Rights and Responsibilities

Dear Parents,

In the school’s guiding statements we make reference to the words rights and responsibilities.

We refer to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and this was a declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948 in Paris, outlining the UN’s view on the human rights guaranteed to all people. The Declaration is not legally binding on government and as a result there are no signatories. However, it is an important tool for applying pressure on governments who are in violation of any of its principles.

You may have heard of the most important of those rights:

- The right to life, liberty and security.
- The right to an education.
- Freedom from torture.
- Freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- Freedom of expression and opinion.

Almost 50 years later, the United Nations issued (in 1997) the Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities. The Declaration of Human Responsibilities does not lay down rules. What it does is propose priorities and prompts choices. So what are some of the points made in this Declaration?

- Every person in every country has a responsibility to treat all people in a humane way.
- No person should support any form of inhumane behavior, but all people have a responsibility to strive for the dignity and self-esteem of all others.
- Everyone has a responsibility to promote good and to avoid evil in all.
- Every person has a responsibility to respect life.
- Disputes between states, groups or individuals should be resolved without violence.
- Every citizen has a responsibility to act in a peaceful, non-violent way.
- Every person is precious and must be protected unconditionally.
- Every person has a responsibility to behave with integrity, honesty and fairness.
- All people, given the necessary tools, have a responsibility to make serious efforts to overcome poverty, malnutrition, ignorance, and inequality.
- All people have a responsibility to develop their talents through hard work.
- Every person has a responsibility to speak and act truthfully.

I am sure that we would all agree that both declarations are important and ought to be followed by governments across the world. However, what relevance do they have in our daily lives here at OBS? In an earlier bulletin I declared that there is no school where bullying has been completely eradicated and I am not so naïve to believe that OBS is completely free of this terrible practice.

Bullying of any kind is one of the worst things that can happen in any school community. For the student who is being bullied, however, it can lead to great sadness or serious depression. We state that everyone has the right to feel safe at school. Each of us has a responsibility to look-after and to protect one another. All of us have the responsibility to confront and to prevent this terrible practice. All of us have the responsibility not to remain silent. I ask that all of us ensure that we remember both our rights and our responsibilities.

Tom McGrath, Headmaster
WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

TRIUMPHANT THURSDAY FOR ALL OBS TEAMS AT THE FALL SPORTS TOURNAMENT

The Sports Tournament in Lisbon which is taking place at the moment is going really well. These are the scores so far:

Division 3 Boys basketball  
Won OBS 35 - 25 CLIC  
Won OBS 9 - 8 CAISL

Division 4 Boys basketball  
Lost OBS 18 - 35 St Julian’s  
Won OBS 32 - 28 CAISL

Division 5 Boys basketball  
Lost OBS 6 - 19 O Parque  
Won OBS 23 - 6 ISA

Division 3 Girls football  
Lost OBS 0 - 6 DSL  
Lost OBS 0 - 2 St Julian’s  
Won OBS 6 - 0 OIS  
Won OBS 8 - 0 - 0 Parque

Division 4 Girls football  
Won OBS 1 - 0 ISA  
Lost OBS 0 - 1 St Doms  
Won OBS 8 - 6 OIS

Division 5 Girls football  
Lost OBS 0 - 1 St Julian’s  
Draw OBS 0 - 0 Parque  
Won OBS 2 - 0 ISA

SOLIDARITY CONCERT

The Porto 2014 Solidarity Concert is only a matter of three weeks away now. This is going to be an amazing event that OBS are organizing. All six leading Porto Independent Schools will be in attendance, with an expected audience of almost 1000 people.

The tickets will be on sale via Vera in the front office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week for parents of choir members only. From Thursday the tickets will be available for all parents, pupils and friends. The tickets are €8 each and they must be paid for at point of purchase.

We look forward to seeing you at this superb event; all money raised will go to the charity Acreditar.

If you wish to advertise in the Solidarity Concert Programme please be aware that the deadline has been extended to Monday, 17th November.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Community Choir has started again on Thursdays from 16:10-16:45. Any parents who would like to join us are very welcome! If you would like any more information then please get in touch - rob.gore@obs.edu.pt

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Once again, the Ladies’ Guild will be running their Christmas Bazaar at the Oporto Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday, 22nd November. If your children have any toys or games that they would like to donate, these should be brought to school by Friday, 21st 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.
SECONDARY NOTICES

NOTICES

All key secondary notices are found at http://www.obs.edu.pt/page.cfm?p=428. Please do check this on a regular basis.

IBDP UPDATE

Form 11 and 12 parents received a letter from me this week with updates from the IBDP surrounding simplified diploma requirements and failing conditions and an updated Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay additional points matrix.

The new matrix can be seen below. The change to B and C grades resulting in 2 additional points will have a large positive impact on conversions to the Portuguese system score out of 20 where the EE and TOK have the same value as one subject.

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If you are interested in learning more about the IBDP or in receiving more information about the recent changes please get in contact with me directly.

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

This week the Form 10, 11 and 12 students received a presentation from Dr Radka Newton, Head of the International Office at Lancaster University. Dr Newton gave a good oversight of different types of universities in the UK as well as detailed information about options at Lancaster University. This surrounded course choices, facilities, student accommodation and student union associations and clubs. Lots of information about Lancaster University and other universities in the UK, Portugal and around the world can be found in the IB Common Room.

This adds to the presentations given by EU University and Laureate International Universities. We look forward to welcoming more visiting universities over the coming year.
ORGANISATION IS KEY FOR LEARNING

Over the next two weeks the Secondary School will focus on organization and in particular on pupils bringing the right equipment. Please could parents support their child in ensuring they have and bring to school a pencil, ruler, compass, scissors, sharpener, a black or blue pen, glue and an eraser.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance and punctuality are key to learning. All pupils should aim for 94% attendance and punctuality through the year. We appreciate all parents support in your child achieving this and your support for the school policies that seek to promote this. At present tutors and Miss Denisova are reviewing the attendances and punctuality of all pupils. If there is a concern then parents will be contacted. We do recognise that sometimes absence and lateness cannot always be avoided. Please do contact the Front Office if your child is unwell or has to be absent.

ENTERPRISE CLUB

The OBS enterprise club will be setting up a small enterprise for secondary pupils on Friday break times. They will be selling drinks, snacks and stationary. Any profits made will be re-invested in future enterprises and in pupil activities or events.

FORM 9 BUSINESS STUDIES

What makes a successful entrepreneur?

This week saw the culmination of the Form 9 Business Studies students’ entrepreneur projects, with each group of students presenting their subjects to the rest of the year group. An inspiring set of entrepreneurs were exhibited, including Ferruccio Lamborghini, Nick Woodman (GoPro), Dr. Dre, Victoria Beckham, Hans Riegel (Haribo), Steve Jobs, Larry Page and Sergey Brin. The projects were judged on their relevance to the topic (Entrepreneurship), quality and presentation skills. Our congratulations go out to Maria and Carmo for an engaging and informative portrayal of Coco Chanel!

PRIMARY NOTICES

PRIMARY COMMENDATION AWARDS THIS WEEK

DYLAN KANABAR 1T

for excellent results and performance with his spelling activities
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