

Dear ISF Parents and Guardians,

I hope this Director's Letter finds you all in good health and spirits in the final days of 2024. The Holiday Break is fast upon us and it brings with it an opportunity for all of us in the ISF community to enjoy a well-deserved break. Ahead of the break, I have been reflecting on our accomplishments as a school community in 2024 and some of the exciting activities that have brought us together.

Few things bring individuals together like a shared experience, so first I'd like to congratulate our students for successfully completing Term 1. Speaking on behalf of the entire ISF team of administrators, faculty, and staff, we are proud of our students' dedication and perseverance. I have been especially impressed with their hard work and focus in the first few weeks of Term 2. I am confident that ISF student body will continue to grow academically and personally with the support of our talented ISF team.

The ISF student body has grown since the start of the year as new students and families have joined our community. I extend a sincere welcome to our newest families, some of whom have only been with us for a few weeks. Your presence enriches our community, and we look forward to getting to know you better in the months ahead. I trust you will find that ISF is truly a place where diversity thrives.

We have had numerous opportunities to celebrate the diversity of the ISF community throughout the 2024-25 school year so far. International Day gave us a chance to learn about and experience unique aspects of cultures within our community. Added to this were several special celebrations organized by the Parent Network and designed to help us all experience holidays and festivals such as Chuseok, Halloween, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Sinterklaas, and Nikolaus. Thank you to the Parent Network and everyone who helped make these special days memorable. I know we are all looking forward to more celebrations organized by the Parent Network team in the New Year.

Other teams that have helped bring our community together in 2024 include the ISF Sports Academy and the Student Life Organization at ISF. ISF student athletes competed in several GISST tournaments in a variety of sports including cross-country, football, volleyball, and badminton and demonstrated that ISF students are not only strong in academics, but also strong, talented athletes. ISF students' many talents were also displayed daily by ISF Head Prefect Shaurya Baliga and the team of Senior Prefects he leads in Student Life. The ISF SLO team has something to offer everyone, and I encourage students in grades 5 through 12 who are not yet part of SLO to pass by the SLO Office and get involved. You might even discover some talents you never knew you had!

No retrospective on the year at ISF would be complete without including the talented and dedicated ISF administrators, faculty, and staff. This team of professionals works individually and collectively to deliver a SABIS® Education that helps all students develop a solid foundation of knowledge and skills, a love of lifelong learning, and the ability to adapt to and even lead change. They help prepare all ISF students for the future and ensure that they will be ready for whatever comes. I am pleased to lead this team and look forward to topping our Term 1 performance as the 2024-25 school year progresses.

In closing my year-end letter, I want to thank you all for being a part of the ISF community. Your involvement and support contributes to making ISF a very special place, one where students learn, grow, and flourish. I wish you and your families a joyful and peaceful Holiday Break and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best Regards,  
Rupert Cox