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Welcome Address

# Message From the Head of Boys Hall

**Mr Eccles**
Head of Boys Hall



**Dear Boarding Community,**

Welcome to the final issue for this academic year of the boarding newsletter. This has been yet another successful year for our boarders, who have shown personal growth and enjoyed success in many ways throughout the year. This is always a time of year to reflect on how far we have come and look ahead to our future goals and ambitions.

As I am sure you are aware, there are a number of exciting changes coming to boarding next year which we hope will allow us to build on the great foundations that have been established over the past 15 years and offer even more opportunities and support for everyone involved in POWIIS Boarding.

With those changes, however, there is also a degree of sadness as we say goodbye to colleagues that have been instrumental in providing the high quality care and ethos for many years now.

I, my fellow returning staff members and of course the students have certainly been enriched through their presence and will surely miss them as we move into the next chapter. With that, my heartfelt thanks go to Ms Bennett-Odeny, Mr Odeny, Ms O'Mahoney and Mr Llewellyn from everyone here in the boarding community for everything you have given to boarding in your time here.

This issue provides us an opportunity to look back at some of the best moments in the last 10 years. We hope you will enjoy it. For those returning, we can't wait to welcome you back and begin the new journey together. For those moving on, we wish you well and hope you will remember us and keep in touch.

**Warm Regards,**
**Mr Eccles**

## 10 Years of Boarding Memories

Here is a look back at 10 years of the best boarding moments as we prepare to move into a new chapter at the start of the next academic year.

**2016 - 2017**











## 2017 – 2018










## 2018 – 2019



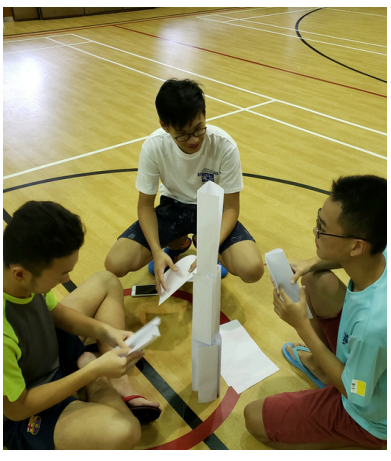






## 2019 – 2020







## 2020-2021






## 2021-2022







## 2022 - 2023





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## 2025 – 2026






# Boarding Farewell - Mrs Bennett-Odeny



Dear Boarding Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of my departure from boarding at the conclusion of this school year. These past 10 years have flown by, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have grown as a leader within the boarding community.

To the parents, thank you sincerely for entrusting me with the care of your children over the years. It has been an honour to protect and nurture them through their boarding journey.

To our boarders, what an incredible decade it has been! While many of you have experienced my firmness, I hope you have equally felt the deep care and concern I have for each and every one of you.

To the staff, I could not have become the leader I am today without your support. From cleaners to facilities staff, from matrons to boarding staff, each of you has challenged and inspired me in ways I never expected. Because of you, I am a stronger, more confident leader.

Leading with my heart has always been my approach, and I have given my all to this community. Now, I look forward to spending more time with my son and daughter as they continue to grow and need my attention. Please know that this was not an easy decision, but one I made with my family's best interests at heart.

Although I will no longer be the Head of Girls' Boarding, I will continue to contribute to POWIIS in my roles as SENCo, teacher and basketball coach. I look forward to seeing many of you in these capacities—and I'll also be around boarding from time to time, especially during Saturday morning activities, when I'll bring Kai and Hawi along to say hello.

Thank you all for the unforgettable memories and support.

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Khalifah Bennett-Odeny
POWIIS Boarding 2016-2026















# Meet the New Team

Ms Bennett has made the decision to step down from her role as Head of Girls' Boarding (after 10 years of dedicated service!) although she will remain at POWIIS in her SEN role, and as a teacher. We have taken this opportunity to restructure our Boarding management in order to build on the excellent foundations laid by Ms Bennett and Mr Eccles, and to support a larger boarding community, with the team from August as follows:

- Head of Boarding: Mr Hughes
- Head of Boys' Boarding: Mr Eccles
- Head of Girls' Boarding: Ms Mironova
- Boarding Co-ordinator: Ms Hughes

All 4 of the above will be full time in Boarding, with no teaching role, enabling them to provide the continuity and level of care that our increasing number of boarding students will require. They will continue to be supported by a small team of teachers who are also employed as boarding tutors.



**Mr Hughes** joins us as Head of Boarding having previously held similar positions in Australia and in KL. Outside of school he enjoys sports, particularly rugby and cycling.



His wife, **Ms Hughes**, has a background in nursing and boarding, and will be joining us as Boarding Co-ordinator. They have 4 sons, the youngest of whom will also be joining POWIIS.



**Ms Mironova** joins us as Head of Girls' Boarding, having held a similar role at a school in Moscow, and is very much looking forward to the warmer climate.

# End of Year Party

As the term comes to a close the boarding community joined together to celebrate the successes and friendships made through the year with a big end of year party.

It kicked off with a sumptuous international buffet organised by our catering team, featuring an array of dishes from beef rendang to thai green curry. After having their fill, the boarders went to dance off the calories with a dance party organised by Dr King and supported by a number of our staff. The MPH was awash with lights and music as the boarders took the opportunity to come together and celebrate the year.

The night ended with a sweet treat of cake and ice cream - a perfect way to wrap up another successful year.























# Terrariums

Students participated in a Terrarium DIY workshop at a local café, where they created their own miniature ecosystems in glass containers.

Through this hands-on activity, they learned about plant care, creativity, and environmental awareness. The workshop provided a fun and engaging learning experience while encouraging students to appreciate nature and develop their artistic skills.





















