickly leave.

Your child must be constantly reminded of his/her own responsibility on safety too. Please follow the rules and procedures to keep everyone safe! I truly appreciate your support with this. Thank you!



New SSIS Family Members

Each year brings positive changes including new additions to our staff force. We are therefore delighted to welcome

- **Ms Nur Farhana Binti Ahmad Sopian**, our new primary school Science teacher, and
- **Ms Maslizawati Binti Mali**, our new Art & Design teacher.

Ms Nur Farhana and Ms Maslizawati bring a solid skill set and a gentle, sensitive approach to meeting children's needs. We are happy to note that all three teachers have some experience in teaching and has taught in other institutions prior to joining us.



Academic Department

by Mr Ala' Sharif
Mohammad Maali



Welcome Back to A New Academic Year!

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Dear Esteemed SSI Family,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the 2024-2025 academic year at Seven Skies Islamic International School! I hope your break was restful and rejuvenating. We are excited to reconnect with our returning families and extend a warm welcome to those joining our SSI community for the first time.

To our new parents, thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and development. Your trust is our greatest motivation, and we are committed to creating a nurturing and inspiring environment for your children. I look forward to meeting you personally as we embark on this academic journey together, Insh'Allah.

Celebrating Excellence

SSI's Remarkable IGCSE Results 2023-2024

We are thrilled to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students in the IGCSE exams for the 2023-2024 academic year. Congratulations to our remarkable students! Your achievements highlight our commitment to academic excellence and the collaborative spirit that defines SSI. We eagerly anticipate the bright futures you are set to create.



Navigating the Year Ahead

Timetables, Calendars, and Assessments

At SSI, we are dedicated to providing an enriching learning experience. Our school schedules are designed to offer a broad range of subjects, ensuring our students are well-prepared for a successful and meaningful life while staying true to our Islamic principles.

You will receive a digital copy of your child's timetable on **August 28th, 2024**. A hard copy will be provided on the first day of school, **September 2nd, 2024**.

Download our school calendars to stay organised. They highlight key events and activities throughout the year:

[Kindergarten School Calendar](#)

[Primary and Secondary School Calendar](#)

Baseline Assessments

Setting the Stage for Success

Baseline assessments are vital for understanding each student's starting point and setting personalised learning goals. These assessments are not high-stakes exams but tools to help teachers tailor learning plans to each student's needs.



Key Points

- **Purpose:** To create personalised learning plans based on students' strengths and areas for improvement.
- **Subjects:** The assessment covers all subjects and aligns with the school's report cards.
- **Timeline:** Tests will occur in the first week of Term 1, with results uploaded into the Alma system.
- **Results and Feedback:** Performance will be categorised and feedback will be provided during the first Parent-Teacher Meeting on September 28, 2024.

This assessment is crucial for guiding students' academic journeys and ensuring their success through targeted support.

We are excited to invite you to our first **Parent-Teacher Meeting** of the year on **Saturday, September 28th, 2024**.

This meeting is a key opportunity to strengthen the partnership between the school and parents. We will discuss your child's progress, set academic targets, and identify areas where additional support may be needed. Your participation is essential for creating a supportive and effective learning environment. We look forward to seeing you there!

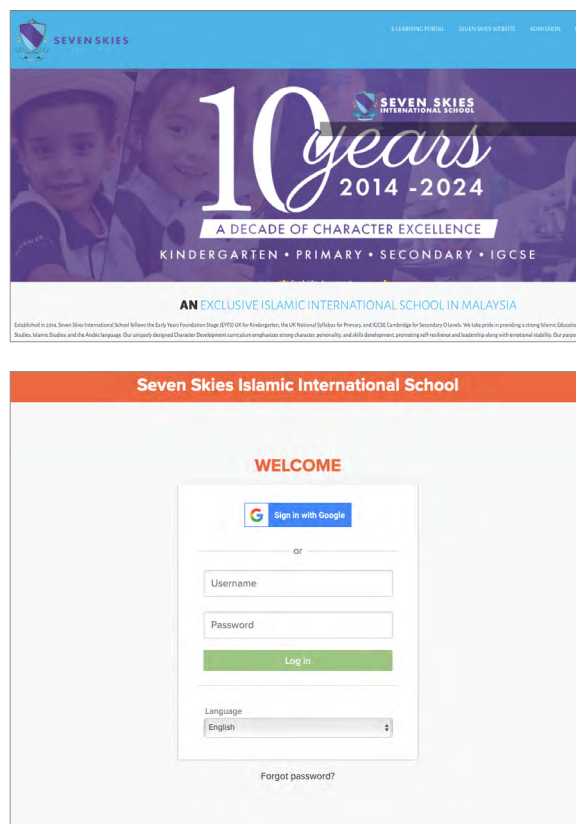
Nurturing Holistic Growth

School Portal and Alma

To enhance the quality of teaching and learning, we offer access to the school portal and the Alma platform. These tools are invaluable for staying updated on learning materials, attendance, grades, and report cards.

- School Portal: Access updated learning materials and curriculum overviews [here: \[Seven Skies Islamic International School Portal\]](#)
- Alma Platform: Stay informed about your child's daily attendance, grades and Report Cards. Ensure your account is active by visiting [Alma School Management System]. For assistance, contact us at admin@sevenskies.edu.my.

Please place your orders before the start of the academic year in September. For assistance, contact us or the book supplier at (+6012-5537202)



I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the journey ahead. Together, as a united SSI family, we will foster an environment of growth, learning and success for our students. Your support, collaboration and dedication are invaluable as we work towards achieving our shared goals. Thank you for being an integral part of the SSI community. Here's to a year of achievement, discovery, and joy! Bismillah!

Alaa Maali

Head of Academic Department
Seven Skies International School

Islamic Studies Department

**by Ustadh
Ahmad Fathoni**



Dear Esteemed Parents,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

On behalf of the Islamic Department at Seven Skies International, I extend a warm welcome to you and your child as we approach the new academic year. We are excited to begin this educational journey with your child and are dedicated to supporting their development throughout the year.

The Islamic Department is pivotal in supporting the comprehensive development of our students. While academic achievement is crucial, we equally emphasise the importance of cultivating strong character traits and values for their overall growth and future success as responsible and empathetic individuals. Our well-rounded Islamic curriculum is crafted to promote personal growth, resilience, and emotional well-being.

Our programme features five key components, each aimed at developing well-rounded individuals:

This element introduces students to influential historical and contemporary Islamic figures who have made significant contributions to society. Learning about these heroes inspires students to emulate their qualities and strive for greatness.

**100 Heroes
of Islam**

This program offers an in-depth study of the Qur'an, including its interpretation and relevance to contemporary life. It helps students relate Qur'anic teachings to their daily experiences and challenges.

**Around the
Quran**

**Qur'an
Recitation and
Memorisation**

**Five key
components**

This component focuses on accurate Qur'an recitation and memorising essential surahs. It aims to deepen students' understanding of the Qur'anic text and its practical application in daily life, fostering spiritual growth and a connection with divine teachings.

Arabic

We provide Arabic language instruction to help students read, comprehend, and communicate in Arabic. This foundational skill supports their understanding of Islamic texts and broadens their cultural and linguistic knowledge.

**Islamic
Studies**

This subject delves into the fundamental teachings of Islam, including the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), core principles of faith, and Islamic history. It aims to enhance students' knowledge of their faith and encourage them to live by Islamic values.

Additionally, we are pleased to present a range of workshops and events designed to enhance our students' learning and community involvement:

1

Wudu and Solat Workshop

A hands-on workshop on the proper practices of Wudu (ablution) and Solat (prayer), essential aspects of Islamic daily life.

2

IGCSE Islamiyat Workshop

A focused workshop to prepare students for the IGCSE Islamiyat exam, offering insights and strategies on key topics and exam preparation.

3

Language Week – Arabic

A special week dedicated to celebrating the Arabic language and culture through various engaging activities, including language games, storytelling, and cultural presentations.

4

Internal Qur'an Competition

An event where students can demonstrate their Quranic recitation and memorization skills in a supportive, competitive setting.

5

Inter-School Qur'an Competition

A broader competition involving multiple schools to promote excellence in Quranic studies and foster a sense of community among students.

6

Ramadhan Workshop

An interactive session exploring the significance of Ramadan, its rituals, and its effects on spiritual growth and community service.

7

100 Heroes of Islam Exhibition

An exhibition showcasing the lives and achievements of notable Muslim figures, aimed at inspiring and educating students about their legacy.

8

Seerah Competition

A competition focusing on the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), encouraging students to study and present key aspects of his Seerah (biography).

9

Haya (Modesty)

The Haya program highlights the importance of modesty in behaviour and dress, in line with Islamic teachings. It aims to promote self-respect, dignity, and strong ethical values.

Our Islamic program at Seven Skies International goes beyond traditional classroom teaching, aiming to build a robust foundation of character and moral values, preparing students for future challenges and success.

We are eager to work with your child and anticipate a productive and enriching academic year. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need further information.

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*Head of Islamic Department
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Character Development

Department

**by Ahmad Razif
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Dear Respected Parents,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

On behalf of the Character Development (CD) Department, I warmly welcome you and your child to the upcoming academic year! We are excited to be a part of your child's educational journey and look forward to getting to know them and supporting their growth.

The Character Development Department is essential in fostering the holistic growth of our students. While academic success is important, developing strong character traits and values is equally crucial for their overall development and future success as responsible and compassionate individuals. Our thoughtfully designed Character Development curriculum emphasises building strong character, personal growth, and skill development, while also promoting self-resilience, leadership, and emotional stability.

As one of the core pillars of Seven Skies International, Character Development is a comprehensive program that goes beyond the traditional classroom experience to build a solid foundation of character and moral values. This multifaceted program encompasses five key elements, each designed to nurture and develop well-rounded individuals:

- **Social Theme Program (STP)**
- **Personal, Social, Health, and Economic Education (PSHE)**
- **Bootcamps**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA)**

Character Development Programme

5 Key Elements



1. Social Theme Programme (STP)

The Social Theme Programme (STP), a distinctive element of our school's curriculum, is designed to nurture and enhance students' emotional intelligence. Through this program, students develop essential skills such as knowledge, communication, and social awareness, enabling them to build positive relationships and make responsible decisions. The STP is comprised of two main components:

- **Social Theme Week (STW)**
- **Social Theme Event (STE)**

In addition to traditional lessons, the program incorporates Project-Based Learning (PBL), where students engage in real-world, meaningful projects. This hands-on approach allows them to acquire a deeper understanding of the subjects they study, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills.



2. Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE)

PSHE is a cornerstone of our curriculum, dedicated to fostering personal growth, social awareness, and physical well-being. This comprehensive subject covers a broad spectrum of vital topics, including mental health awareness, healthy relationships, personal finance, online safety, and physical health.

Through PSHE, students gain profound insights into their own emotions, develop essential life skills, and learn to navigate the complexities of modern life with responsibility and confidence. This education equips them with the tools they need to make informed decisions, build positive relationships, and maintain a healthy, balanced lifestyle.



3. Bootcamp

Bootcamp is a powerful and transformative outdoor education experience, designed to immerse students in experiential learning while sharpening both their physical and mental capabilities. This annual excursion takes students to a new and exciting location each year, offering them the opportunity to step beyond their comfort zones, explore unfamiliar environments, and foster personal growth. Through fear-conquering activities and meaningful experiences, students not only develop themselves but also create lasting memories, forging strong bonds with their teachers and peers in a fun-filled and unforgettable setting.



4. Entrepreneurship

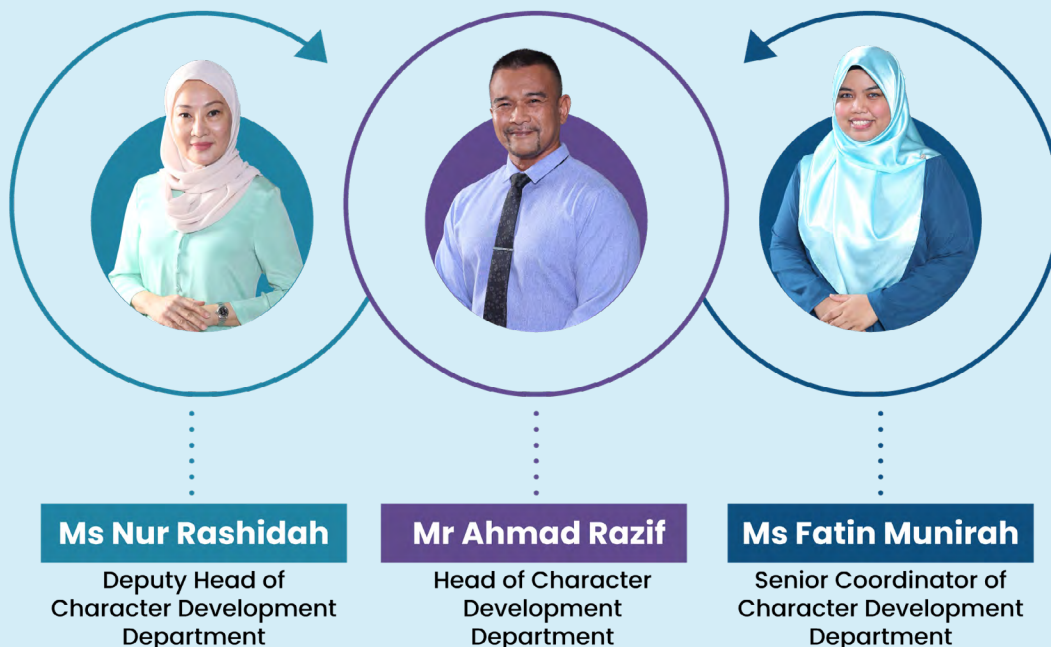
Entrepreneurship education equips students with the mindset and skills essential for recognizing opportunities, fostering innovation, and creating value. This program goes beyond the basics of business start-ups, instilling in students a proactive approach to problem-solving, calculated risk-taking, and the ability to adapt in a constantly evolving world. Through entrepreneurship, students develop a mindset of continuous learning and growth, preparing them to navigate and thrive in diverse environments.



5. Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA)

We are delighted to announce that after-school ECAs will commence in October. Most activities will be held onsite, with exceptions for those requiring specific venues. ECA list and registration links will be sent to parents in early September, In Sha Allah. Please be aware that each ECA requires a minimum number of participants to move forward, while a maximum limit is in place to ensure the highest quality of experience. Registration will be conducted on a 'First Come, First Served' basis to ensure fairness for all.

CD Team Members



Character Development Department's Activities and Major Events 2023/2024

- **Anti-bullying campaign** – An anti-bullying campaign is essential because it can save lives. Research shows that those who are repeatedly bullied may become bullies themselves, sometimes using violence. Bullying also harms a child's learning and mental health. As a responsible school, we must provide a safe and supportive environment, free from threats, harassment, and bullying.

This year's theme is **"Choose Respect"**. This campaign encourages students to show respect in all their interactions, helping to create a culture where everyone feels valued and safe. By choosing respect, we build a community where kindness thrives, and bullying is not accepted.

- **Social Theme** – This year's social theme will focus on the important topic of mental well-being. The theme will explore various aspects of mental health, addressing issues and concerns that are especially relevant in today's world. Through this initiative, we aim to raise awareness, promote understanding, and provide support for students, encouraging them to take care of their minds just as they would their physical health. By highlighting "Mind Matters," we hope to create a school environment where open discussions about mental well-being are encouraged, and where students feel empowered to seek help and support when needed.

- **Annual Sports Day** – The Annual Sports Day is a celebration of the many positive impacts sports can have on children, whether through team-based or individual activities. Participation in sports supports physical and social development, boosts academic success, and enhances self-esteem. School sports days provide an ideal platform to encourage students who might not usually engage in sporting activities to participate. These events allow children to demonstrate their leadership, teamwork, and communication skills as they interact with new people and tackle new challenges.
- **Bootcamp** – Bootcamp addresses all four main objectives above through experiential learning outside the classroom. It provides a great opportunity for students to connect with their peers in a setting they all enjoy. The nature of the activities encourages interaction in a social environment, allowing students to develop their social skills, build confidence in group communication, and enhance their self-esteem and overall confidence.

I want to thank the management for trusting me with the role of Head of the Character Development Department. I am truly honoured and humbled by this responsibility.

I also appreciate the current Head's unwavering support and guidance, which have been invaluable. Her leadership has laid a strong foundation, and I am dedicated to continuing the plans for the upcoming academic year.

I understand that this role is a big responsibility and cannot be done alone. With the support and collaboration of our dedicated teachers and staff, I am confident we can achieve our goals together.

I look forward to working with each of you to develop our students' character and help them make a positive impact on the world.

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Behaviour and Discipline Department

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Nurturing Values and Discipline for a Meaningful Year Ahead (2024–2025)

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

As we embark on another academic year, we are excited to welcome our students back to school! Our focus remains on nurturing a positive and disciplined environment that supports both academic excellence and the moral development of our children. In this newsletter, we want to highlight key points regarding student behaviour and discipline for this academic year.

Our Approach to Discipline

At Seven Skies International, we believe that discipline is not merely about correcting behaviour but about guiding students towards understanding their responsibilities, building good character, and fostering respect for themselves and others. Our approach is rooted in positive reinforcement and Islamic values, ensuring that our students grow into responsible, respectful, and well-mannered individuals.

Key Expectations

To maintain a harmonious school environment, we ask for your support in reinforcing the following key expectations at home:

- 1. Respect and Politeness:** Students are expected to show respect to teachers, peers, and staff members at all times. This includes speaking politely, following instructions, and treating others with kindness.
- 2. Punctuality and Preparedness:** Students should arrive on time and be prepared for classes with all necessary materials. Consistency in this area builds a strong foundation for both learning and personal discipline.
- 3. Dress Code Compliance:** Proper school uniform and attire are essential parts of our discipline policy. Students must adhere to the dress code as it reflects their commitment to the school's values.
- 4. Responsibility and Accountability:** We encourage students to take ownership of their actions and learn from mistakes. When a behavioural concern arises, our staff will engage the student in reflective conversations to promote better choices in the future.

Support for Students

We understand that every child is unique and may face challenges that require individualised attention. Our school offers counselling and welfare support for students who need additional guidance. The **Counselling Unit** works hand in hand with the Discipline Unit to provide holistic support that addresses both academic and emotional well-being.

Parental Partnership

Your role as parents and guardians is crucial in shaping your child's behaviour. We kindly ask you to stay actively involved in your child's development by maintaining regular communication with teachers and supporting the school's discipline policies at home. Working together, we can ensure that our students thrive both academically and morally.

Looking Ahead

We are optimistic about the year ahead and the positive growth our students will achieve. By maintaining a disciplined, respectful, and supportive environment, we are confident that every child will be able to excel both inside and outside the classroom.

Introducing the Alim Path Program

A Journey of Knowledge and Memorization

The Alim Path Program is a 3-year Quran memorization program that follows the chronological order of revelation, allowing students to connect each Surah to the historical context of the Seerah. It also integrates academic subjects like English and Mathematics.



Chronological Revelation
Memorise the Qur'an in the order it was revealed



Hadeeth Memorisation
Memorise key Hadeeths, enhancing their understanding of the Sunnah and the Islamic teachings.



One-to-One Learning
Tailored learning plans cater to the specific needs and pace of each student



Contextual Understanding
Detailed explanation of the historical context and the Seerah related to the verses and Hadeeths being memorised



Engaging and Interactive
Interactive sessions that make the learning process dynamic and enjoyable



Academic Integration
English and Maths are integrated into the programme to ensure students receive a balanced education

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Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

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Alhamdulillah, I am glad to announce that, starting this academic year, I have been given the role to head the Student Wellbeing Department at Seven Skies International School.

The Student Wellbeing Department will provide comprehensive support to our students, ensuring their emotional, social, and mental health needs are met. I will be working closely with our dedicated team of guidance teachers and staff to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all.

We are confident that this will be a valuable asset to our school community and will help us to foster a culture of wellbeing and resilience among our students.

What is Student Wellbeing and Why is it Important?

Student wellbeing encompasses the physical, mental, emotional, and social aspects of a student's life. It is essential for students to feel safe, supported, and connected to their school community. When students are well, they are better able to learn, engage in their studies, and form positive relationships.

Wellbeing does not mean students feel good all the time. Emotions such as sadness, fear, anger and frustration are all normal human experiences, and actually help them to learn, grow, stay safe and build meaningful connections with others. Wellbeing means they have the capacity, skills and resources to cope with these emotions in a way that is positive and constructive for their development.

Resilience refers to a person's ability to cope with life's ups and downs and bounce back after a difficult experience. By teaching them resilience skills, we are preparing children to cope with challenges now and into the future.

Student wellbeing is most likely to flourish in a consistent and supportive environment. We have reviewed some of the key student wellbeing programs, frameworks and approaches for the upcoming academic year.

New Initiatives



Mindfulness Moments

Moments of calm mindfulness sessions help students reduce stress and improve focus



Peer Support Program

Moments of calm mindfulness sessions help students reduce stress and improve focus



Wellness Workshops

Exploring various wellness topics through interactive workshops
e.g: E-safety, peer pressure, social media, exam stress, time management and many more.



Counselling Sessions

Moments of calm mindfulness sessions help students reduce stress and improve focus



Mental Health Awareness Week

Series of activities and events to promote mental health awareness and reduce stigma

Promote Online Safety

- Students have started interacting online more frequently and from a younger age, increasing the risks of online harms such as cyber bullying, image-based abuse, grooming, privacy and security breaches, scams and online hate. Teaching students about cyber safety is crucial.
- Cyber safety is the safe and responsible use of information and communication technologies, such as the internet, social media, online games, smart phones, tablets and other connected devices.
- Cyber safety is everyone's responsibility. Young people, parents, families, teachers, school leaders, government and tech companies – we all play a role in creating a safer online world.

Tips for Parents

- **Create a supportive home environment:** Foster open communication, positive reinforcement, and a sense of belonging.
- **Set realistic expectations:** Understand your child's capabilities and avoid placing excessive pressure on them.
- **Model healthy behaviours:** Demonstrate healthy coping mechanisms, stress management techniques, and a balanced lifestyle.
- **Limit screen time:** Encourage your child to spend time outdoors, engage in physical activities, and limit screen exposure.
- **Stay informed:** Attend workshops, read articles, and stay updated on child development and mental health resources.

We're here to support your child's journey to a healthy and fulfilling life. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Student Wellbeing Department.

Yours Sincerely,

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