“Truth is confirmed by inspection and delay; falsehood by haste and uncertainty”.

Tacitus

Dear Parents,

As an international school we belong to a number of professional bodies that assist us in our mission, through training, seminars, publications and support. These include, among others, the Council of British International Schools (COBIS), International Baccalaureate (IB) and the Council of International Schools (CIS). I include their websites below for those interested:

http://www.ibo.org
http://www.cobis.org.uk
http://www.cois.org

These bodies facilitate communication, exchanges of ideas and student activities. Indeed this weekend our IB Diploma Co-ordinator, Ms Claire Mardsen, leads a small group of IBDP students to a COBIS Youth leadership conference in Madrid and I wish her and her group much success at this event.

As part of fulfilling our membership of the Council of International Schools we participate in their ongoing accreditation process and we have a planned accreditation visit in March 2016. In October 2014 we had a pre-visit from 2 CIS accreditors and they were very impressed by our work and our progress since their previous full accreditation visit; the accreditation process is on a rolling 5 year cycle. This accreditation process is a very worthwhile and helpful process. It assists the school in a number of ways:

1. It provides an external quality assurance for our parents and other stakeholders through a rigorous evaluation against internationally agreed standards;
2. It provides us with detailed feedback to guide us going forward through a blend of support and challenge focused on the school’s development;
3. It uses a peer-based model that brings together international educators from across the world of CIS-accredited schools. The accreditation team in March 2016 is made up of teachers and other school staff from sister CIS schools.

As part of our preparations for this visit we ask you to participate in the CIS survey. We ask for your support with this as the responses will really drive our planning and will help identify our strengths and areas for development.

**CIS SURVEY**

We would like you to complete an online anonymous survey, lasting approximately 15 minutes. This survey is available in a number of languages, including Portuguese. Please select your preferred language once you have started. Please visit [www.endicottresearchcenter.net](http://www.endicottresearchcenter.net) - the parent survey code is CNP2016495

Every question must be answered in order for your answers to be recorded. Skipped questions will be presented again until they are answered. When you reach the last screen, click **SUBMIT**. Thank you for your help with this important work.

Tom McGrath, Headmaster

Harvest Festival at Stella Maris Church - Thursday, 22nd October at 4:30pm
WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

SCHOOL CALENDAR

We have updated the format of our school calendar to a Google Calendar. This is on our website. Please click here to see it: [http://www.obs.edu.pt/en/our-school/calendar/](http://www.obs.edu.pt/en/our-school/calendar/)

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

May we politely remind you of the potential problem of traffic congestion, illegal parking in front of the school and driving in a manner that may result in a serious injury. Please respect each other at pick up and drop off times at Oporto British School. As a school we do not want to be in a position where one of our pupils, parents or staff is injured or involved in a fatal accident occurring in front of the school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Please be informed that the police has been fining a number of parents for illegal parking.

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder to all parents that pupils must wear the winter school uniform after half-term. You can purchase this in the uniform shop.


For prep & Reception the long sleeved white polo shirts are acceptable and we do not ask for a tie. From Form 1 upwards students should wear a white shirt with a collar, and tie.

Please be informed that the red winter jacket is recommended but not compulsory.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tuesday: 8:30 to 9:30
Wednesday: 15:00 to 16:30
PRIMARY NOTICES

It seems as if we have just started school yet the half term holiday is fast approaching. While we still have good weather many classes have been preparing and planning field trips. Therefore, please do ensure you continue to check your child's class blog for any updated information. As always, for any field trip you will continue to be notified by school comms email.

Over the past two days we have endeavoured to reduce the amount of lost property clothing in the school. Named clothing is returned to pupils on a weekly basis though we still seem to be accumulating many items of clothing that is not named. We find that stitched in labels with names work the best. Please also consider using full names; it is amazing how many Rodrigos and Marias we have.

Our Harvest Festival service on 22nd October is our first school community wide event happening this year. It would be wonderful to see you at Stella Maris church for this event. We will be sending you details, over the coming week, regarding this event and also our food collection for local charities.

Mark Evans, Head of Primary

COMPETITIONS

We wish the best of luck to the Form 2&3 and Form 4&5 5-a-side Football teams at the Porto schools tournament at LFIP (French school) this Saturday. The tournament is the second of two Saturday mornings (Oct 3 & 10) and is organised by the PTA of LFIP.

If you can come along and support, please do. Your voices make the difference to our future football stars.

Matthew Homewood, Head of PE & Games

OBS SCHOOL TOURNAMENT REPORT - 3RD OCTOBER

On Saturday, 3rd October, a selection of pupil from Forms 2 & 3 played the opening game of the tournament against Rosario's Dragon Force team and ran out 4-0 winners with Gonçalo Ferreira starring with 2 goals while Kaeden Gander was in imperious form at the back. An all round great team performance!!

Forms 4 & 5 dominated against Rosário and should have enjoyed a 3 or 4 nil win but could only manage a 0-0 draw without our goalkeeper needing to make a save.

The second game started badly with the French school 3-0 up after 3 minutes but the remainder of the game was a close encounter. The 5-2 loss was tough to take but lovely goals from Rodrigo Gil Mata and Ryan Kanabar ensured a nice finish to a good morning of football.

Andy Packett, Football Coach
PRIMARY PASTORAL WEEKLY REPORT

For the week ending 9th October the running totals are: Windsor - 853, Lancaster - 1001 and Bragança - 1018. The individual class winners are listed below. A display with this information, for the children to see, can be found in the Primary corridor.

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<td>Mateus Moura</td>
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Last week Form 4 also took part in a House Competition for Basketball. The results are:

Boys

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Lancaster win as they scored 18 baskets compared with 3

Girls

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Overall - Bragança are overall F4 house champions

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Jonathan Bridges (Primary Pastoral Coordinator)
SECONDARY NOTICES

FORM 6-8 STAR OF THE WEEK

Rodrigo Gali Macedo in F7
For excellent progress and improvement in Mathematics

Alyça Self Mendes in F9
For achieving 93% A* on her 6.1 Aerobic & Anaerobic Respiration Quiz despite being away whilst the class prepared.

Ana Margarida in F10
For producing an inspiring factsheet on Coronary heart disease which was interesting, accurate and well presented. She was given an A*7

FORM 9-10 STUDENT COUNCIL

9C Tomás Gonçalves and Mimi Barbot
10 W Rui Mattias, Beatriz Ferreira and Margarida Brandão
9W Margarida Alves Lucas Barros
10Q Nikki Kotecha and Henrique Oliveira

FORM 6 AND 9 PARENTS ´ EVENING: 14TH OCTOBER

All parents should now be able to make appointments to see the subject teachers. Form 6 parents will receive a “Who’s who?” information sheet. Dr Jones will also deliver a short presentation at 6.15pm in the Teage Hall on ‘Assessment, reporting and recording’ for Form 6.

Miss Corcoran & Miss Denisova

YEAR 10 CAREERS TALK TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER IN TEAGE HALL

As we progress into the first term, our career speakers are slowly booking up slots to assist our students make informed decisions about their possible career options. Our first guest speaker is Alvaro Parente - Maclaren racing driver and ex-OBS student, who has kindly offered to take time out of his busy schedule, to give our students an exclusive insight into the world of motor racing. A big thank you to Fernando Soares, for arranging this exciting presentation next week. Mr Parente-Maclaren will be in on Tuesday 13th October - Period 6 (12.30 - 13.15) in Teage hall.

Mariam Gander, Business Studies Teacher
IB DIPLOMA: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

This week we have the SRT University Fair at the Grand Plaza Hotel, Boavista (Thursday 15th October) and a workshop the following day offering information about the opportunities of studying in the USA. This is a busy time for our form 12s as they are preparing personal statements, completing research on university choices and submitting work for subject deadlines. Another important date is Monday 19th October. This is the date our final year IBDP students will be handing in the first draft of their extended essay.

We appreciate your support during these stressful times and thank you for ensuring that your son/daughter arrive to school on time and remain focused and resilient in their approach to studies. Relaxation and exercise are a vital part in maintaining a healthy approach to studies and we hope that you will encourage them to attend the pilates classes held on Fridays and/or Miss Denisova’s cookery class on Thursdays; great way to unwind and help to prepare them for university life.

Study periods within your son/daughters timetable should be used for study and our form 11s and 12s must register in the morning and remain in school, even if they have no classes at the start of the day. At this busy time there may be occasions when staff require a meeting with the students and to ensure the safety of your children it is school policy that they do not leave the school grounds except at official break and lunch times. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in respecting this OBS policy.

Claire Marsden, IB Coordinator

ENGLISH DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

Arrábida Shopping Centre cinema is showing an exciting range of live English drama productions which you may be interested in. These are beamed back from some of the most famous theatres by some of the most prestigious theatre companies in the UK, such as the Royal Shakespeare Company. Coming up are the following:

- 15th Oct. Shakespeare’s ‘Hamlet’ (starring Benedict Cumberbatch)
- 21st Oct. Shakespeare’s Henry V
- 26th Oct. Shakespeare’s ‘A Winter’s Tale’

All of these start at 7pm.

This is a great opportunity to see top-quality drama, in English, in Porto and I would urge anyone interested to take advantage.

Mark Weeks, Head of English
READY, STEADY...COOK!
Cooking club has had its first 2 successful sessions. We made an easy One Pot Pasta and Chicken Nuggets with Avocado Sauce. Next session's theme was picked by Leonor - it is going to be Bacon! The club is open to all pupils in F10, F11 and F12. The cost (no more than €4) is dependent on the number of people attending, so we are always looking for more participants (maximum 8)! We meet on Thursday in the Primary Kitchen. The next 4 sessions are going to happen on:

- 5th November 2015
- 19th November 2015
- 3rd December 2015
- 10th December 2015

If you would like to participate, you must sign up by writing to Miss Denisova: (anastasia.denisova@obs.edu.pt) stating which session you are going to attend no later than 16.10 on WED before the club.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Secondary Grade reports: 13th October
- Form 6 and 9 parents evening: 14th October in Sports Hall
- Duke of Edinburgh awards presentation: 15th October at Palácio de Freixo
- University Fair: 15th October at Grand Plaza Hotel
- SATs advisors visit: 16th October
- MUN London conference: 16th to 20th October
- Secondary House volleyball: 22nd -23rd October
- Whole School Harvest Festival: 22nd October, 4:30pm at Stella Maris Church
- Whole school non uniform day: 23rd October
- IB ToK day: 2nd November
- Half-term break - 26th -30th October