

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move further into spring and Term 3 at ISF, I am pleased to reach out once again to update you on the latest happenings at school. The ISF halls are abuzz with the energy and enthusiasm of your children, and I know I speak for everyone at ISF when I say it's a privilege to see their minds and creative spirit excelling within our community.

Speaking of creativity, six of our students recently participated in the biennial SABIS STARS competition in Muscat, Oman. SABIS® STARS is a global arts and sciences contest in which students from SABIS® schools around the world compete in categories that are designed to showcase their talents and creativity.

ISF students competed against students from 36 other SABIS® schools in 17 countries in the categories of Our World, Our Concern; Science Incubator; Creative Writing; and Painting. I am pleased to announce that our very own Sofiya Voronich placed in the top three in the Senior Painting Category. All our students were winners, though, in terms of the experiences they had at the event and the new friendships they developed. Thank you to all six students for representing ISF so well. You are our very own SABIS® STARS!

This month, we have also been lucky to witness great focus and effort from our students in the performing arts in their preparation for the upcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast*. The dedication and passion put forward by our drama students have been inspiring, and I am sure all their hard work will pay off during the upcoming performances.

The product of years of hard work and effort was on display at ISF on April 19, when we held our Senior Send-Off event for the Class of 2024. The celebration was an opportunity for the entire school to wish our 12<sup>th</sup> graders good luck in the final preparation for their external exams. I'm confident that all of our seniors are well-prepared for their exams and I look forward to recognizing their success in the graduation ceremony on June 1, 2024.

I know that this time of the year is important for looking ahead and making plans for the future, such as re-enrolments for next academic year. I would like to thank to all those families that have selected ISF again as their school of choice for 2024-25. For families who have not yet made a decision regarding next year, I invite you to get in touch with myself or your Academic Coordinator with any questions you may have.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to mark your calendars for some exciting upcoming events:

- Beauty and the Beast performances (May 7 & 8)
- Sommerfest (May 25)
- JP Morgan Run (Jun 5)
- End-of -Year Celebration for KG & PS (Jun 25)
- Primary Completion Ceremony for Grade 4 Students (Jun 27)
- Summer School for KG through Grade 6 (from Jul 1 to Jul 19)

Thank you for being a part of our community and helping us make ISF a place where each child can build a solid academic foundation, acquire and practice important life skills, and learn to adapt to and lead change.

Warmest regards,  
Rupert Cox  
School Director