

Curriculum Updates

September to December
2024-2025



THE
**ANGLOPHONE
BRITISH
CURRICULUM**
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Welcome

Welcome to the first of our Bi-annual curriculum update newsletters.

The ABCIS has a proud history of delivering an outstanding education to our students inside and outside the classroom.

The support of our parents is a vital part of our success. This newsletter lets you all know what is happening in our classrooms and what opportunities are available to students to enrich their education.

The events and competitions you will see on this newsletter will be shared with students closer to the time, please encourage your child to take part!

If you have any questions or queries, please contact me via the school office.



Mr Simon

Assistant Headteacher, Teaching and Learning and Curriculum

Computing



Mr Lee
Head of Computing

New Units of Work

As the world of computing continues to develop, so does our curriculum in computer studies. This year new topics will include Harnessing AI, Robotics and Embedded Systems and Generative Art using the language framework p5.JS



Upcoming competitions

UK BERBAS Competition

The chance to take part in an international coding competition will be available to all students. Students must register via Mr Lee by the 4th of November for a 9th November start.



English



Mr Alex
Head of English

Unleash your creative side

COBIS Poetry competition

As a proud member of The Council of British International Schools, our students have the opportunity to enter a Poetry competition against other international school students. Our budding poets should speak to Mr Alex for more details. The deadline is the 18th of October

FOBISIA Short Story Competition

If prose is more their style, there is a short-story writing competition. Students should see Ms Danielle for more details, the deadline for this is the 29th November.



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Sciences

There are many competitions for our students to enter in the Sciences. We have a long and successful history in these competitions, with our students routinely holding their own against the top students in the world.

Science Competitions



Ms. Khadijah
Head of Science

Competition	Year group	Competition Date
Physics Challenge	Year 13 or below	Sept - Dec 2024
Astro Challenge	Year 13 or below	Sept - Dec 2024
BPhO Round 1	Year 13 or below	Fri 8th Nov 2024
Junior Astro Challenge	Year 10 & Year 11	Fri 1st - Fri 22nd Nov 2024

Social Sciences



Ms. Sharon
Head of Social Sciences

On February the 14th and 15th, our iGCSE Geography students will be able to visit Mui Ne to complete the Fieldwork component of their course. Whilst there, students will collect data on Coastal features, river usage and tourism statistics. This will be an invaluable boost to their exam preparation. Ms Sharon, our Head of Social Sciences, will send letters home nearer the time.

Music and Drama

The school production of "The Little Shop of Horrors" will take place after Christmas. Rehearsals are already well underway and casting decisions will be announced soon. There are lots of ways for students to be involved in the musical, our Design and Art departments are busy creating props and theatre displays. It is a perfect opportunity for students to develop their creative skills! Those interested should speak to Ms Dawn or Ms Annie



Ms. Annie, Drama



Ms. Dawn, Music

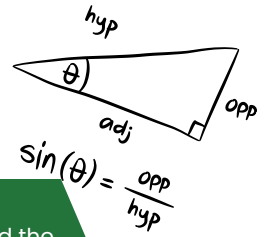




Ms Jiin
Head of Maths

Maths

This September has already seen our students take part in the exciting Fobisia Code-Breaking Maths Challenge. Our students performed admirably, scoring 628 points between them, and 36 students earned Certificates of Merit! Well done to all involved!



What's new in Maths?

Key Stage 3

Later this academic year, students in Years 7-9 will have the opportunity to explore mathematics beyond the curriculum through project-based learning, where they will examine real-life applications and apply their problem-solving skills. This will develop their critical thinking as well as their mathematics skills.

Key Stage 4

This academic year marks the introduction of both calculator and non-calculator examinations for IGCSE Mathematics and Additional Mathematics courses. While the syllabus remains largely unchanged, one of the examination papers will now include a dedicated focus on assessing students' non-calculator skills.

Key Stage 5

Thursday Morning Maths with Ms Robyn
Every Thursday 7:00am
5 September - 28 November

Drop-in sessions are available for KS5 students to catch up on in-class work, revise for assessments, and resit exams. Students have been asked to sign up prior to attending the sessions. The sign-up spreadsheet has been shared with all KS5 students via Google Classroom.



Competition time!

The ABCIS has a long established history of successfully competing in international Maths competitions. Once again, this year, our dedicated Maths teachers will provide a range of opportunities for our students to showcase their mathematical talents. As well as this, we will be offering a range of mathematics based activities.

FOBISIA are hosting a Secondary Maths Competition 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 16th to 19th of January. Ms Jiin and Mr Will will lead our team of intrepid mathematicians to compete against the top students in international education.



The highly challenging Ritangle maths competition will take place throughout October and November for KS5 students. It is a team-based event where team-work plays as much of a role as mathematical know-how. Please encourage your children to sign up with their maths teacher!



The school will once again be taking part in the UKMT this prestigious event encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge are designed to make students think, most are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience.

With a proven track record of success in this event, we look forward to students once again participating against some of the top students in the world.

Ms. Jiin will write home to share information on this year's changes to the entry process and key competition dates.



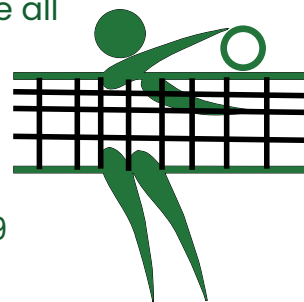


Physical Education



The ABC Panthers will once again compete across a wide range of sports this academic year. Students will have the opportunity to attend training sessions and play in fixtures against other local schools as well as internationally against other FOBISIA schools.

Engaging in sporting activities is an important part of a child's development and stress management, and as such we encourage all students to sign up and take part in as many as they can.



Season 1

August to November

- U9 Football / U11 Football / U13 Basketball / U15 Basketball / U19 Volleyball / Cross Country

Season 2

November to January

- U11 Badminton / U13 Football / U15 Football / U15 Table Tennis / U19 Basketball / U19 Badminton / Swimming



The First FOBISIA International games of the Academic year will take place between November 21st and 25th, and it will be the Under 15 Games.



To sign up for this, or any of the activities mentioned above, students should speak to Mr Andy, Head of Secondary PE or Mr Rob, the Director of Sport.

And Finally...



What underpins a student's success in school is their willingness and ability to engage with the English Language. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your children to read for fun and to read in English. This simple act is statistically proven to improve a student's academic attainment. Even something as simple as changing your child's electronic devices to English language mode can have an impact.

The school provides a wealth of reading resources for students, both digital, via the SORA app, and physical in the school Library.

Do you know what your child is reading? Why not ask them about it? Parental modelling of reading is another proven boost to a child's academic attainment.