

February 25, 2021

Dear KIS Community,

Our Professional Development sessions today for teachers and staff were very engaging and informative. Our non-academic staff from across the school discussed their roles at KIS in terms of our Vision, Mission, and Core Values in a session led by Mr. Mike. Dr. Mechum led our wholeschool faculty in designing components of actionable plans, some of which will be blended in our continued efforts to support the development of Global Citizenship in students and adults alike.

This kind of professional dialogue and training is not possible during the regular school day and so good international schools work to have days set aside for this purpose. Our 2020-25 Strategic Plan is providing us many opportunities to plan and collaborate together. In the end, our students and community win and it could not happen without your support. If you have not yet had an opportunity to look through the [KIS 2020-25 Strategic Plan](#), I would invite you to do so. It is also posted to our KIS website.

Enjoy the rest of your long weekend and best wishes,



Paul Johnson
Head of School

[New] The new KIS website is now “live”

As a part of our new branding initiative outlined in our KIS 2020-25 Strategic Plan, our school’s website was launched yesterday with a new look. This is part of a wider effort to update the branding for our school. We hope everyone enjoys our new look: www.kis.ac.th

[New] Search Process: Director for Teaching and Learning

KIS will be adding an important position in the fall to support our strategic plan in the area of teaching and learning. This position is a principal-level position, and will be instrumental in helping to move a lot of the exciting new changes in the teaching and learning at KIS. Many top-tier schools have a position similar to this one to guide best practices in learning and teaching as well as coordinate the alignment and transition between our curricular programs.

We are currently advertising globally for this position with finalist interviews being held from March 18-23. A search committee has been organized to guide the process. There will be opportunities for parents to submit questions, listen to candidates, and provide feedback to the Search Committee. More information will be communicated next week.

If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of this position, please see our advertisements and the job description which are posted on two prominent International Education recruitment websites: [Search Associates](#) and [International School Services \(ISS\)](#). We aim to involve our community in the selection of the very first Director for Teaching and Learning at KIS! This is an exciting development!

[New] Three-Way Conferences in the Secondary School

The Three-Way Conferences for MYP students will be held the week of March 29th and will be through Zoom. The schedule is in the process of being finalized but see below for some basic information

- Grade 12 Three-way Conferences will be held on March 19th. These meetings will occur through Zoom.
- Grade 11 Three-way Conferences will be held in early June this year, as the focus will be on students progress to date in their courses, and their performance on final exams. Parents will also have the opportunity to book appointments with their child's Extended Essay Supervisor.

[New]: Update: University Acceptances

There are some additional university admissions to celebrate at KIS with news of acceptances at University College Gronigen, Trinity College (Connecticut), University of Michigan, City University of Hong Kong, Warwick University, University of Newcastle, University of West London, Durham University, and New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Well done to everyone on another round of exciting admissions and offers.

[Reminder] Kind Reminder: Primary School Drop-off and Pick-up

If you are dropping your children off in the morning (Early Years parents), please help us by making sure someone is on the playground and then say goodbye. In the Afternoon, all parents and caregivers are encouraged to pick up their child, sign them out and head home. We know that it's nice to stay with your child and watch them play and for you to socialize, but unfortunately at this time, we are trying to limit adult and parent access to the campus for health and safety reasons. We need to work together in partnership to ensure everyone is following the school expectations. Once we are able to relax our protocols we will let you know.

[Reminder] Parking Update

With after school activities having begun, parking spaces may be not as easy to find at various times of the day. We do ask for your patience and help in parking in spaces designated as Parent Parking spaces. If you have any questions or comments related to this topic, please contact Mr. Tossapol (Big) Trivithayakran, Finance and Facilities Director if you have any queries or need assistance.

[Reminder] KIS Risk Assessment form

Thank you for completing the KIS Risk Assessment form. We would ask that you resubmit the form if the travel circumstances for anyone in your family changes at any time. [KIS Risk Assessment form](#)