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Fellowship focus

N E W S L E T T E R

Monthly updates from the
Cambridge International Fellowship Centre at Taman Rama School



Gong Xi Fa Cai

A Taman Rama School Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year was celebrated at Taman Rama School on Wednesday 2 February 2011. Students throughout the school dressed in Chinese costume or red items of clothing in recognition of this special event. During the SD / CIPP Morning Assembly students and teachers were treated to a medley of Chinese songs sung by SD / CIPP students with Chelsea D'Heureuse from 4E1 singing a solo. In Cambridge Secondary Ms Lisa led the Year 7s in a Chinese song and Margaret from 8E read a Chinese proverb for the new year in Mandarin.

The reason we wear red during Chinese New Year is that in Chinese mythology, Chi-

nese New Year started with a fight against a mythical beast called the Nian, who would come on the first day of New Year to attack the villagers. Legend has it that during one such attack, the Nian ran away from a small child that was wearing red. From this time on the villagers wore red to scare away the Nian.

People traditionally prepare for Chinese New Year by sweeping away the previous year's bad luck with a thorough cleaning of their home. This makes sure their house is ready for the good luck. Some people also begin the new year by buying new clothes or even getting a new haircut. Celebrations usually include a family dinner of fish and dumplings or new year cake.

Welcome, Year of the Rabbit!



What are Cambridge international AS and A Levels?

Cambridge International A/AS Levels are international qualifications which are widely recognised and valued by universities worldwide - including the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

At our Cambridge International Fellowship Centre A/AS level begins in Grade 11 and finishes after two years of study in Grade 12. Students have a full timetable of subjects but choose to focus on 3 to 4 A Level subjects for international examination.

A full A Level subject typically comprises of 3 to 4 examination components. At the end of Grade 11 most students choose to sit the first two of these components. This is called AS (Advanced Subsidiary). Successful results from AS can then be carried through into grade 12 where students sit the remaining two components. Alternatively students can take all four examination components at the end of Grade 12.

Entry requirements will differ from university to university and from course to course but most university courses will expect graduating students to have 3 full A Levels with passes above a Grade C.

“ The A Level subjects are hardwork, therefore they show our capability to undertake challenges and difficult tasks. ”

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events

- 15/2 Maulud Nabi (Holiday)
- 16/2 Cambridge Talent time
- 21/2 - 26/2 Cambridge 7 & 8 Educational Field Trips
- 4/3 Nyepi - School Closed
- 5/3 Nyepi - School Closed
- 7/3 - 11/3 Pre-Cambridge Examinations

31/3 Taman Rama - Open House Day

Valentine's Day is a day filled with feelings of love and joy... and of course, flowers and chocolates. It is a known tradition to celebrate the fourteenth day of February with your loved ones. This annual celebration is recognized all over the world and it is common for people to present lovely gifts to their special someone other than the obvious, the purchase of flowers and sweet treats, as well as dinner reservations are booming on valentine's day every year, so for those who have not done so yet, be sure to do it quick before you are left with nothing to present to your loved ones.

Love is in the air all day today so let's make it a memorable one and just enjoy every moment.

Santhi Weiss Grade 11

Recommended Reading

Marsella Tanaya is currently reading
'The Last Samurai' by Helen Dewitt

Andi Somi recommends
Dan Brown's 'The Lost Symbol'

Elgine Gautama Chandra is reading
For One More Day by Mitch Albom

Ni Made Fenua Dewi Augustina is reading
Beautiful Creatures by Kami Gracia and Margaret Stohl

Kai Mele Tyas predicts that you'll enjoy
'The Complete Prophecies of Nostradamus'

Let's Go Surfing...



The second semester has just begun and the Cambridge exams are just around the corner. For those about to take the AS / A Level exams, you are familiar with exam preparations but for many, it is their first major exams. We all have different ways of revising and studying for the upcoming exams, but here are some helpful websites that will provide you with useful resources.

To get all the basic information, head over to <http://www.cie.org.uk>. Here you will learn all about Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) and its missions. This site will give you all you need to know from curriculum details to qualifications needed. Be sure to visit the Cambridge Students website (<http://www.cambridgestudents.org.uk/>) as well for it is CIE's very own website dedicated to all students studying Cambridge qualifications. On this site, you will have access to syllabuses, past papers, study checklist, exam information, competitions and all the information needed for the upcoming exams. To make studying a little less hard work, the website also offers simulations and games. In addition to that, students are welcome to register to get regular email updates from Cambridge.



For those who are planning to leave for higher education after IGCSE / A Levels, it would be helpful to visit education organisations that will guide you into getting into colleges and universities. An example of one of these websites is UCAS (wwwucas.com/). This site would come in handy for prospective UK students, as it will channel you to the higher education you need. It helps you decide where to study, what courses to take, how to apply and even provides information on student finance. Many are unaware that IGCSE / AS / A Level grades are worth certain tariff points. UCAS will help you decide where your grades stand.

The clock is ticking so it's time to get serious. Make sure to devise a study timetable and learn all the times and details of your exams. Best of luck for the upcoming May/June session! - Santhi Weiss - Grade 11



"Mangroves"



photography winner

Congratulations to Patricia Fei Goeyardi of 5E who was recently awarded first prize in the National Geographic Kids - International Photography Contest 2010.

Her photo, entitled 'Mangroves', was selected from 600 entries by a panel of professionals from National Geographic magazines.

National Geographic and National Geographic Kids Magazine hold photography competitions throughout the year and we encourage all our budding student photographers to get snapping and enter their best shot.

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