



Message from the Head of Boys' Hall

MR ECCLES

Dear POWIS Boarding Community,

What a busy few weeks it has been since our last newsletter - proof that life at a boarding school never stops! We have

had sports, celebrations and so much more happening over the last month, some of which you will be able to read more about in this issue of the newsletter. In addition, we have been continuing to develop a number of initiatives that will help shape our boarding students into the leaders of tomorrow through the continued work of our boarding council and tutor system.

This past month also included our October break and I hope that for the many students that headed home for the holidays they were able to share with you many tales and happy memories. We also had a number of our boarders take the opportunity to join our October

boarding camp where they had a busy but enjoyable week.

Finally, a reminder that the December holiday is fast approaching and that the boarding halls will be closed from noon on Saturday 14th December through to noon on Sunday 5th January. Should you wish to apply for early arrival or late departure, please do so promptly so we can endeavour to assist where possible. Please note that the deadline for December arrangements is Wednesday 4th December and we thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Mr Eccles

Journaling Activity: A Creative Evening with the Boarders

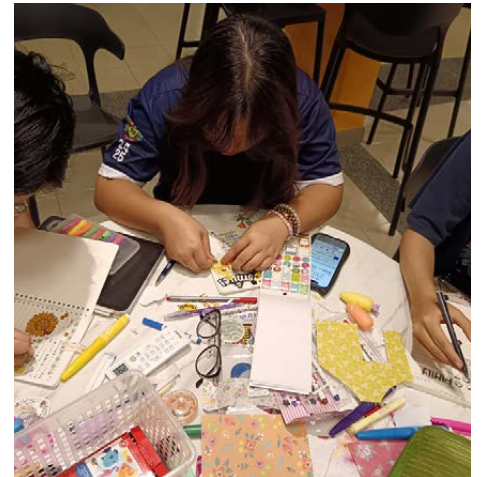
Last month, our boarding students participated in a highly engaging journaling activity, and I was genuinely amazed by their dedication and enthusiasm. What started as a one-hour planned session extended to over two hours, as the students immersed themselves fully in designing and creating their personal journals.

Each boarder meticulously selected stickers, decorations, and craft supplies, adding thoughtful touches to their journal pages. It was heartening to see their creativity flourish as they carefully penned down their thoughts and made every page visually appealing. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, focused concentration, and a sense of camaraderie.

This activity turned out to be one of the most enjoyable and meaningful times we've spent together as a group. It not only allowed the boarders to explore their artistic sides but also provided a wonderful opportunity for self-expression and reflection. Judging by their smiles and the beautiful outcomes of their efforts, it's safe to say the evening was a resounding success.

We look forward to organising more such activities that foster creativity, mindfulness, and connection among our boarders!

- Ms Athyira, Boarding Tutor



Half Term Boarding

During the term break, we had 13 students join our Boarding activity camp and make the most of their holiday. With a daily program of exciting activities, they had the opportunity to explore the best Penang and POWIIS has to offer. The students had a wide variety of experiences and activities including visiting the science museum, riding through the Balik Pulau outback

on ATVs and visiting the adventure park. There were also thrills for the taste buds as they got to enjoy food from a range of penang restaurants, a homecooked BBQ and even a visit to the Hard Rock Cafe! Thank you to all the staff and students involved for making this a memorable week!

- Mr Eccles, Head of Boys' Hall



Football Fun!



A number of our boarders were involved in football fixtures this month against Uplands. There were some very impressive performances from all our teams and students and they competed with good spirit and sportsmanship. Well done to everyone involved!

- Mr Eccles, Head of Boys' Hall



Delicious Dumplings

Did you know that most cultures have some form of dumpling that serves as a staple in their cuisine? Dumplings are not just delicious; they are also a fantastic representation of culinary diversity around the world.

At POWIIS, our boarders love to gather and make dumplings together, learning from different staff members about how these tasty treats are prepared in their respective cultures. Each type of dumpling reflects unique ingredients and traditions, making the process of creating them a wonderful way to share and connect.

So, the next time you meet someone from a different culture, consider asking them how they make their dumplings. It's a delightful conversation starter that can open the door to rich stories and shared experiences!



Growing Together: Raising Children in the POWIIS Boarding Community



At POWIIS, boarding is more than a service; it's a community where children, staff, and families thrive together. It's our sincere hope that every child feels the warmth and belonging that define our home. As I reflect on my journey, I am grateful for the opportunity to raise my son and daughter in such a rich, diverse, and loving environment—one that I am proud to be a part of every day.

- Ms Bennett, Head of Girls' Boarding

Since joining POWIIS as the Head of Girls' Boarding in 2016, I have had the unique opportunity to experience both the professional and personal dimensions of life in a boarding school. Shortly after I arrived, my son was born and began his life here, now at the age of 8. Watching him grow up in this vibrant community has given me profound insights into how a boarding environment shapes children's development.

One of the most rewarding aspects of raising children in this boarding community is witnessing their growing sense of independence. My children roam freely across our beautiful campus, exploring, discovering, and making friendships with ease. This freedom instills in them a confidence that is essential for their development, allowing them to embrace new experiences without hesitation.

Growing up in the POWIIS community, my children have become outgoing, confident, and multilingual individuals. The international and diverse atmosphere fosters fluency in communication, enhanced by daily interactions with peers from various backgrounds. This exposure has not only enriched their language skills but also helped them cultivate high emotional intelligence, enabling them to understand and support others deeply.

While boarding parents may have their children with us for just a few years, the impact is undeniable. The environment at POWIIS is nurturing and supportive, ensuring that every child feels at home, not just through our words but through the genuine care we offer. The friendships and experiences formed here leave lasting impressions, enriching their lives in unimaginable ways.



Subject Options Session

We were very grateful to welcome our University Guidance Counsellor, Mr Bekker, to one of our study sessions this month. Mr Bekker met with a number of our Year 9 and Year 11 students to discuss with them their future plans and help them understand the pathways to get there and what subjects would be best suited for them as they head into IGCSEs and A-Levels. On behalf of the students, I would like to extend the boarding communities gratitude to Mr Bekker for his time and expertise.

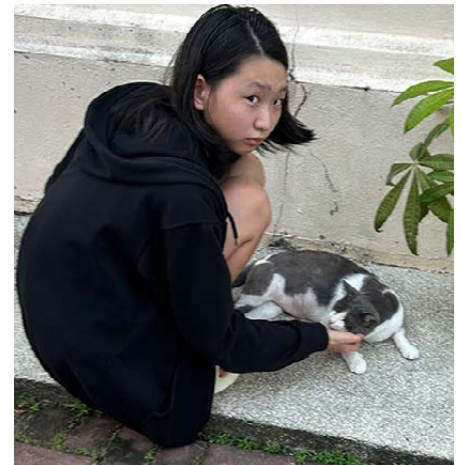
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Our Boarding Cat, Oreo

我与奥利奥初识在上个学期，看到它的第一眼我就喜欢上了这只猫咪，平时就会去喂喂猫粮，总去摸摸它，久而久之我们就渐渐熟悉了。有时它一看到我，就会跟在我身后喵喵地叫着。放暑假的时候，我还回中国给它买了一些猫条和猫罐头，奥利奥每次吃完都会蹭蹭我。有时候我一蹲下来它就会把它的爪子搭在我的腿上，想要爬到我身上来。我现在平时没事的时候也总会去摸摸它。

- Ashley, Year 10



Celebration Dinners

At POWIIS Boarding, we believe in celebrating the achievements and special moments of our community members. Each month, we hold a special dinner dedicated to acknowledging all the wonderful things that have happened during that time. From birthdays and house points to personal triumphs and community milestones, these dinners provide an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate each other.

Our students have come to eagerly anticipate this monthly tradition, and it has become an integral part of their boarding experience. The excitement builds as they look forward to the delicious meal and the celebratory

atmosphere. A highlight of the evening is always the stunning cakes created by Ms Yokie from Yokie Bakes. Her imaginative creations add an extra touch of magic to our celebration nights. Just last month, her Halloween-themed cake was a crowd-pleaser, drawing plenty of photos and smiles from everyone in attendance!

We encourage you to share any special moments or achievements in your child's life, whether big or small. We would love to include these in our upcoming celebrations, ensuring that every child feels recognised and valued as part of our community.

- Ms Bennett, Head of Girls' Boarding

