Dear Parents,
In the UK this week there has been much comment about a report by the British government’s Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (Ceop) about the dangers of the sending of explicit sexual material amongst teenagers using smart phones. This ‘sexting’ was declared to have become standard practice amongst this age group.

I am unaware of corresponding research in Portugal but I doubt that the reality here is much different from in the UK. If children are given sophisticated phones and there are relatively few limits or supervision of their use then it is not surprising that such behaviours will surface.

The greatest danger of such behaviour is the possible impact on the well being and mental health of vulnerable young people. In the UK many young girls are pressurized into sending explicit images of themselves to their boyfriends. These images are then circulated to others and become the source of much bullying, embarrassment and humiliation. It is easy to understand how a pupil may be deeply unhappy if this happened and how it would affect their motivation at school and their social status in these difficult years. It is very difficult to come to school if one is subject to sneers and comments. But parents do provide their children with such equipment and many fail to appreciate the possible consequences of this. Many will argue that teenagers need such devices to stay in touch with parents and I appreciate this point. However a simple dumb phone available in most shops for less that 30 Euros allows for this communication and prevents the other issues arising.

I am not aware of any such issues at OBS so perhaps my article this week is an overreaction. However it is part of my duty to inform and advise. If you are considering a Christmas present of a mobile phone for one of your teenage children I ask you to really think twice about such a purchase.

Tom McGrath, Headmaster

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LAST CHANCE TO DO THE SURVEY

CIS SURVEY
We would like you to complete an online anonymous survey, lasting approximately 15 minutes. This survey is available in a number of languages, including Portuguese. Please select your preferred language once you have started. Please visit www.endicottresearchcenter.net – the parent survey code is CNP2016495

Every question must be answered in order for your answers to be recorded. Skipped questions will be presented again until they are answered. When you reach the last screen, click SUBMIT. Thank you for your help with this important work.

Estimados Pais,

No seguimento do nosso pedido anterior, e no âmbito da nossa auto-avaliação para o processo de reacreditação pelo Council of International Schools (CIS), solicitamos o vosso apoio no preenchimento de um inquérito online com a duração de aproximadamente 15 minutos. Este inquérito está disponível em várias línguas, incluindo Português. Por favor selecione a língua pretendida ao iniciar o inquérito.

O inquérito está disponível em www.endicottresearchcenter.net, código de inquérito CNP2016495

Agradecemos desde já o seu apoio.
WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

CHECKPOINT EXAMINATIONS
Primary and Secondary Checkpoint examinations will be held during the week of the 18th to 22nd April 2016. Miss Lee and Miss Corcoran will send more information next week.

Miss Corcoran & Miss Lee

WEBSITE IN PORTUGUESE
Please be informed that our website is now in Portuguese as well as English. Please click on the icon at the top of the homepage to choose your language preference.

Cristina Bridges, Head of ICT

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - DONATION OF TOYS
Once again, the Ladies’ Guild will be running their Christmas Bazaar (See flyer on page 8) at the Oporto Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday, 21st November. If your children have any toys or games that they would like to donate, these should be brought to school by Friday, 20th November. They will be sold at the toy stall and all proceeds will be given to charity. Please note all members of the community are welcome to attend.

HOUSE LOGO COMPETITION
Closing date: 16th November (extended)
To be judged by a selection of people including the House captains, School Council Rep’s, Ms Castro, Mr Bridges, Mr Homewood and Ms Gander.

- Are you interested in graphic design? Could you design a logo for your House?
- If the answer is yes, and your design wins, then you could go down in OBS history!
- Your logo will be used in all House Events and on a soon to be launched House T-Shirt.
- If you win the competition you will also win €20 Fnac Voucher
- The competition is open to all Form groups.
- The logo can be designed using ICT or done by hand.
- The logo should be clear, simple and catchy.
- You logo needs to be printed on paper with your name, House and Form clearly written on the back of the sheet. You may also email your logo to Mathew.homewood@obs.edu.pt

Matthew Homewood, Head of PE, Games & Outdoor Activities

COMMUNITY CHOIR

You are kindly invited to join us for Community Choir on Tuesdays. This will be held in Teage Hall at 5pm every week. We are now singing Christmas Carols and we will be performing at the OBS Carol Service on the 17th December.

Please send me an e-mail if you are interested: shana.patterson@obs.edu.pt

Shana Patterson, Head of Music

SOLIDARITY CONCERT

The Solidarity concert will be taking place on the 1st December at Exponor and the tickets are now on sale. They can be purchased from the Front Office until the 23rd November at a cost of 10 euros per ticket. Unfortunately tickets cannot be reserved, so please buy your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We hope that you will be able to join us to support the performers.

Shana Patterson, Head of Music

SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

There will be a second hand book sale to raise money for our school charities on Tuesday, 17th at break, lunch and end of school day.

Ailish Corcoran

PE & SPORTS NEWS

CLUBS

Our aim this year is to increase the number of competitive sporting opportunities for those that attend the ECA clubs at the school. Although the CHESS tournaments in Lisbon remain an important part of the competitive calendar, Fernando Soares will be taking an active role in the Porto Schools organisation to ensure we are entered into more local events as well. Those club members who have not be chosen for Lisbon this time will be the first on the team lists for these competitions.

To ensure all club attendees feel a sense of belonging to the ´club´, rather than a chosen team member for Lisbon or other events, I have managed to source well priced, good quality club kit for
members to purchase and own. These will be personalised with a designated squad number to be used at training and all school competitive events. Due to the increasing number of schools playing in blue, we have chosen a distinct orange and black look to ensure OBS stands out. The price for socks, shorts and top is only €35. Please note, you will be invoiced at the end of this month for the kit.

The first clubs to be offered the kit are the girls Primary (Form 5/Division 5), Intermediate (Form 6&7/Division 4) and Senior (Forms 8-12/Divisions 3 & Varsity). These have been produced and will be distributed to all members over the coming days.

COMPETITIONS

Next week, a 68 strong squad of Basketballers, Footballers and Cricketers head to Lisbon for the 3 day Fall tournament at CAISL and Limited overs match(es) at St Julian´s. Those attending are asked to be at the school at 07.00 on Thursday 19th November for a prompt departure. We aim to arrive back at approximately 20.00 on Saturday 21st November.

During the trip we will be arranging a film evening on Thursday and a trip Bowling on Friday night. The latter will cost £5 so please ensure you account for this when providing spending money for your child. We would also like your support in impressing to pupils not to buy food and drink loaded with sugar as this is not only unhealthy but can limit the amount of sleep they get during the trip. We wish to be as competitive as possible and good rest and a healthy diet is a key factor in helping pupils to do well.

I have already spoken to a number of parents about considerations that they have but would like to formally invite you to a short Q&A meeting on Tuesday 17th November between 16.30 and 17.00 in the Teage Hall for those of you who may have questions that you wish to clarify with me. I remain available via matthew.homewood@obs.edu.pt if you are unable to make this meeting time.

If parents need to get in touch with teachers during the trip, please feel free to call (School Mobile number: 91 3367394) after 18.00 on any of the days. This number can also be used in cases of emergency.

I would like to remind Footballers to bring shin pads - a tournament rule.

BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL SCHEDULES (attached)

CRICKET SCHEDULE:

Friday 20th November - ODM at St Julian´s 10.00-17.00 - with the added possibility tbc of:
Saturday 21st November - 10 over bash 09.30-11.30

Matt Homewood, Head of PE & Games
PRIMARY NOTICES

We are another week closer to the madness of the Christmas period. I’m not sure whether to get all excited or run to the hills screaming! As I write this paragraph I am busily eating the remainder of some of the delicious cakes that Form 5 prepared for their Magusto celebration. This has been a wonderful end to the week; it began with a superb assembly celebrating Diwali by Form 2 and ended with many classes taking part in a creative Science Day. We have also managed to squeeze in another superb assembly celebrating Magusto, prepared by the Modern Languages department. The next few weeks will also prove to be just as busy so please do keep an eye on the school calendar for important events.

While on her half term break, Filipa Pipiras (Form 5) represented Portugal in the World Chess Championships in Greece; she greatly enjoyed this experience; her skill and effort were rewarded with a position of 64 in the world within the under 10’s category. Well done Filipa.

Mark Evans, Head of Primary

PORTUGUESE CAKE SALE

As part of their Magusto celebrations, Form 5 organised a cake sale on Friday 13th November. All of the cakes contained Chestnuts. We raised a total of €165 to go to a Porto-based charity. We will let you know which charity this has gone to next week.

Profª Luisa Barbosa, Primary Modern Languages Coordinator

EYFS REMINDER - PYJAMA DAY

Please be reminded that Prep and Reception will take part in the National Pyjama Day on Friday, 20th November.

Anne Marie Eastley, Early Years Coordinator
PRIMARY PASTORAL WEEKLY REPORT

For the week ending 13th November the house point totals were: Windsor 967, Lancaster 946 and Bragança 1095. The individual class winners are listed below. A display with this information can be found in the primary corridor.

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Jonathan Bridges (Primary Pastoral Coordinator)

SECONDARY NOTICES

FORM 6-8 STAR OF THE WEEK

- F6- João Pedro Martins (6P)
  For obtaining 98% in his Science topic test!

- Carlos Francisco Barbosa -9W
  For asking probing questions in his role as a news reporter related to the geographical issue of the current refugee crisis

FORM 9-10 STARS OF THE WEEK

- F9- Carlota Sousa Basto & Sara Amorim -9C
  For excellent test results in French

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN SECONDARY

If you haven´t had the chance to book your son/daughter´s extracurricular clubs this term and would still like to, please sign them up via the online booking system: https://oportobritishschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/
To see an updated list of Secondary clubs, please click here:

Mark Hooley, Extracurricular Clubs Coordinator
LEARNING OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

As you are aware, OBS believes that all learning happens not only within the classroom but everywhere. To this end, we actively promote enrichment and other co-curricular activities and events. These aim to further develop children in terms of their confidence, international mindedness and their ability to collaborate and build relationships.

Next week is a very busy week! The Lisbon Games takes place from next Thursday to Saturday inclusive. As well as the football and basketball competitions we also have a cricket competition! We wish everyone participating great success and also good fun. We also have another MUN conference taking place. This conference is in Valencia and provides our younger pupils the opportunity to build up their capability in reasoning, arguing and communicating as well as their understanding of complex global issues.

I am sure our children will represent the school and yourselves in exemplary manner and learn much from these experiences. My best wishes to all participants!

Dr P Jones, Head of Secondary

IB DIPLOMA NEWS

PREPARING FOR TOK

Last week we welcomed Roz Trudgon back to the school for another excellent session on Theory of Knowledge. Roz spent the morning working through the new syllabus and providing a no nonsense approach to some of the more philosophical areas.

She joined the form 12s for a motivational afternoon session. Her energetic lesson helped to secure ideas on the ways of thinking, knowledge claims and how to discover valid real life situations. All of which should stand them in good stead for successfully completing their TOK essay before Christmas and presentation in the New Year.

DESIGN FOR LIFE

This week, some of our form 10 students attended a design workshop led by Laureate Universities. The universities linked to this company focus on a variety of subjects but also specialise in design. These institutions can be found in various locations around the world but the prospect of studying fashion or interior design in Milan seemed to appeal to most.

On 23rd November EU Universities will be joining us for a presentation on studying in Spain. A couple of former students are now attending this university and busy completing Business Management degrees in Barcelona and Madrid.

A representative from New York State University will be conducting a workshop via skype early in December to answer questions on studying in the States and the process of applying. NYU is just one institution which has recognised the rigour and challenge involved in completing an IB diploma and the value the programme adds to preparing students for university. Because of this IB students do not have to sit the SATs in order to be accepted as an undergraduate.

On Tuesday 24th November the Form 10s will be given information regarding option choices for the IB diploma programme. This will take place in the Teage Hall at 12:30. Parents are very welcome to come along. Please contact Claire Marsden if you require further information.

Finally, during this busy half term the Form 12s will be completing the majority of internal assessments necessary to send away to the IB and completing personal statements and applications for UK universities. The Form 11 students are in the middle of their progress tests which will continue throughout November. We hope all the hard work has paid off and they gain a good set of results.

Claire Marsden, IBDP Coordinator

Claire.marsden@obs.edu.pt
SECONDARY NOTICES

- **Students not participating in Lisbon Games or Valencia MUN**
  All students are expected to attend school as normal if they are not participating in the Lisbon Games or MUN conference. However, due to lower numbers we will collapse some classes. F6 will all follow 6D timetable, F8 will follow 8B timetable. All other Forms will follow their normal timetable.
  Thank you for your understanding in this.

  Dr Jones, Head of Secondary

- **F6-8 assembly**
  As a British yet bilingual and international school Mr Hooley will be leading an assembly, tutor activities and a staff development session on ‘global goals’. This aims to heighten global awareness and citizenship.

- **New for the calendar**
  We welcome parents to attend
  - F10 post 16 presentation on the 24th November at 12.35pm in Teage Hall
  - F9-10 awards assembly on the 1st December at 9.00am in Teage hall. F11 will be presented their IGCSE certificates and DoE will receive their Bronze Awards.

  There will also be refreshments provided after the event for parents and a chance to discuss any burning questions.
### SECONDARY DATES FOR THE SECOND HALF OF TERM ONE

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 19th-21st November Lisbon Sports Tournament
- 19th - 23rd November Valencia MUN Conference
- 27th November - Primary Effort & Attainment cards go to parents
- 1st December - Solidarity Concert
- 2nd & 3rd December Primary parents evening
- 4th December - Form 4 play
- 7th December - Reception Nativity play and Christmas tree lighting service
- 17th December - Carol Service at Stella Maris Church