

PRIDE ISM TIMES

Written by students, for students

New Year, New Goals!

THE LATEST



A new academic year at Pride ISM, Mandalay means new goals and new achievements. We've been settling back into academic life, and we've been quite busy with our new Enrichment Programme and several sport competitions. Read more about all this inside.



An Interview with our Head of English, Tr. Bernadette. P6



Read about our new Enrichment Programme P4-5



Catch up on our school sports news. P9.



Our main news team, Jasmine, Berry, Daniel, Jack, Dora and Rachel from Year 8, plus several guest writers.

We welcome new members at any time or anyone wishing to contribute an article or idea.

Welcome to the new academic year 2018-2019 and the first issue of Pride ISM Times. We are letting you know what has been going on here at Pride so far, this term. We have been busy with new EPs, sports competitions and much more. We hope you enjoy this first edition, with love from the News Team and Tr. Lori.

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THE CLASS OF 2018!



It was a special day for Year 11 students and for us all. The graduating students completed their IGCSE examinations with incredible results. The school organised the graduation ceremony which was held at Mandalay Hill Resort hotel on 26th August 2018.

Firstly, there was a speech given by our principal, Dr. Phyu Phyu Myint to congratulate the graduating Year 11 students. Next, Jennifer and Nicole shared some information with us about their class and their personalities to entertain everyone. After that, there was a song named 'the world's greatest' which was sang by the students. Hazel gave a thank you speech to all the teachers and parents.

After the ceremony, refreshments were served in the restaurant of the hotel which included fruit juice, chocolate cake and coffee. At the end, everyone gathered for photographs, it was a fun time for everyone.

We are immensely proud of our graduating students and wish them all the best for their future.

By Roger, Year 7.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

TERM ONE

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>ICT GCSE Yr-10</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Physics Yr10/11</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>ICT GCSE Yr-10</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>ICT GCSE Yr-10</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Chemistry Yr10/11</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>
<u>Maths Yr7-9</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>English Yr10/11</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Maths Yr10/11</u> <u>3.05/3.55</u>	<u>English Yr.7-9</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Biology Yr10</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>
<u>Art – Painting (Yr2- Yr-11)</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Secondary Badminton (Yr7- Yr11)</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Primary Football (Yr3-Yr6)</u> <u>7.45-8.45 AM</u>	<u>Secondary Football (Yr7-Yr11)</u> <u>7.45-8.45 AM</u>	<u>Music – Piano and guitar (Yr3-Yr11)</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>
<u>Yr11 Biology</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Beginners French</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u> <u>Yr6-Yr11</u>	<u>Yr11 Biology</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Science Yr7-9</u> <u>3.05.3.55</u>	<u>Yr11 Biology</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>
<u>Primary (Yr3-6) Badminton</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Art – Needlework Yr3-Yr11)</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Chess (Yr3-Yr11)</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Music – Piano and guitar (Yr3-Yr11)</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>	<u>Table Tennis Yr5- Yr11)</u> <u>3.05-3.55</u>

We have an exciting new enrichment programme this academic year offering a range of extra-curricular and supplementary academic subjects. You can view our timetable for term one above.



Bonjour!

"It is good to learn French because it is useful when travelling. During French class, we get to learn basic French, watch French videos and even eat some French food. We play mini-games which helps us learn faster. Attending French EP, is not about learning the language perfectly, it is all about understanding and having fun together." **Eugene, Y8.**



Checkmate



"Chess is a good way to improve our brain power and strategical thinking. I really love Chess EP because it sharpens my brain and it is fun playing against different kinds of opponents. Reggie Y10, and Dylan Y9, are great players." **Daniel Y8.**

An Interview with Tr. Bernadette

Daniel from Y8, interviews our head of English, before her upcoming trip to Thailand.

You are visiting an international school in Bangkok soon. Do you think you will face problems with languages and how will you handle it?

I think there will not be a problem, as all of them there can speak English fluently. We are going to visit an international school, therefore language will not be a problem. If it is, we could always use body language.

What are you hoping to learn?

I hope to learn interesting things because I am going to meet secondary students and teachers who are teaching English.

What inspired you to be a teacher?

When I started my occupation, I thought that I was not good at teaching but I got positive feedback from students. So, that was kind of inspirational.

What personality traits do teachers need to be successful?

Firstly, I believe you need passion to teach without that passion you cannot carry on with this job. Secondly, you must love and admire children. Thirdly, you must tolerate some kind of difficult situations that everybody could not do. For example, your parents have 2 or 3 children but for us we must handle dozens and dozens of different kinds of children, which is really tough.

Did you always enjoy reading?

Mostly I enjoyed reading because I spent my childhood alone, therefore books were like my friends. Even now, I still enjoy reading.

What do you hope to achieve by being a teacher?

Not a lot of special things. If I can educate students to be good leaders or good people then that will be my biggest achievement.

What is the best and worst part of your job?

The best part is that you are well-educated. The worst part is that we are told to be the best nevertheless we are human beings. Hence, we could make mistakes and people point you out if you are a teacher and say you should not do this or do that. Their expectations are really high. Thus, this is a worst part about being a teacher.



Mandalay ZOO Inspectors



The zoo is a good place to walk and look at animals but are some problems with it. The main issue for the zoo is that the enclosures are too small for the animals. They are cramped and there nothing to do. As the enclosures are small, tigers are walking forwards and backwards on the same path. The lions are not sleeping but they are just sitting and doing nothing. These are signs of animals getting distressed. There should be a larger area for the elephants too, instead of locking them up with chains. It is so cruel.

The environment inside the zoo is clean and quiet but there is some mud on the path where visitors are walking so our shoes get dirty. They should also increase the amount of cafes. There are only small stalls so the visitors must bring their own food.

There should be larger lakes for the crocodiles too as they cannot roam around at the moment. For animals, the ground is made with cement so it is not natural.

I have decided to give the zoo three stars because it is not outstanding but it's fair for the visitors because of the price of the tickets. I will return to the zoo in three months' time I hope they will have made some changes.

Richard, Year 10, Zoo Inspector.





Rachel, from Y8 informs us about the amazing Niagara Falls in North America.

Do you know how many waterfalls Niagara Falls is combined of? Or how many people visit the falls each year? Do you know which is the highest fall?

The Niagara Falls are located in the Niagara River which connects two great lakes. Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. They combine three different waterfalls, American Falls, Bridal Veil falls & Horseshoe Falls. The American falls & Bridal Veil falls is located in USA and Canadian. The horseshoe fall is at Canada. The Niagara River serves as an international border between the USA & Canada.

Each year about 30 million people visit the falls. Niagara Falls is not the highest waterfall in the world. The highest waterfall is Angel Falls. Niagara Falls flows more than 168,000 cubic meters (6 million cubic Ft) per minute.

If you want to visit there it is going to cost you \$62 (93000 ks) per person. Niagara Falls cruise costs \$69 (103500 ks) per person. At Night time there is a Niagara Falls light show where illuminations are projected on the water, there are also fireworks on Fridays.

Is the Niagara falls interesting ? Do you want to visit there?

Interesting Facts

- Niagara Falls is the world's most popular honeymoon location.
- Fish commonly fall down over the falls but 90% survived.
- The average household would need 7.5 years to use the amount of water that falls over the falls every second.
- The Niagara Falls was created 10,000 years ago by glacial activity.
- It is illegal to jump into the falls. You can be fined \$10,000 if you survive.
- Charles Blondin became the first man to walk a tightrope across the falls. He was wearing pink tights.

School Sports



Our secondary girls, in an impressive basketball debut! (excuse the photobomber)



The boy's team haven't been able to keep up their winning spree, but we're hopeful!



Two wins and one defeat for the U11 football team so far. Wish them luck!

Problem Page



Study tips?

You should practise old exams to improve more or make a study groups with your friends.

My friends are leaving me out. What can I do?

Talk to your friends and tell them how you feel. If they do not change, find people who do not leave you out.

How can I join the newsletter team?

You can talk to teacher Lori and we are more happy to meet new members

When and where is the secondary excursion?

It is not confirmed yet but we might be going to Bagan. It is going to be in January or February

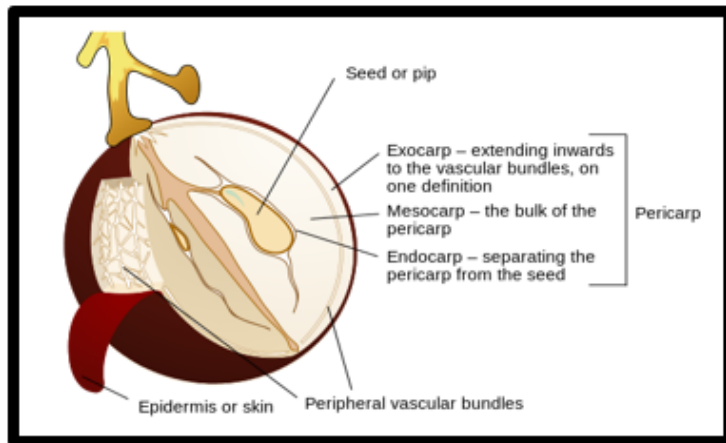
How many subjects can we take in IGCSE?

The minimum that you need for further study is 5 subjects and maximum is 14.

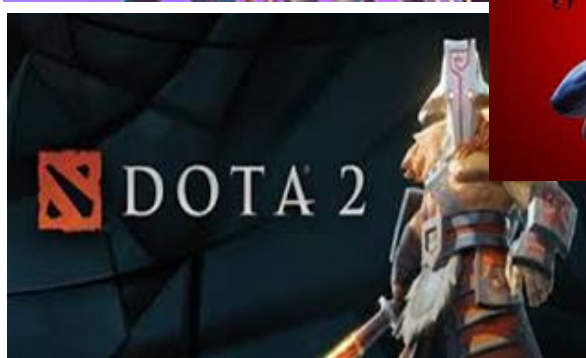
By Jasmine, Y8.

Did you know that strawberries are botanically not berries, but watermelon, pumpkin, bananas and avocados are?

The official definition of a berry is "a fleshy fruit produced from a single ovary." Strawberries, blackberries and raspberries do not fall under the definition of a berry because they are not produced by a single ovary. By this definition, oranges, kumquats, blueberries, chilli peppers, eggplants and tomatoes are botanically considered part of the berry family.



Trending Games of September





Thanks
for
reading!

We welcome all newcomers to Newsletter Club. If you are creative or enjoy writing or photography, please join us.

Or even if you do not join but want to share something in the newsletter or have some ideas, come speak to us.