



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BATAM

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022–2023 AND WARM GREETINGS

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

The past few years of the coronavirus (covid-19) pandemic over many uncertain school years have been daunting and uncertain, however our community continues to persevere through. As of the mid-way point of School Year (SY) 2021-2022, we have managed to have our students return to in-person study almost every day, representing some semblance towards a return to normality. Our students from Early Years Classes, Primary and High school levels have now successfully finished their studies over SY 2021-2022 for both the International Curriculum subjects and Indonesian Curriculum subjects. Towards the end of the SY 2021-2022, the school has also managed to re-introduce outdoor students' activities such as primary school camping and High School cross country (Snorkelling). It was great to see the students enjoying these activities after many years without these pleasures due to the covid-19 pandemic. We are also pleased to have been able to end the school year with our small Year 6 and Year 10 Graduation ceremonies on our school campus which saw parents and teachers partake while following eased covid-19 protocols.

We would like to once again express our thanks to all parents for their continued support over many uncertain school years 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 SY 2022-2023. 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 more 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 thirteen years and in the eleventh year we added to this our Senior High School, Key Stage 4 – Year 10. ISB has specially designed a 9-month preparatory course to prepare students for the Cambridge IGCSE examination, which aims to ensure that students will eventually gain entry to their desired top universities worldwide. With the IGCSE qualification, students can continue their education to A-Level programmes, IB (International Baccalaureate) programmes, University Foundation Programmes, Diploma Programmes or Associate Degree Programmes (in the USA). We are proud to say that our alumni have consistently achieved excellent results for English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and Physics in these examinations.

Alumni of The Independent School Batam have successfully passed the Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE-O Level) Examination since 2014 and IGCSE – The Cambridge Examination. With our 23 years of extensive experience in various international curriculum, our students have achieved excellent results and attained entry into various prestigious universities and colleges worldwide, such as: • University of Bath, United Kingdom • University of New South Wales, Australia • Monash University, Malaysia • Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore. 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 are pleased to inform you that students will return to study on campus from Monday the 5th of September 2022 with **normal full school hours (as per pre-pandemic)**. As covid-19 related restriction continue to ease, we hope conditions will continue to improve. However, we should continue to be vigilant by following safe social distancing protocols and ask that students use a mask during school hours.

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.

Best wishes for the schooling year ahead



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