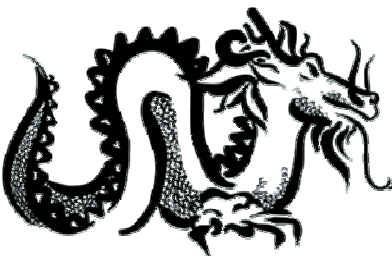


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FREE

WHAT'S ON?

GRADE 9-12 EXAMS

Monday January 19 to 22

END OF SEMESTER 1

Friday January 23

END OF ASA QUARTER 2

Friday January 23

SAT TESTING

Saturday January 24

START OF SEMESTER 2

Monday January 26

START OF ASA QUARTER 3

Monday January 26

PRIMARY SEMESTER 1 REPORTS SENT HOME

Friday January 30

VIS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

*Friday January 30 & Saturday
January 31*

SECONDARY SEMESTER 1 REPORTS SENT HOME

Friday February 6

MRISA CULTURAL EXCHANGE

*Wednesday February 18 to Sunday
February 22*

Please find the VIS calendar
for 2009-10 with Dragon Tales
today.

Fun Fair

28th February

All Welcome

Games Entertainment Fun Food

Parent involvement to make
this day a great time for our
children will be GREATLY
appreciated.

Secondary Parent Forum

3rd February @ 7pm

“VIS Secondary Assessment”

PTA Meeting this Thursday January 22nd 8am
All welcome

For more information contact
Olwen Millgate 0202485348

From the VIS Director

This time of the year international schools begin hiring new and replacement teachers for the next school year. We have several new positions next year mostly related to the IB Diploma program and a few others around the school. The following teachers have been hired for next year:

Todd Richie – Secondary Humanities (Social Studies). Todd is coming to us from ISPP in Cambodia with his wife, Alison Francis. Todd has been at ISPP since 2001 and has been long associated with the IB MYP. He is a workshop leader for IB MYP personal projects. He is also an ESL in the Mainstream teacher trainer which will be very helpful to us. Todd has been invited by the IB to their main curriculum office in Cardiff to participate in MYP curriculum review – with personal projects – January 2008. Todd has also taught IB DP History. Todd has previously taught in Bangkok and British Columbia. Todd is a citizen of Canada. Todd gave an excellent MYP workshop on MYP Personal Projects to our Middle School staff last November.

Alison Francis – Primary Classroom Teacher (to be determined which grade. It is likely to be grade 2 or 3.) Alison is coming to us from ISPP in Cambodia with Todd Riche her husband. She has been at ISPP since 1999. She has taught in Primary Reception to Grade 5. She has been long involved with the IB PYP and has attended several IB PYP workshops during the last 8 years. Alison has previously taught in Bangkok and in British Columbia. Alison is a Canadian citizen. Todd and Alison have two children (Sam and Kira) who will attend VIS.

Ray Smith – IB DP Biology and Middle School Science. Ray is coming to us from Saigon South in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. Ray has a good deal of IB DP and MYP experience. Ray has previously taught in Malawi, Wisconsin and Denmark. We worked together at the Copenhagen International School in Denmark for two years. Ray is also an outstanding sports coach – especially basketball. Ray is coming with his wife Mary who will be teaching Primary Art. Ray is a citizen of the U.S. from Wisconsin.

Mary Smith – Primary Art. Mary is coming to us from Saigon South in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Mary is a trained PYP teacher. She was the Primary Art teacher for two years with me at the Copenhagen International School when I was the Primary Head there 10 years ago. Mary has also taught in Malawi and Wisconsin. Ray and Mary have one daughter, Ardea who is attending university in Wisconsin. Mary is a citizen of the U.S. from Wisconsin.

Bernadette Connolly – Early Years 3. Bernadette is coming to us from Taihu International School in China. Bernadette has several years experience in teaching in Early Years and with the IB PYP. She has also taught at schools in Australia. She is a citizen of Australia and comes from Perth.

MRISA EXCHANGE - BILLETS REQUIRED

We are looking for families who are willing to host students from other international schools in our region. This year we are hosting two exchanges a cultural exchange and a sporting exchange.

The first exchange is the Cultural exchange where 97 students from year 6 to 12 will visit VIS February 18th to 22nd inclusive. We need your help.

Our challenge is to find families to provide sleeping arrangements, breakfast and dinner for two (or more) students. Students will be at VIS during school hours and lunch will be provided.

When VIS students attend exchange programs the host school provides them with similar hospitality by providing accommodation with the school families. We would like to support the educational program for the students by assisting with the accommodation requirements.

We know this is a huge undertaking but we are confident that we will be able to meet the challenge with your help.

If you are willing to billet visiting students or are interested in finding out more information please contact Olwen Millgate 020 2485340 or call the school office and leave a message. We will contact you.

Wanted**Old and Broken Toys**

Primary Prep is currently doing a unit about how things move. For this unit we are looking for broken toys and small machines that we can take apart.

If you have any of such items, please bring them to **Ms Melinda (room 206)** or **Ms Linda (room 208)**.

Thank you

From the Director continued.

Karel Campbell – IT Coordinator. Karel is coming from the International School in Dhaka, Bangladesh where she presently works as the IT Coordinator. Karel has taught both the ITGS (Information Technology in a Global Society) and Economics in the IB DP program. She also has experience working with the IB MYP. Karel has also taught at international schools in Saudi Arabia and Egypt and at public schools in Wyoming, USA. She is a citizen of the U.S. and she will be coming to VIS with her husband Tom.

Tom Campbell – Secondary Math. Tom is coming with Karel from Dhaka where he has been teaching Math. Tom has a great deal of experience in the IB MYP both Math and Humanities. Tom has served as an MYP Area of Interaction Leader has a lot of experience working with the on line management system known as Moodle. Tom has also taught in Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Wyoming. He is a citizen of the U.S.

Julia Lachet – French. Julia is coming to us from the International School of Manila where she is presently teaching IB DP French ab initio. She will also teach this course VIS. She has also taught in the Middle School at ISM. Julia also worked as a teacher studies coordinator at the Alliance Francaise in Manila. She will be coming with her two children, Clara and Igor. Julia and her children are from Paris, France.

Sharon Dent – EAL (English as Another Language.) Sharon is coming to us from the Shanghai American School in China where she is presently teaching EAL. Sharon has also taught at the Koc School in Istanbul Turkey. She will be coming with her husband Tony. Sharon is a citizen of the U.S.

Tony Dent – Secondary English. Tony is also coming from Shanghai International School where he is presently teaching Advance Placement English and English Composition. Tony has also taught at the Koc School in Turkey. Tony is a U.S. citizen.

Nick Broom – Secondary Math. Nick is presently teaching at the National University of Laos. Nick has previously worked as a tutor for advanced Math students at VIS. Nick has previously taught in Belize, China and Thailand. He is a citizen of the U.S. and is living in Laos with his wife and two children.

Leaving Teachers – The teachers who will be leaving at the end of this year have signed contracts to go to the following countries: Michel Leroux (Math) and Christine Hanna (Early Years) will be going to an international school in Tunisia. Christian Sorand (French) – will also be going to an international school in Tunisia. Leeanne Smith (Middle School Generalist) – will be going to work in Souzhou, China. Patrice Valere (Art) will be going to work at an international school in Hong Kong. Jason (PE) and Jennifer (Gr 3) Juteau will be going to work at an international school in Manila. Bruce Knox (IT Coordinator) and Jodie Nielsen (EAL) will be going to a new international school in Saudi Arabia.