

Dear friends,

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you all had a peaceful and restful Christmas break?

Lessons are in full swing and the students are happy that they have lots of work to do!!

I am going to devote the majority of this Newsletter to a very important programme we run at OIS and have run since our beginnings. This is the FutureWise/ISCO psychometric test and support that we provide for our Year 11 students and those students joining us in Years 12 and 13 who have not done the test before. FutureWise provide a very detailed report on a students' abilities and offers them advice on possible University courses and career pathways.

The person who works with us in this programme is Julia Watson and I now present her article for your perusal.

Best Regards,

Steve Bruce-Lomba

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The Futurewise Careers' Guidance scheme at OIS.

Each year at OIS all Year 11 students undertake a comprehensive set of psychometric assessments to help them with major decision and transition points such as IB, university or career options. This scheme is provided by the Inspiring Futures Foundation, an educational charity of some 70 years' standing, working with international students in many parts of the world.

In the Autumn term of 2014 the Year 11 group completed our online version which involved an intensive two hour profiling session under supervision, in order to establish their interests, preferences and abilities in terms of potential, for example in numerical, verbal and abstract reasoning.

The profiles were analysed by a team of psychologists and a comprehensive report was compiled with the preliminary version being emailed to the students, so that they could review the information ahead of their one to one discussion and reflect on their own strengths and current preferences. The discussions are taking place in January 2015 with a member of the IF team to discuss results and options, including the variety of career ideas suggested at the end of the report. Students will also have an opportunity to discuss other areas of enthusiasm not covered in the process, such as music, drama and sporting prowess.

After the discussion the interviewers type up a summary and recommendations in the form of action points and a final report is emailed to the students. This can be followed up in school by encouraging students to research areas of interest in their comprehensive online web space containing worldwide information and resources, applicable wherever their preferred post school destination might be. Clearly, it is important that potential and interests are considered in conjunction with actual progress and performance in school, as advised by staff, rather than in isolation.

During their later years at school and beyond, up to the age of 23, students have the possibility of contacting our helpline with queries as needed. This access can be particularly valuable if there is uncertainty about different options or if looking at ways of enhancing employability via summer schools, internships or exchange options. The information in their online web space is designed to be useful for a number of years to come, for example when compiling a CV or applying for a job.

More information can be found at www.futurewise.org.uk and the students' own web spaces are at www.myfuturewise.org.uk

Julia Watson,
European Directo

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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		DP info evening new parents Boys D3 & D4 Basketball X St. Julian's at OIS 4.30pm DP University Evening	MUN Braga	MUN Braga	MUN Braga Gold Medal Expedition in Spain	Gold Medal Expedition in Spain
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Varsity Boys & Girls X German School at OIS 4.30pm	Varsity Girls Football X CAISL Boys D3 & D4 Basketball X CAISL at CAISL 4.30 pm		Parent's evening Year 6-7		Varsity Girls Football 7-A-side X St. Julian's 5.00pm to 10.00pm	
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Varsity Girls & Boys Volleyball X German School at OIS 4.30pm	Varsity Girls & D3 Boys Basketball X CAISL at CAISL 4.30pm		Parent's evening Year 12-13			Mid-Term Break
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