



## Academic Excellence



### *IGCSE Options Evening*

Last week, we welcomed parents and pupils of Lower Grammar (Year 9) to the IGCSE Options Evening. Parents had the opportunity to hear from the Heads of Department for core subjects such as Mathematic, English and Science, meet the teachers of our wide range of optional subjects and learn about the IGCSE courses from current Grammar (Year 10) pupils.

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### *Broadening their horizons*

We are immensely proud of Janesh, Ru Anne and Ru Jeanne who recently returned from Yale University where they competed in the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions!

They performed extremely well; Janesh was in the top 50 scholars to be celebrated for his cross-curricular knowledge which is particularly impressive as he was one of the youngest! Ru Anne's debating skills were recognised with the gold medal she received for that event. Ru Jeanne was in the top 100 students for her study of different areas of the curriculum and she came in 17th overall for her knowledge of the Arts.



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### *Purposeful Field Trips*

Academic field trips enhance a pupil's learning experience and make concepts more memorable. Pupils in Stonyhurst are never short of opportunities to venture out of their classrooms in Penang in their pursuit of knowledge.

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### *Yijoon wins Gold in Taekwondo*

We are delighted to announce that Yijoon from Lower Prep (Year 3) won the gold medal in the Junior 1st Level Poom Belt in the Penang Closed Taekwondo Competition on November 26th. Yijoon, eight, competed against older children aged nine to 11 and emerged as the champion. This is Yijoon's first victory in Penang. According to his coach, Mr Guna, Yijoon previously trained in his native country Korea, and has been practicing taekwondo for more than three years. His coach described him as a disciplined student and predicts he will be able to go far if he maintains his current form. Yijoon is now training and aiming for the top spot in the Junior 2nd Level Poom Belt. We wish him all the best in his martial arts pursuit!

## Perspective and Horizons

### *Math Mastery Workshop*

The Math Department organised a Math Mastery Workshop for parents in both the Junior and Senior Schools on Nov 17th. The well attended workshop gave parents an insight on how we develop pupils' conceptual understanding and how we stretch and challenge all pupils to give them the best chance of achieving their goals. In particular, the presentation gave examples of how developing conceptual understanding can benefit long term mathematical progress, and how short term 'tricks' are counterproductive. The parents in attendance also had some excellent questions, which demonstrated how keen our parent community is to support their children's development.



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### *Let's get right on the Law*

On November 28th, we were honoured to host Dr Sari, an Associate Professor of Public International Law from the University of Exeter who gave a presentation on 'Studying Law in the UK' to our Lower Grammar (Year 9) and Grammar (Year 10) pupils.

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### *Stonyhurst Diploma*

The ultimate aim for pupils in Stonyhurst International School Penang is to become 'Men and Women for Others'. The Stonyhurst Diploma encourages pupils to embrace the Jesuit Pupil Profile virtues by going above and beyond the everyday school curriculum. Pupils will get the opportunity to support their local community and develop key skills that will help them to become 21st century citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

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