



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BATAM

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022 AND WARM GREETINGS

To all of our new students and families of the Independent School Batam

The ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic has continued to provide a challenging environment for both our teachers and students through to the end of the 2020-2021 school calendar. The Independent School Batam has endeavoured to overcome these challenges by implementing online educational resources to support the continuity of teaching and learning during this period. The overall goal is to facilitate the implementation of adaptive responses to the emerging education challenges, and to protect our students' educational opportunities during and following the pandemic. We have put together Curriculum Resources, which include lessons, videos, interactive learning modules and also other physical and online resources that directly support students in acquiring knowledge and skills.

Our school has successfully managed to overcome the disruption as a result of the coronavirus (covid-19) pandemic during the 2020-2021 School Year. The Minister of Education of Republic Indonesia (RI) has changed the system to conduct the National Examination for Primary School Year 6 and The High School Students Y9 and we are very pleased with the National Examination results of our students. We are also pleased to have been able to end the school year with our small Year 6 and Year 10 Graduation ceremonies which saw parents and teachers partake while following social distancing protocols.

We would like to once again express our thanks to all parents for their continued support through yet another undoubtedly different year in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and a special thank you to all new parents who are sending their children to the Independent School Batam (ISB) for the first time. Our teachers and staff have been working hard during the school holidays for the start of 2021-2022. To those parents who have children just joining our Pre-School, we look forward to working together in this major step in your young child's life. Here at ISB we place a great emphasis on creating a warm and caring environment to allow your child's first educational experience to be positive and fulfilling. Children moving on to join Reception One (R1) and Reception (R2) Classes will find that they will have more studies than during Pre-School as they prepare for Primary level and of course our Primary students are expected to spend longer time studying in school and have more challenging homework according to their year group.

The ISB has had Key Stage 3 – (Years 7, 8 and 9) as Junior High School for the last twelve years and the tenth year of our Senior High School, Key Stage 4 – Year 10. We have continued to work in cooperation with The Touchstone International Institute Singapore (TSI) where our graduated Y-10 students may continue to do "O" Level Singapore Cambridge or to do the IGCSE-Cambridge examinations conducted in the British Council Singapore. We are proud to say that our alumni have consistently achieved excellent results for English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and Physics in these examinations. After finishing their secondary education, our students have gone on to enroll at Polytechnic Singapore, Pre-university level in Monash University and various other educational institutions internationally. We broaden our curriculum to enrich our students' knowledge with a large variety of activities and continue to collaborate with overseas institutions in Singapore and in Australia for both student examinations and teacher's development programs.

We have had quite successful results for our students in the Junior and Senior High School through the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic right until the end of the last School Year. Once again on behalf of the School Foundation and the Independent School Batam, we would like to thank you for your continued support to our school. We are hoping to start the new school calendar 2021-2022 with students being able to attend on-campus classes and will continue striving to provide the best education possible for our students.



ISB is a place where people care for each other and assist new students to feel welcome, enjoy the school and respect cultural differences of many nationalities. We wish everyone a rewarding year and once again thank you for your ongoing support through yet another undoubtedly different year.

Best wishes for the schooling year ahead,
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