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Thursday, 23rd August 2018

Re: Head of Secondary Welcome Letter 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Head of Secondary at RBIS, and I would like to offer a warm welcome to the returning and new families of the school, as we begin a new and exciting academic year.

I am joining RBIS as its new Head of Secondary, having spent the last 10 years teaching in both government and private schools in England and Thailand. My expertise as a leader in education has focused on progressive teaching and learning; raising academic attainment; and ensuring that every pupil has a safe and stimulating environment that fosters personal progress. I believe that students should be inspired to love learning, and with the expertise of the RBIS teachers, staff, and students, I have no doubt that this will continue to be the case at RBIS.

I am always happy to speak to parents and students, and have an open door policy to go through any queries or suggestions that you might have.

I very much look forward to building on the success of the school.

IGCSE results

I would like congratulate last year's Year 11 class who achieved good results at IGCSE in their examinations. As always this is due to the hard work and dedication from our students and our teachers at RBIS. We had over 83% of our grades being good passes and 21% being A* or A grades. We also had some very pleasing results in our second year of AS and A level subjects. Well done, Year 11 and 12!





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New staff

I am pleased to introduce nine new members of staff within Secondary, some of which will be teaching in Primary also. I am looking forward to seeing our new teachers further enrich our students' experiences at RBIS, both academically and non-academically.

Ms Punnada Worasakdaporn - Secondary Thai & Culture Language

Mr Wuttithep (Dee) O-Thavorn - Physical Education teacher

Mr Peng Tao - Secondary Mandarin Teacher

Ms Sansiri Sankul - Part-time music teacher

Ms Lucy Walker - Secondary Art & DT Teacher

Mr Ben Scholes - Secondary Humanities & PE

Ms Ankita Narula - Secondary ICT & Business Studies

Ms Shriya Gorowara - Secondary Science & Y7-8 ICT

Mr Elliot Weeks - Secondary English Teacher

Tutors

If you have any general concerns or wish to speak to someone about your child, you may use their tutors as the first point of contact. Our tutors are experienced and passionate about the wellbeing of our students and are always happy to help. This year's tutors are:

Year 7 - Mr Cory Blanchard blanchardc@rbis.ac.th

Year 8 - Ms Maria Mahfouz mahfouz@rbis.ac.th

Year 9 - Ms Lucy Walker walkerl@rbis.ac.th

Year 10 - Mr Ben Scholes scholesb@rbis.ac.th

Year 11 - Mr Elliot Weeks weekse@rbis.ac.th

Year 12/13 - Mr Sam Brougham broughams@rbis.ac.th



Timetable

This year we have introduced a one week timetable across the whole school. This has been developed through feedback from parents, students and staff. The timetable attempts to focus students on core subjects; allowing the majority of these lessons to take place in the morning before lunch, which is the most effective time to learn.

School marketing

The secondary school will be putting on many events and competitions over the academic year, and as a school we like to record these events with photographs and videos. If you would prefer that your child's picture did not appear in any of our school marketing (our website, social media accounts, newsletter), please inform the school.

Medical information

It is imperative that we have all of the correct and up-to-date information for allergies, medication and medical conditions so that we can best provide your children. Please fill in the information on the medical form so that we can update our records.

Secondary newsletter

This year I will be continuing to post a fortnightly newsletter with updates on events, what is happening in Secondary and curriculum information. This will be shared electronically, and it is therefore important that we have up-to-date email information for you. If you have a new email address or would just like ensure we have your correct information, please contact the school.

I am looking forward to another successful year and continuing to see our school and community grow. My door is always open and I enjoy working with parents closely, so please keep in contact.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mathew Sillett

Head of Secondary

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