



## “OIS was the first major school in Dhaka to join CIE”

**Q :** *OIS is very excited you're here but a lot of people don't know you, maybe start by telling us a little about yourself...*

**Ans :** I studied Psychology at the University of Oxford before becoming a lecturer at the London School of Economics. Eventually, I became the Deputy Director here in Bangladesh, in charge of exams and teaching - a time when I had my office in Dhanmondi and lived in Gulshan. I've worked in many different countries and for many types of educational organization - from IB schools and Cambridge International Examination to the Open University of India - but ALWAYS in education.

**Q :** *What was it about our school that made you come here?*

**Ans :** I've known OIS for a long time... it was the first major school to join Cambridge in Dhaka and I was involved in that decision, back in 2003. I've also had a strong friendship with the President for many years. So, when I came here on holiday at New Year, he asked me if I'd be prepared to come over as principal weeks later here I was!

**Q :** *What are your plans for school development and your take on present student performance at OIS?*

**Ans :** I think students who are not good at sciences can still develop valuable academic lives and move on to well-paid, interesting professions. They could do much better with more O levels and with higher results. But to do that they MUST attend school. I'm not satisfied with the results in Bangla or in English either. You see, this is Bangladesh after all, and if our kids can't get A\*s, something must be wrong, The same goes for English.

**Q :** *So perhaps, last thoughts...*

**Ans :** I REALLY do believe that the school will get better very quickly. We've got a lot of talent in the school - among the students and the teaching staff alike - and a lot of devotion. All we need is good management to take advantage of that, along with a bit more self-discipline.

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## Daily Star Award

On March 28, The Daily Star hosted its annual award ceremony for O and A level students with the inspiring tagline "16 years of saluting the nation builders of tomorrow" at Shaheed Sahrawardy National Indoor Stadium. From Oxford, 39 awardees were called to collect their certificates and medals and 145 performers of OIS, including the popular scouts group, shook the stage with a dramatic dance performance.

## German Language Class

German Language Classes are where students get to learn about a foreign language and culture. The classes are taken in such a way that it is easy for students to learn easily and enjoy themselves at the same time. Class activities are based on practical life and students learn by speaking, hearing, reading and writing. OIS has a strong relationship with the German Cultural Centre in Dhaka, called the Goethe Institut. Their PASCH German Language Program gives students the opportunity to get scholarships to Germany, India, Sri Lanka and many other places. However, you don't have to travel abroad to learn German. From next year, German will be taught at classes 6 and 7 for four periods each week and OIS will offer the O level too.

## Signing Ceremony between OIS & IFIC bank



IFIC and OIS have officially entered into a corporate relationship and partnership. Payroll accounts of OIS teachers and students will be introduced at IFIC immediately. The arrangement should make it easier for all students to pay their school fees directly to the bank without waiting their turn at the school. OIS students will also have the opportunity to open Student Savings Accounts "Duronto" which the OIS Scout Group has already taken the initiative on. This will encourage our youths gradually to become independent and understand the value of savings for their future. The agreement signing ceremony was attended by Ms. Ferdousi Begum, Senior Vice-President & Head of Retail Banking, Mr. Saiful Momin, Senior Vice-President & Head of IT, among many other staff on behalf of IFIC Bank. Those present on behalf of Oxford International School included Mr. Shakawat Hossain, President, and Mr. Abu Kayes Jahadi, Head of ICT.

## The School Safety Program

Around 80 students of OIS (main and Gulshan campuses), including the Scouts, participated in a day-long workshop on "School Safety Program". It was organized by the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research Bangladesh and Children's Oral Health Development Foundation. Twenty doctors attended to give our students training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, first aid, oral health and hygiene and life saving.

## Skills for Life

What are they and why do you need them? Right now you are focused on study, study, study! But after you graduate, what will you do with your time before university? Some of you will get a job. Some an internship. And some will sit around the house all day. Although it's hard to imagine right now, life is more than study. In order to become an all-rounder, to become an innovator, to become successful in a



demanding world, it is important to get additional skills about life itself. That's why University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) has introduced the FREE Skills for Life course for those who have recently taken HSC and A-Level exams. This 4-week hands-on course complements theoretical book-knowledge, and helps students become better thinkers and better citizens of Bangladesh. The course is designed to help you find your inner strength, set goals, and overcome obstacles in everyday life. You will receive tips on your desired career path, career counselling, social responsibility, new media and technology, handling finances and being prepared for natural disasters. This course is essential for future leadership. But don't take our word for it! Ask your fellow Oxford alumni who also took Skills for Life, like 2014 graduates Sumaya Tahsin, Afzal Hossain, Karishma Quraishi and Shahparan Digonto. Classes start from 23 July, 2015. It is FREE of COST and every year only 120 students get this opportunity. So don't let anything hold you back from applying for ULAB's special course for you.



## Tenacity an adventure of a lifetime...

Tenacity is a fashion line business, started by a group of business students from Oxford International School. We have been in operation for a couple of weeks, providing innovatively designed T shirts to customers. Its inception, however, was 3 months ago, when we were all just beginning to get back to our normal lives after all the political chaos. We had a perception that business was not some-

thing that you could learn by just studying books. One needs to learn by gaining experience in the real field of business. Therefore, we decided to start our own business in the form of "Tenacity"- which means 'the quality of being able to grab something firmly'. This describes us well. We are teenagers and we know what youth want. We wanted to come up with something we would want to have for ourselves. We also knew that over 60% of youth around the world spend their money on fashion accessories. So, we would have a large market to cater to and that's where it all began. Over the last two months, we have had the adventure of a lifetime, where not only have we experienced how the real world works, but also discovered new skills that we never thought we possessed. Yes, we made mistakes and we will probably make more in the future, but that's what Tenacity is all about; holding onto your dreams, even when everything is falling apart. OBIZ, empowering the students in the world of business.



# শিক্ষার্থীদের নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা

অক্সফোর্ড ইন্টারন্যাশনাল স্কুল ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের নিরাপত্তা বিধানে ব্যাপক কর্মসূচি পালন করে। নিরাপত্তা বিধানে এক ঝাঁক দক্ষ নিরাপত্তা কর্মীর অক্লান্ত পরিশ্রমে স্কুলের সার্বিক নিরাপত্তা বিধান করা হয়। নিরাপত্তা নিশ্চিত করণে সর্বদা সজাগ দৃষ্টি রেখে দায়িত্ব পালন করে এই দক্ষ কর্মীগণ। এরই ধারাবাহিকতায়, স্কুলে আগত সকল ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদের বহুমুখী প্রবেশ পথ থাকলেও নিরাপত্তার কারণে স্কুল ছুটির সময় একমুখী বহির্গমন ব্যবস্থা করা হয়েছে। এতে করে অভিভাবকরা অনেক সন্তুষ্টি প্রকাশ করেছেন। নিরাপত্তার জন্য যানঘট নিরসনে নেওয়া হয়েছে বাড়তি ব্যবস্থা। স্কুল ছুটির পর ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদের বহির্গমনে রয়েছে বাড়তি নিরাপত্তা। কোন প্রকার অপ্রীতিকর ঘটনা প্রতিরোধে সার্বক্ষণিক সিসি ক্যামেরা দ্বারা নিয়ন্ত্রণ করা হয়। এ ছাড়াও রয়েছে সার্বক্ষণিক টহল ব্যবস্থা। নিরাপত্তার জন্য সকল প্রকার আগমনে ও বহির্গমনে রয়েছে নির্দিষ্ট বিধান।



জরুরী প্রয়োজনে আগুন নিভানোর ক্ষেত্রে দক্ষ জনবল এবং যন্ত্রপাতির ব্যবস্থা করা হয়েছে। এরই লক্ষে, বাংলাদেশ সরকারের নিয়ম অনুসারে বসানো হয়েছে ফায়ার এস্টিংগুইসার। অগ্নি নির্বাপনে দ্রুত করণীয় উপায় সমূহ দেয়া আছে প্রতিটি ফায়ার এস্টিংগুইসার এর সাথে। ছাত্র/ছাত্রী যেন কোন প্রকার ভুল ভ্রান্তিতে না যায়, সে জন্য রয়েছে সার্বক্ষণিক মনিটরিং টিম। আকস্মিক দুর্ঘটনা মোকাবেলায় রয়েছে সার্বক্ষণিক চিকিৎসক এর সেবা, পাশাপাশি রয়েছে উপযুক্ত স্থানে ফাস্ট এইড ব্যবস্থা।



## অধ্যক্ষ অভিভাবক মতবিনিময় সভা

অক্সফোর্ড ইন্টারন্যাশনাল স্কুলে ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের পড়াশোনার মান বৃদ্ধিও সুষ্ঠু পরিবেশ রক্ষার লক্ষ্যে গত ১৭ ও ১৮ এপ্রিল ২০১৫ ইং অভিভাবক এবং অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়ের সাথে এক আনুষ্ঠানিক মত বিনিময় সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। উক্ত সভায় বিভিন্ন বিষয় নিয়ে মুক্ত আলোচনা করা হয়। পাশাপাশি ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের পিতা মাতা এবং অভিভাবকগণকে অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়ের ভিজিটিং কার্ড প্রদান করে যে কোন পরামর্শ প্রদানে উৎসাহ প্রদান করা হয়। উক্ত আলোচনার পর স্কুল কর্তৃপক্ষ নিম্নোক্ত বিষয়াদি নির্ধারণ করেন:

১. স্কুলের ক্লাশরুম গুলো নতুন রঙে সাজানো হবে।
২. স্কুলের সকল ছাত্র/ছাত্রীকে ৮০% উপস্থিত থাকতে হবে অন্যথায় পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে দেয়া হবে না।
৩. ও এবং এ লেভেল এর একটি সিটিং এ সর্বনিম্ন ৭ টি বিষয় পরীক্ষা দিতে হবে।
৪. ৭ম শ্রেণী এবং ৮ম শ্রেণীর শিক্ষার্থীদের সপ্তাহে ৪টি করে জার্মান ভাষা'র ক্লাশ হবে।
৫. শিক্ষাকার্যক্রমের পাশাপাশি ই.সি.এ অন্তর্ভুক্ত হবে

# Festive Junior Campus



The Junior Campus has recently celebrated three amazingly festive and vividly colorful events made even brighter by the participation of our little gems from Play Group to Class 2. The stunning Kite Festival and Seasonal Fruit Festivals were an absolute hit with the students and their guardians. It was a day of brilliant showcasing of colour and high-spirited enjoyment among the students. But the Campus Cleaning Day offered the most amazing insight into their little minds and their conscientious approach to cleanliness and personal hygiene. On asking what they think about the Cleaning Day, Fuad's response was " We should clean the surroundings to make the environment pollution free" truly amazed us. Well done Little Stars.

## Word Puzzle

raft



hike



kiwi



branch



sweater



teacher



lollipop



log



b	p	b	i	h	t	h	b	b
r	g	r	k	w	n	i	w	r
e	l	a	z	m	f	k	j	a
h	o	n	a	v	o	e	o	f
c	g	c	p	b	n	u	p	t
a	v	h	j	g	q	z	t	u
e	c	n	z	t	i	w	i	k
t	r	e	t	a	e	w	s	t
l	o	l	l	i	p	o	p	j





## Gardening Day at Uttara campus

On 6th April, 2015, OIS Uttara Campus organized a gardening day. The day started with all the students wearing their own hand made green caps. They arranged their own plants (labeled with their name, class and roll no). At first, all the students prepared a flower bed with the logo of OIS using the flowers and china grass. PG to class1 students prepared their own small garden inside the school premises. At the same time, class 3 to class 6 students were involved with bordering the OIS flower bed with their own plants. In the meantime, volunteers and teachers maintained discipline and participated in the gardening. Students, teachers, management and even support staff of OIS Uttara enjoyed this happy event.

## Winter festival at Uttara campus

The Winter festival was held on 29th and 30th January, 2015. Where many chief and special guests came to our school in the opening and closing ceremony including the Chief Guest Mr. Mohammed Badiuzzaman, Chairman, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC); Special Guest Dr. G.U. Ahsan, Dean, School of Health and Life Science, North South University; Chief Guest Dr. Md. Mozammel Haque Khan, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Bangladesh Secretariat and Special Guest Md. Abdullah Aref, PPM, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Khulna Metropolitan Police. Each of them gave a speech in our conference room. We had the opportunity to observe the activities of the Scouts who came to our campus for voluntary work. The chief guests were then taken to see the drawings of our "Art Exhibition". I also submitted a drawing. I was very excited. Then we were allowed to go and enjoy the stalls. There were varieties of stalls of jewelries, snacks, cakes, books, pizza, fast food, clothes, cosmetics, etc. I bought many things for myself and family including purses, watches and perfumes.

## Topper in IAS 2014 (International Assessments for Schools)

Meghdad Khan of Class 4 became the Regional Topper in Science for securing the highest grade amongst all the participating students across the region.