



Spotlight

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Interview with the IGCSE Students



"I am sort of nervous facing the IGCSE exams. It is really a lot and I really have to study well. For me, studying the past papers will surely help me a lot in the exam later on. There are no weird or superstitious rituals before doing the exam, but for sure studying will make my grades good." -Aldo Herman

"Even though this freaking IGCSE exam is stressful and making me quite nervous, but I think I'll go through it well. I'm taking extra courses and I'm also studying at home to help me out in the exams.

Also, by watching something like TV before the exam will surely help you to feel more relaxed before entering the assembly hall and starting to write something in the paper. Superstitious rituals? Pray. It will definitely help you in the exam." -Ryan Divas



Jody: "I think for some students, IGCSE might sound intimidating as it is an international examination which could have a big impact on their future. Personally, I take IGCSE as more of a challenge or a checkpoint where I could see how capable I am in facing international level assessments. Nonetheless, I think IGCSE is very important and will be very beneficial for students to participate in this test as it could help us later on both for our careers and studies. Furthermore, by getting excellent results in these tests, it will show that not only hard work pays off, but it will also widen our choices later on for universities and colleges. Lastly, by aiming to get A's or even better, we can make aims for ourselves and feel proud

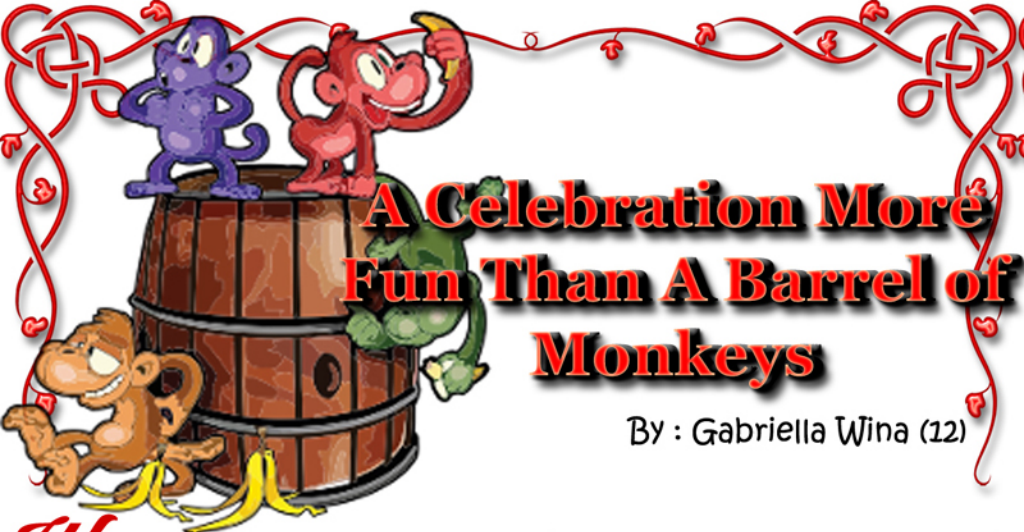
when we actually achieve these aims. This does not only do ourselves proud but it also do our parents, teachers and friends proud which will leave us with a sense of satisfaction. To prepare for the IGCSE exam, I started reviewing since several months before the test. To have a better preparation, I usually study from all the references that I can get, such as textbooks, notes, presentations, exercises, etc. In addition to this, I also practice answering past papers questions, which help me familiarize myself to questions that IGCSE will give. Some studying tips that I can give includes asking the teachers for topics that one don't fully understand, understanding the concept of the topic, doing practices after practices, discussing questions or problems with friends, compiling important terms and formulas, have enough rest so one does not tire, focus while studying and of course give one's best and pray to God.

Edbert: "IGCSE is a test where I use my knowledge to challenge my ability. It is important because it is a method to enter college. If you enter college/university while you are still in high school, as long as you are 16 years old or more, university/college will accept you. Another reason it is important is that it can let you have 2 prestigious certificate (IB and IGCSE) which can lead to an easier acceptance to a good university. The hardest subject that I encounter is economic because it has too much theory, thus, most of the time it leads to memorizing and it is my weakness. The easiest subject is math because once you know how to do it, you can easily get a good score in the real exam. I pick Chemistry, Physics, Biology, bahasa Indonesia, English, Math, ICT, and Economics. I think if I study hard, I will get a or A* but if I only relax and study less, the worst possible grade I can get is a C. My preparation for IGCSE exam is studying as much as past paper I can and ask the teacher if I do not understand anything.

My special studying tips are to not stress on studying too much to prevent headaches. Another one is understand the topic and just remember the hard one, for example, definitions. Lastly, you need to take a rest once in a while when you are studying so your brain will not get stress and you can understand and remember the topic easily.

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School Year
Term 3 2015 - 2016



A Celebration More Fun Than A Barrel of Monkeys

By : Gabriella Wina (12)

We welcomed the year of the fire monkey, a symbol of ambition and adventure. The school was filled with children running around with traditional Chinese clothing, which included tight-fitting dresses called Qibaos for girls, and Changshans for boys, which translates to "long shirt" in English. The older students mostly opted for something simpler, with red shirts symbolizing luck and prosperity.

There were amazing performances done by the students, varying from dances, to songs, and even dramas.



Everyone was enthusiastic, making it more festive than ever. The students were highly energetic, parents were proudly watching, and the Mandarin teachers, too, were very supportive, cheering out to their students while on stage. It was due to their endless effort that the event could take place— their



dedication, determination, and diligence all contributed in making things happen.

With such short time to prepare, the results were surprising. When Miss Mavis Zhang was asked about her favourite performance, she found it difficult to answer. "I like the song and dances the most, but all the performances were really good! I really can't decide which class did best. It's impossible!"

Through the participation of the entire BTB community, the event turned out to be a success. The decor put up, along with the smiles



on everyone's faces really helped in bringing the Chinese New Year celebration together. Let's hope for another exhilarating event next year! 新年快乐!



Love is IN THE AIR



Most of us would agree with George Eliot's words "I like not only to be loved, but also to be told I am loved".

The Valentine's Day is the occasion for you to express love and receive love at the same time. From ECY community, we celebrated the moment of love with our favorite Valentine's Day ideas with the guidance of each homeroom teacher.



ECY surely has some creative ways to show their love to parents. All classes were beautifully decorated with red hearts ornaments and balloons. The happy ECY students came in pink and blue outfits to embrace the nuance of Valentine.



Playgroup class made a card with their footprints to say 'I love you Mom and Dad for loving and taking care of me.' Preschoolers humbly made a Valentine crown to render it to the person they love the most. Kindergarten 1 and 2 students made a unique pop-up card and spent the day with games and a story entitled "What is love?"

All ECY students had fun on February 19, 2016, as they went home with a goodies bag and a remembrance from their friends who shared candies and chocolates. They would go home and extend a warm hug to their parents, handed their own made artworks and said cheerfully, "I love you, Mom and Dad."



One of the things these young learners surely hold in heart, that love is not meant to be given and received only on Valentine's Day. Instead, it is to be practiced every single day throughout a year.

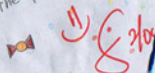


Poet: Ethan

Date: 2nd Feb 2016

Chinese New Year

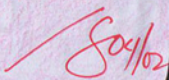
We all eat inside a hall,
 and visit the great wall,
 Everybody gives red packets,
 and give gifts such as lockets,
 Everybody gives new year greetings,
 when they go to new year meetings.
 I like to take candy,
 from the plate of Uncle Andy,
 New year is the best time of the year,
 because of the festive cheer.



Poet: Arelia

Date: February 2, 2016

When you see two people together,
 you can see the love between them.
 Heart is my name,
 And watching people is my favorite thing.
 You can see the love between them.



Poet: Ardely

Date: Feb 2, 2016

The Moon

I dream to visit the moon,
 The moon is so round and bright.
 But it will not show at the noon,
 Since night is coming soon,
 I wait and wait for that
 Wonderful sight!



Poet: Tiara Jacinta Aulia

Date: 2/2/2016/February

There once lived a boy near the ocean,
 who thought he found a magical potion.
 He took a big drink
 and started to think
 It tasted like suntain lotion.



By: Ms. Anneke, Faustina & Kayleigh (5 Sapphire)

Grade 5 Most Anticipated Team Building Camp 2016

We had a fun and rewarding experience to attend the TBC as we stayed for a night at school. For most of us, it was the first time we were sleeping away from our parents. We felt independent and proud that our parents gave us the trust to attend TBC.



February 19 and 20, 2016 were very special for Grade 5 Ruby and Sapphire. All students were split into 5 magnificent teams: the Red Bull, Orange Knights, Yellow Lightning, Green Fighters and the Blue Moon. The Carrefour shopping activity was the first part of our TBC Program. Each team was given Rp.100.000.- to spend on food for our Salad Competition, where we had to make the tastiest salad with our friends. The fruit salad with yoghurt and strawberries was the winner! Nice job, Orange Knights!

By 11.30pm, we were all so tired and couldn't barely keep our eyes open. 12 midnight had passed and a few slices of pizzas later, some of us were still wide awake and had trouble drifting off to sleep.

The next morning, most of us woke up at 5.30am, changed our pyjamas and brushed our teeth--ready for the morning exercise. Then we played the Amazing Race. Each team was given an envelope with riddles and we had to go to various locations at school to find pieces of puzzle. The teams raced back up and down the stairs and ended up at the auditorium



where we had to tape all the pieces of the puzzle together into one gigantic picture!

Towards the end of the TBC, the teachers congratulated us and announced the total scores of each team. The Red Bull team came out as the champion! A boy and a girl were also announced to be the KING and QUEEN of the Camp! His Highness title was taken by Owen Effendy of 5-Ruby and Cassey Callista Chou of 5-Sapphire took the title of Her Majesty.

Lastly, came a time to pack our things up and we went home with something valuable we learnt and at the same time, had fun!

"And this truly yet adventurous journey gave me high hopes for true teamwork and cooperation with others in the future." - Faustina Leonita Faviola (5 S)

"We were encouraged to improve our ability to work as a team and at the same time motivate each team member to do the best to their abilities to achieve the same goal." - Kayleigh Jane Wijaja (5 S)

