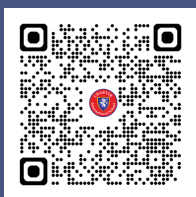


# CHARTER NEWS

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***'The school continues to execute its mission, effectively balancing the English National Curriculum within an international context. The school has done so in a manner that has supported its own unique identity among a very competitive marketplace of schools within Bangkok.'***



# MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Firstly, welcome to the new year at Charter, although the term is now well underway and it seems like an age since we began, it was only a week and a half ago.

It was great to see so many of you in school getting to know your child's teacher earlier this week. I hope you felt the same enthusiasm and joy that I did., It was in each and every classroom I entered, with the teachers sharing all the exciting developments that will be happening in your children's learning this year.

Our first Coffee Morning, yesterday, gave Primary parents

the chance to meet Mrs Kelly, our new Head of Primary. She joins us from Patana where she has worked for a long time giving her lots of experience of both international schools in general and Thailand in particular. She and Mr Plant will be introducing you to the new summer signings on their teams, so I won't steal their thunder!

One of our big focuses for the year is making sure that you know more about not only what we teach, but how we teach it and all the amazing things that your children do in school.

We also want to share more of

the 'other' things, such as how we support your children's wellbeing or ensure their safety online. How we guide them through the difficulties of growing up and making sure they are ready for the next stage in their lives, whatever that may be.

An example of this is this, the new Charter News. We will also be hosting lots of coffee mornings with specific themes. We published a list of these for term 1 (this week for Secondary, next week for Primary) so that you can plan ahead. There will also be performances and chances to see classes in action.

As always, you are welcome to contact me with any questions you may have. We can either meet in person or drop me a line at [nelrick@charter.ac.th](mailto:nelrick@charter.ac.th).

*Neil Elrick*  
*Director*



**' ... parents and students report that the school provides strong academic programming and strikes an appropriate balance between academics, well-being and social-emotional development. '**

CIS/WASC May '23





# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



## STAR OF THE WEEK



## Welcome from the Head of Primary

Safe, happy, caring and community. These four words really sum up for me what it means to belong to Charter International School. As I reach the end of my first full week in post, I am feeling a great sense of pride in being the Head of this very special Primary School.

Over the past few days I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the children.

From the start of the day when the school gates open, it has struck me how confidently even our youngest students walk into school by themselves. Playtimes buzz with excitement and laughter as students connect with their friends and enjoy the freedom to run and play and hide and seek.

Even the walkways at Charter are a friendly place to be and

I am often met with warm smiles and greetings. However, it is inside the classrooms where the magic of Charter lies. Each learning space is calm and purposeful and the students are focused and eager to learn thanks to our dedicated team of teachers and TLAs who work together to make learning irresistible!

*Julie Kelly*  
*Head of Primary*

## Meet the Teacher



Thank you so much for attending our Meet the Teacher presentations this week. It was wonderful seeing our classrooms filled with parents gaining a sense of where your children learn every day. I am certain the commitment and professionalism of our class teachers shone through and that you are feeling confident and informed about the next few weeks of school.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## COFFEE MORNING

Over 100 parents joined our first Coffee Morning of the academic year on Thursday! This was an important opportunity for me to introduce myself to the wider community and share my leadership values with you. Feedback was gathered around what we do well; what we could improve as well as suggestions for future coffee mornings. We truly value your comments which will help us to shape and grow our school.



## KINDNESS

In our first assembly of the year, I shared 5 special things about me which were hidden in mystery baskets. Volunteers were invited to the stage to reveal the objects of which one was the importance of 'Being Kind'. I wonder if your children are able to remember what the other 4 special objects were...?



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



## ZEIMII YEAR 4

We are so proud of Zeimii Y4 for winning a gold medal in the PIANO OPEN STAGE Junior Category at the Music Learning Fest#10! She will be competing in the Young Musicians' Open Stage on August 10th. Let's all cheer her on!



## REN YEAR 4

Congratulations to Ren from Year 4! Ren recently participated in the 5th Nakhonprathom Swimming Cup 2024, organized by the Thailand Aquatics Association. He showcased his swimming skills and earned a bronze medal in the Boys 9 years old 50 LC Meters Breaststroke event.

We're proud of Ren's dedication to his sport and his outstanding performance outside of school. Keep up the great work!



# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome from the Head of Secondary

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

I am delighted to welcome you back after what I hope was a restful and fulfilling summer break.

Firstly, congratulations to our IGCSE and A Level students on their exceptional exam results. Your hard work, determination, and resilience have been truly inspiring.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome new teaching staff, who bring a wealth of knowledge, fresh perspectives, and enthusiasm to our school.

To our recent graduates, many of whom have gone on to prestigious universities such as King Mongkut's Institute of Technology, Thammasat University, and Srinakharinwirot University, pursuing a wide range of fields including Medicine, Biomedical Engineering, Sustainable Tourism Management, Fashion Design, and Digital Design; we wish you every success as you embark on these new and exciting academic journeys and we look forward to hearing of your future achievements!

This year also brings several new developments within our school. We are thrilled to open the doors to our new Sixth Form common room,

a space designed to support our older students in balancing study and relaxation, fostering a sense of community, and encouraging collaborative learning. Additionally, we are excited to introduce two new programs: Komodo, a well-being initiative aimed at supporting students' mental health and emotional well-being, and Unifrog, a comprehensive platform that will assist our students in university preparation and career exploration.

As we move forward into this new academic year together, we will continue to build on our successes and ensure a bright future for all our students.

Warm regards,  
*Mr Adam Plant*  
*Head of Secondary*

## TEACHER FEATURE



**Ms Carter**  
**English Department**

Our first teacher to be featured in this year's Charter News is Ms Carter who joins us from the UK to teach English Language and Literature.

*"I am so excited and humbled to be joining the English department (secondary students) and the whole school community here at CIS. Although I am incredibly passionate about my subject and pedagogy, I am most looking forward to building positive relationships with our students to empower them and witness their individual and holistic success. Moreover, as I have experience in pastoral roles and youth and family intervention work, being a Homeroom teacher for 7B is something I am really looking forward to. I hope to bring positivity, ideas and passion, alongside my skills and experience of teaching English in a diverse plethora of schools, as I adapt and embrace the ethos and aims of CIS. Lastly, I cannot wait to launch the first student newspaper, combining my two favourite areas of teaching: community and curriculum, as students show off their talents and opinions whilst celebrating the ethos of Charter."*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM CAMBRIDGE AWARDS

We are excited to announce that our students who participated in last year's Science Symposium have achieved remarkable recognition from Cambridge for their outstanding projects. Among the many impressive entries, Proud and June's top project (titled: "How does the concentration of carbon dioxide affect global temperatures?") has been selected for submission to compete against other schools in Thailand, with the exciting potential of representing Charter on the global stage. This achievement reflects the dedication and talent of our students, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work. Well done to all participants!

### COMING UP...

- Sep 3

#### Coffee Morning:

How University Guidance works at Charter

**8:10am Sec Library**

- Sep 5

#### Coffee Morning :

Y7 Parents Check In

**8:10am Sec Library**

- Sep 11

#### Coffee Morning:

IGCSE and A Level Structure and Preparation

**8:10am Sec Library**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## STAFF RECEIVE KOMODO TRAINING

This year, our staff has received comprehensive training on Komodo, an innovative well-being software designed to help us better support our students' mental and emotional health. With this new tool, we are now better equipped to respond to the evolving needs of our students, ensuring that they have the support they need throughout the school year. Komodo allows us to monitor student well-being in real-time, providing targeted resources and interventions that promote a positive and supportive school environment. We are excited to integrate Komodo into our school's well-being strategy and to continue prioritizing the overall development of our students.



## CHARTER AT THE MODEL UNITED NATIONS

On Sunday, we took 10 Year 10 pupils to their first MUN conference at Wellington College Bangkok. The pupils worked across five separate committees representing a range of countries from across the world. Despite it being their first experience of MUN, and that they were debating and negotiating against more experienced delegates, the group pushed themselves and represented their countries with integrity and honour. The feedback was resoundingly positive, and they are looking forward to working alongside Charter's more experienced delegates in the year ahead. Well done to all involved.



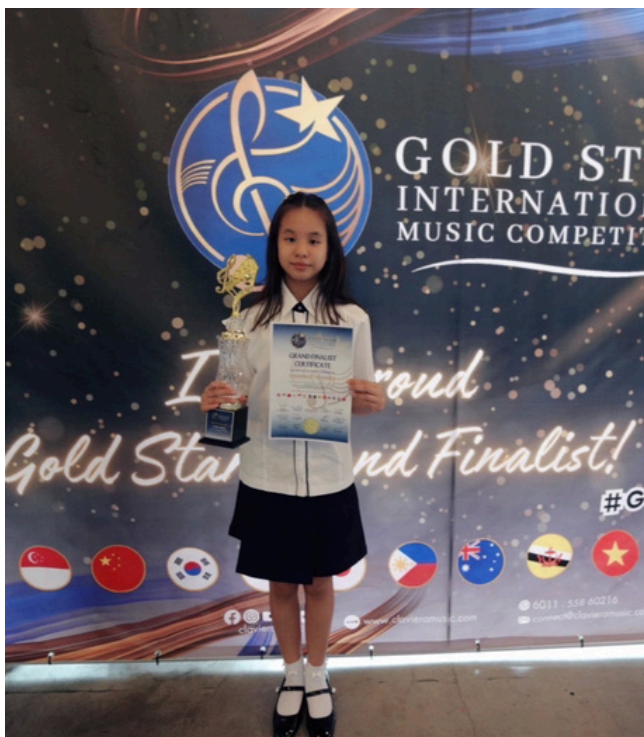
# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



## EXAM SUCCESS FOR LYDIA

Congratulations to Lydia on her successful completion of the ABRSM Grade 2 Flute Performance examination.

The ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) is a prestigious UK-based examination board for music. Lydia's success is a testament to her hard work and dedication. We're incredibly proud of Lydia's achievement and can't wait to see what she'll accomplish next. Keep reaching for the stars, Lydia!



## MELODY COMPETES IN KUALA LUMPUR

We're thrilled to announce that our Year 8 student, Melody, has achieved remarkable success at the Gold Star International Music Competition 2024 held at the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Center (KLPAAC) in Malaysia! Competing against 394 finalists from 15 countries, Melody showcased her incredible talent in the Vocal Solo Musical Theatre category, earning a prestigious Third Prize Award!

This competition brought together top young performers from around the world, with 68% international and 32% Malaysian participants. Melody's achievement stands out among contestants from countries including Australia, China, Japan, Singapore, and the United States.

## KANT WINS AT THE TRINITY MUSIC LEARNING FEST #10!

Huge congratulations to Kant, a Year 8 student, for won his gold medal - Category III - Piano during the Preliminary Round at the TRINITY Music Learning Fest #10! He also secured 3rd Prize in the Final Round. We're so proud of your dedication and talent!



## ATHENS IS CHAMPION AT THE PRELUDE CLASSICAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to Athens (Y9) for becoming Champions of the Junior (13-14 Y) category at the Prelude Classical International Youth Music Competition 2024! 🏆 Your musical talent is truly inspiring.



## FERGY TEES OFF AT THE PYB JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Fergy (Y10) on her outstanding performance at the Play Your Best Junior Golf Tour (PJGT) 2024 #3!

Fergy secured the 2nd Runner Up position in a tight competition, finishing T1-3 with equal scores and narrowly missing out on countback. This impressive result came on the challenging 6109-yard course at Watermill Golf Club & Resort.

We're proud of Fergy's dedication and skill in representing our school at this prestigious event. Keep swinging for success!