



Mrs Dinah Hawtree
POWIIS Principal

Message from the Principal

Dear POWIIS Community,

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful break over the festive season. Unable to get back to the UK to spend it with my family as planned, I spent Christmas in the Cameron Highlands with my husband, enjoying the cooler weather, beautiful scenery, and the many activities on offer up there.

Back in school we are still working with a huge number of restrictions, which mean that all the 'fun stuff' that makes POWIIS special - sports competitions, trips, CCAs, concerts, shows, assemblies, fundraisers, house events etc etc - is still not possible. That said, we are grateful that we are (for the moment at least) still able to be in school as this is vastly preferable to online learning for staff and students alike.

With an increasing number of cases in Penang, it was inevitable that cases would get closer to POWIIS, and this week we have had a number of staff and students self-isolating awaiting test results of close contacts; thankfully almost all of these have so far come back negative. We continue to be very vigilant and adhere tightly to our SOPs and infection protocols to protect our community.

Our new school lunch arrangements, warmly welcomed by students, have now settled down well, after a slow start on Monday. We always knew there would be a few glitches to overcome, the main one being a lack of familiarity with the new system, and within just a few days it now seems to be working smoothly and students are enjoying the choices available.

Many of our older students are currently sitting module exams, and our Year 11s will start their mock exams on Monday; I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our students the success that they deserve in these difficult times.

I'm sure that many of you will have heard the news that the UK will not be running the summer exams as planned; the good news is that the international exam boards are intending (so far) to proceed with exams in May and June, as long as the schools are allowed to run them. So, as things stand, as long as POWIIS is open, our students should be able to sit their examinations as normal this year.

I'd like to thank all of you for your support during this time, and hope that you and your families manage to avoid the virus and stay safe.

With kindest regards, Mrs Dinah Hawtree 🍀

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ESTABLISHED IN 1988
Federation of British International Schools in Asia

Enriching teaching, learning, and the student experience through collaboration and support

What is
FOBISIA?

FOBISIA started as a group of headteachers working in SEA over 30 years ago.

- We are now a diverse and inclusive community of 79 Member Schools
- We connect teachers to share best practice and access leading educational thinkers.
- We bring students together for enrichment activities across a range of learning areas.
- We represent an important educational link between Asia, the United Kingdom and the world.

Our reach extends from Mongolia to Indonesia, and Kazakhstan to Japan.

UPCOMING
Student Events

- + Virtual Swimming Championships
- + Online Short Story Competition
- + In-country Varsity Basketball Invitational
- + Online Art Competition
- + Primary Maths Challenge

Student Event
HIGHLIGHTS

- + Virtual Film & Animation Festival
- + Online Maths and Science Competitions
- + Online Design & Technology Competition
- + In-country Gymnastics Invitational
- + Inaugural Race4Good Challenge

Surviving the Pandemic

Schools are experiencing many challenges, such as mobility restrictions, isolation, financial hardship, and exam cancellations. FOBISIA Member Schools have all:

- Demonstrated remarkable compassion and resilience in the face of a global pandemic;
- Successfully transitioned from classrooms to online learning within weeks;
- Collaborated on their responses to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students; and
- Maintained teacher motivation and welfare by sharing their experiences during the pandemic.

Race4Good with Linda Cruse

Online Maths Competition

Virtual Photography Festival

Virtual Film & Animation Festival

DID YOU KNOW?

1,968,789 questions were answered by 2,665 students from 31 Member Schools in the Online Science Competition

www.fobisia.org

News & Events

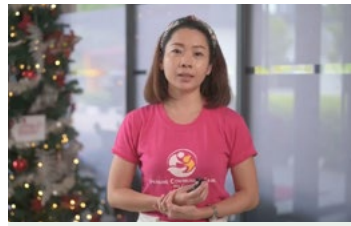
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'POWIIS LIKES to give back' campaign



Year 8 Online Geography Learning



'POWIIS LIKES to give back' campaign - Message to the community



Back to school after CMCO



POWIIS Race4Good overcoming mid-race challenges of Round 2



Year 10 students in Physics class



Winners of Fobisia Race4Good challenge!



Christmas at POWIIS



'POWIIS LIKES to give back' stories part I



Year 7 - 'There is Power in the Music'



'POWIIS LIKES to give back' stories part II



Boarders activities during the festive season



Design Engineer Construct (DEC) learning programme



'POWIIS LIKES to give back' stories part III



'POWIIS LIKES to give back' campaign final



Season of Giving online donation drive by POWIIS Leo Club



Run Limitless Fun Run (17 Jan - 7 Feb 2021)



Welcome back to school (Term 2)



What is DEC?



DEC Competition Announcement

The Official announcement is on the Class Of Your Own (COYO) website [HERE](#).

Important Dates in January 2021

11 - 15	January	Year 11 Mock Exams
18	January	IGCSE Art Mock Exams
20 - 21	January	Year 13 Art Mock Exams
		MIDP - POWIIS Penang Debate Open/School of Advanced Reasoning Skills (SCARS)
28	January	Public holiday - Thaipusam
30	January	Year 11 Parent Reception

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