



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Greetings from IIS Pune.

It is good to be in the saddle at this beautiful school campus in Pune, the garden city. Coming from another garden city – Bangalore, after having worked with the Indus Trust as Director Curriculum, Teacher Development & Branding, I now find myself back in comfortable territory: looking after and nurturing fine school children, and mentoring the delightful staff that are now part of this campus. I feel good and braced for Indus Pune

Let me share with you my Vision and my Key Result Areas for a long and fruitful innings:

My vision is:

“Whole education, but not at the cost of Academic rigor”

- Indus schools, wherever we are, impart whole education – education in its completeness, encompassing the child as the center of all aspects of learning. I will ensure that students see rigor as a part of their training, discipline as the corner stone of their success plan, and diligent serious application at all times.
- A major part of the development of the child – and here I also include staff – is to grow professionally. Children are children, students are students, but in every aspect they have to grow “professionally.” Whatever they learn, in whichever activity they participate, their approach should be professional. Developing this quality among students will be my endeavor.
- To ensure well-rounded and serious application of sound academic practices, support classes will be conducted to ensure understanding and competence.



Meticulously planned assignments and regular homework will ensure that rigor in academics is maintained.

- We will be starting the "fast track IGCSE" and the "pre-IB" from next year. DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), JAP (Junior Achievement Program), and Enhanced Levels of Maths and Science in PYP will be introduced and implemented
- Having been a boarder myself, I understand the importance of education beyond the class room. Whole education will be a key focus for me and I will ensure 100% participation in Games and Activities. A young child needs to be persuaded or even gently "pushed" in the direction of opportunity – be it an audition for acting in the school play, tryouts in sports or volunteering. The modified version of the leadership curriculum will be delivered using the workshop model to make it more effective. A meaningful grade-wise community service project is being planned.
- Pastoral care and mentoring is an aspect of school life that is closest to my heart. I am a firm believer that the difference between a 'good' and a 'great' school is a pat on the head, two minutes of intent listening to a child's woes, and making sure a child who does not look well is led to the school nurse and the infirmary – in short the role of a pastor. Every teacher, every Principal, should feel this in his/her bones! Pastoral care and mentoring – these words ring in my ears and have been doing so, for the last 40 years! (12 years as a student and working for the last 28 years)
- I hope parents, along with my dream team at Indus Pune, will become partners to ensure that the children achieve their full potential. I have always believed in an open school where parents are free to visit, make suggestions, and be involved in the education of their children. My office doors will always be open.

I will be making a presentation for parents on the curriculum roadmap days, and I hope as many of you as possible will be here to support and contribute.

Sandeep Chhabra
Principal



DP Results 2014:

The IBDP results for 2014 batch were declared on 05 Jul 2014. IISP has had an extremely encouraging result with 80% success. The results of the class of 2014 have surpassed the results of last year. We have crossed Global Averages in many subjects. The average Diploma Score has been 30.1 which is well above the world average. The highest scorers, with a score of 38 each, are Parth Shintre and Sonia Athalye. These results have enabled our students to obtain wonderful placements in the best of Universities in the US, UK, Canada and Indian universities, with a total scholarship of more than \$ 1,57,000/-.

More than 1,35,534 secondary or high school students across the globe received their Diploma results and joined a community of more than 12,00,000 Diploma Programme graduates in 141 countries across the world. With more than 790 examination papers processed in 74 languages, this was the largest exam session conducted at the IB since the birth of the Diploma Programme. This year's session involved more than 530 Chief, Deputy and other senior examiners teaming up across the world to establish consistent and accurate grading criteria across subjects and ensure consistency across the evaluation process.

This session showcases an average diploma score of 29.81 points (of 45 possible maximum), and only 146 students across the globe receiving a perfect score of 45.

“I wholeheartedly congratulate the May 2014 graduates. I commend them on their dedication and drive in accomplishing this hard-earned achievement,” said **Dr. Siva Kumari, IB Director General**. “Since universities continue to value the Diploma graduate, we look forward to seeing more students in the Diploma programme. We know the graduates are well-conditioned in critical thinking, researching and deep knowledge that prepares them to thrive in the universities they attend. And just as importantly, to enter their next phase of study with the mindset and inspiration to give positive shape to and influence today's complex world.”

Ian Chambers, Director, IB Asia Pacific commented, “Independent research has demonstrated that the IB Diploma provides students with a unique set of skills, attitudes and perspectives for success at university and in an increasingly integrated and complex world. IB Diploma students from Asia Pacific will go on to thrive at



leading universities of the world and we trust they will make a meaningful contribution in shaping the world into a better place"

We once again congratulate each and every student and also thank our teachers and parents for their tireless efforts.

PYP:

The PYP is gearing up to welcome our young learners when they arrive to rejoin us in the first week of August 2014.

We are happy to announce the addition of new faculty members to the PYP family of facilitators. They will be introduced to parents on the Curriculum Road Map Day which takes place on 2nd August 2014 - Saturday.

We would also like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to **Ms. Farida Bhaidani** and **Ms. Sheila Irani** while also wishing them all the best as they embark on a new journey of learning.

We would like to bring to your notice that the single window will be held from 31st July 2014 - 2nd August 2014.

We are excited to welcome the children on Monday, the 4th of August 2014 and are sure that this year will enrich them through inquiry and holistic education.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT IISP

Boarders for Grade 9, 10 & 12 return	- 28th July 2014
Holiday (Id-ul-Fitr)	- 29th July 2014
Classes start for Grades 9, 10 & 12	- 30th July 2014
Curriculum Roadmap Day (Grades 8 to 12)	- 1st August 2014
Curriculum Roadmap Day (Reception to Grade 7)	- 2nd August 2014