



# OIS Newsletter

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## Editorial

Dear friends,

Welcome to all new and returning students, parents and teachers.

You will not have failed to see that our school has grown massively again over the summer with many new students in all years and many new teachers, including a new Diploma coordinator and a new MYP coordinator. Nonetheless, all these new people seemed to have settled seamlessly into the OIS “way of life” and are working hard and enjoying themselves.

The students will shortly be voting in a new student council and I would like to express my thanks to the outgoing council for all the great work they did last year and my best wishes to the new group of students comprising the student council for 2016/17.

Please could I refresh your memories on a couple of items?

> Please ensure your children do not bring mobiles into school. They are banned and will be confiscated if necessary. They will then only be released to you, the child’s parents.

> Your children can be picked up from the covered terrace area after school. Please use the normal entrance door to gain entrance to school from 3:45 to 5 o’clock and the gate near the re-cycling area after 5 o’clock.

> Please would you work with us to ensure your child is in correct uniform when they arrive at school? Also, please write your child’s name on all property so that if items do go missing, it is easier for us to find their owner.

Best Regards,

Steve Bruce-Lomba

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# Climate change requires lifestyle change

AN ESSAY WRITTEN BY A YEAR 13 ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDENT, JOANA MARTINS

Climate change has been making headlines recently due to new government policies regarding carbon emissions. Most governments have implemented a "carbon tax" which states that all factories must pay a 0.3% carbon tax, even if their carbon emissions do not exceed the limit.

These policies have really divided my opinion regarding climate change and the government's role in it. On the one hand, governments should intervene because in order to change there needs to be a will and looking at the levels of pollution over the last ten years it is obvious that most people aren't willing or able to change their habits by themselves in order to protect the planet.

In a nutshell, most people put their personal interests above community interests and don't want to spend their time and/or money contributing to a cause which doesn't give them any direct benefit. However, it is also possible that people are not educated about their bad habits and about substances that are harmful to the planet. Therefore, governments should provide education rather than just forcing people to pay taxes.

On the other hand, sometimes forcing a behaviour upon someone will only make them do the opposite. Governments who force their citizens to obey certain laws or to pay certain taxes, such as the carbon tax, are not letting them make a choice freely and this may generate hate, not only for the government but also for the actual cause, in this case climate change.

To conclude, I don't think governments should force, but rather educate, thereby giving people a chance to change. However, if after educating people they still choose not to change their lifestyles, thereby creating a dangerous environment for present and future generations, there is no other choice other than government intervention.

By: Joana Martins

Y13 English B (HL) Paper 2B



## AWARD CEREMONY

A number of our students will receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh medals at a formal presentation ceremony at the school on Tuesday, 4th October at 4.30pm. The Duke of Bragança will be present to award the medals to our proud OIS students and you are welcome to attend. Please see invitation attached.

Best Wishes,

Neale Davies



**Prémio Infante D. Henrique**

and

**Oeiras International School**



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Presentation of Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals

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Date: Tuesday, 4th October  
Time: 4.30 pm  
Place: OIS Patio

## NEWS FROM THE PARENTS CLUB

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our first meeting and apologies that we ran over time but we had lots of topics to cover. We are happy to advise that most of the roles for the Parents Club Committee have been filled with happy and willing volunteers and we only require a Treasurer to make it complete. So if anyone is willing to take on this role we would love to hear from you. The only skills required are the ability to run an excel spreadsheet and a happy disposition!

Your Parents Club Committee is made up as follows: -

President	Noelien Viana
Vice President	Sue Wiggins
Secretary	Sue Wiggins
Parent Coordinator	Chantal Beaudoin-Peitz
Cultural Activities Coordinators	Noki Trias, Marina Vigario , Marcia Laborie, Ineke Overdijk
2nd Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator	Isaline Lhoest
Sports Coordinator	Rodrigo Drysdale

Previously we have also asked for volunteers to act as Class Parents but these roles are not normally associated with High Schools and are positions we have found difficult to fill and to gain any commitment on. So this year we have decided to try a new format of holding an informal monthly coffee morning at school each month that will take place after school drop to allow parents to catch up and make new friends outside of their school year group. Chantale will send out an email with details of this initiative very soon.

Dates for the next opening of the 2nd hand uniform shop will also be confirmed shortly and if anyone has any donations please send them to school and leave them at the front desk.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Welcome Dinner on 8th October, the details of which have been sent out via a school email. The next activity will be a mid-week coastal walk in October, details of which will be sent out shortly.

*The Parents Club Committee*



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Student Council Elections Fall International University Fair <b>American Ambassador Speech</b> Y11 - Y13 CAISL 11:20am – 1:30pm	Student Council Elections  <b>DoE Award Ceremony</b> at 4:30 – OIS Patio	<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>Basketball Boys D3&amp;4</b> CAISL x OIS 4:30pm  <b>Football Girls Varsity</b> German School x OIS 4:30pm at Jamor	<b>Volleyball Girls &amp; Boys Varsity</b> St Dominic's x OIS 4:30pm		
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