

Epsom College in Malaysia

MOVING UP CEREMONY




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ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING ADDRESS

From the Head of Prep School

Dear Year 6,

I want to start with a reminder of our Prep School motto, as you move on with your education: "Be the best version of yourself." This is what I have been asking and reminding you to do every day this past year. You all deserve for everyone to see the best versions of yourselves, because you are all incredible!

It is hard to believe that a whole school year has passed and you have completed your time in Year 6 and, indeed, the Prep School. Some of you have been in the Prep School for just this year, some of you have been here a few years and a small number have been here since the beginning of your school journey. Whatever your background, you are all special members of a year group who have a lot to be very proud of.

Year 6 began as one class with one teacher and not even a teaching assistant. Those of you who were existing Epsom students, made the new students, Mrs Whitney and myself feel so welcome back in August 2022. By the time the lovely Ms Tara arrived in October, you were a close-knit team, working together, laughing and learning.

Throughout the Autumn term we welcomed so many new friends that we needed to create a whole new class! So, in January Ms Dai, Ms Grace and more new faces joined the brigade!

I was so impressed with the maturity and flexibility shown by all of you during the creation of our two classes and for this I thank you wholeheartedly.

Now your Year 6 and Prep School career is almost over and you will be embarking upon the next chapter, in the Senior School. Despite this, you are not too old to keep in your hearts all the things we have tried to instil in you. Be Kind - you never know what is going on with someone 'behind the scenes'. Be Courageous - don't be afraid to show your heart and open yourself up to joy. Be Open-Minded - try to accept as well as question.



Jane Rouson

Head of Prep School

Finally, be a bucket-filler. Your Senior School friends and teachers still need their buckets filled with happiness, so make sure you are the ones to do this!

Now all there is to do is quote my favourite philosopher:

"Congratulations!

Today is your day.

You're off to Great Places!

You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

Dr Seuss, Oh the Places You'll Go!

Good luck Year 6, don't be strangers, be the best versions of yourselves!

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S E V A L U E S C O R E V A L U E S

Good Manners

Every one should be treated with courtesy and respect. By practising mindfulness, we can avoid hurting others, be that mentally or physically.

Selflessness

Think not what Epsom can do for us, but what we can do for others in our community. We should always be willing to reach out to others and to help them grow.

Hard Work

Diligence and effort are the foundations of success. When the going gets tough, we never give up and keep striving to the best of our ability.

Care for the Environment

We must care for our school environment and extend that care to the world at large.

Humility

Success in all its forms should be celebrated without arrogance. We need to be modest about our talents whilst in turn be cognisant of the talents in others.



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CHARACTERISTICS

Curiosity

To wonder, question, explore, experiment.

For example asking questions, completing independent research or trying new methods or techniques.

Resilience

To be determined, persevering, to be able to recover, to be willing to practise.

For example, trying again when you fail or practising to improve.

Creativity

To be able to connect and visualise.

For example, showing the ability to transfer skills between topics, thinking of different ways to solve problems or to consider different approaches to working.

Reflectiveness

To be able to evaluate a situation and self-evaluate.

For example, showing improvement based on feedback that has been given by a teacher or peer or understanding why something has not worked or how it might be done differently next time.

Attention

To be able to notice, concentrate, contemplate, immerse.

For example, showing listening skills, staying on task in class or getting involved in discussions.

Collaborating

To be social, accepting, to be able to imitate, empathise and lead.

For example, being able to be a team player, being helpful to others, leading group work.

Organisation

To be able to plan and be resourceful.

For example, completing tasks, including homework, on time, finding information independently, finding solutions.

Thinking

To be able to deduce, analyse, critique, intuit.

For example, understanding reasons, significance and importance or understanding the deeper meaning behind a text or event

A NOTE FROM THE HOUSE CAPTAINS

2022 - 2023

Crawford



"Being a House Captain has taught me not to be shy! Also, even when I made mistakes here and there, I felt less and less embarrassed as I told myself that it's okay to make mistakes as I have a lot of responsibilities as a leader!" Captain: Kimora Tan

"I have really enjoyed helping Kimora and being a teacher to the little Crawford girls." Deputy: Riona Yamamoto

Granville



"Being a House Captain takes a lot of responsibility. There is sometimes a lot of pressure but it is a really good role because you become a leader to your house which can strengthen your confidence as a school kid. I used to be shy but I'm not anymore." Captain: Oscar Lord

"As I am a Deputy House Captain, I have had to make sure everyone is happy. I usually help the captain with the different events." Deputy: James Kim

Properst



"The role of a House Captain was very scary at first but over time I found myself more and more confident." Captain: Paxton Eu

"Being a Deputy House Captain has really helped me build strong connections with the boys in Prep school. An event we enjoyed the most was the dance competition... which we won!" Deputy: Kiane Perrang

Rosebery



"You guys have done an amazing job helping and inspiring your house, and making them want to be House Captains themselves. We have loved being leaders with you. Keep up the good work in the senior school!"

Captain: Natlene Roy / Deputy: Mary Boyle

INTRODUCING THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHERS

at Epsom College in Malaysia

Dear Year 6 Students,

We are very excited to be welcoming you to the Senior School. Your teachers have told us lots of good things about you and we trust that you will continue to maintain the highest standards of behaviour at all times.

In the beginning, Senior School may seem a little bit daunting as you will have to move from class to class, get used to being taught by lots of different teachers as well as learn how to manage your time.

It is completely normal to feel nervous and if you ever feel that you need to talk to someone then your tutor is there for you - your tutor will be the teacher that will look after you in the mornings after you leave the Boarding House or your home. This teacher will be your first point of contact and you will check in with them daily.

As you know, at Epsom we foster a culture of kindness and mutual respect. We expect all of our Epsom students to look out for one another and to show care and compassion. It is inevitable that you will make mistakes along the way - we all do - the most important thing is to learn from mistakes and to avoid repeating them.

We are very fortunate to have Ms Pajan as well as Peer Mentors as well as Wellbeing Prefects who are here to support you if you do find that you are experiencing difficulties and of course, I am here too. I will oversee your wellbeing at school and work with your teachers, HMM and Mrs Parker to make sure that your time at Epsom is happy, healthy and productive.

So, as you open this next chapter in your learning, be ambitious, be determined, set yourself high standards and always be kind.

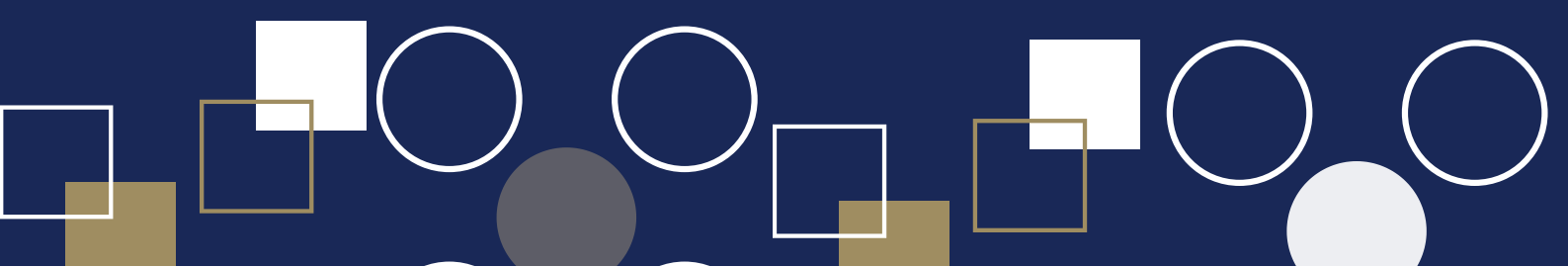
Best wishes,

Mrs Fowler



Kate Fowler

Deputy Headteacher, Pastoral



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Dear Students,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Senior School - we have heard lots of great things about you from Mrs Rouson, Mrs Whitney and Ms Dai and we do not doubt that you will make your new teachers proud thanks to your work ethic, engagement with your studies and proactive approach.

Secondary School will present you with new challenges and it will be tough at times, but we are all here to help you - just remember to always do your best, focus and keep in mind that you are the most important factor in your learning - your attitude is key.



Avis Parker

Deputy Headteacher, Academic

As Deputy Headteacher in charge of Academics, I will have overall responsibility for your teaching and learning. I will work closely with your teachers and Heads of Department to make sure that you are stretched, challenged and supported during every step of your learning journey in the Senior School at Epsom.

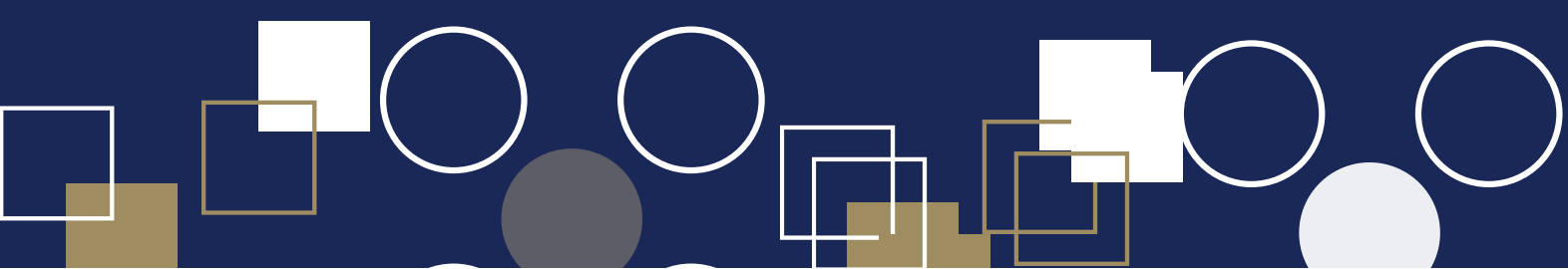
We want you to enjoy your lessons, to know where your strengths lie, what your areas for improvement are and how to overcome any challenges that you face.

In this way we aspire for you to graduate from IGCSE and then A-level with the best possible scores fully equipped for the next step in your lifelong learning journey!

So, to conclude, welcome to Year 7 and we are excited to have you in our Senior School.

Best wishes,

Mrs Parker



THE YEAR 6 TEACHERS

Wow, what an incredible year we have had in Year 6! It started with just a few of us back on that first day in August and since then our happy group has just grown and grown! We have also been the inaugural year group for the third floor of our expanding Prep School and I feel we have made a cosy home for ourselves up there.

It has felt like the natural progression for you as you make your first steps towards senior school. I shall miss each and every one of you next year so be sure to stop for a chat whenever you see me around the campus!

Justine Whitney



Well done Y6 and congratulations on your Move Up! It's been a great pleasure to teach each and every one of you this year and be a part of your incredible learning journey. In all subjects, you have worked hard to further your knowledge, curiosity and creativity. You have developed your independent practice and worked together in lessons, helping each other along the way.

Much joy and kindness to and from your fellow peers has also been evident in activities, CCAs and during playtime. I am confident that the skills you have developed and demonstrated this year, both academically and personally, will strengthen your continuing progress into senior school.

Zena Dai

I have loved the Prep School because...



“ Jewel Sanker
I've loved the Prep School because all the activities are fun and the teachers and TAs are nice! ”



“ Jun Cheng Ho
I've loved the Prep School because it is a good and safe space. Plus, we get yummy snacks during break! ”



“ Angela Xie
I've loved the Prep School because the teachers are fun and good. ”



“ Kei Otsuka
I've loved the Prep School because there are a lot of fun events. ”



“ Kiane Perrang
I've loved the Prep School because my friends and teachers are fantastic. ”



“ Kimora Tan
I've loved the Prep School because I love the friends I made. ”

I have loved the Prep School because...



Nobu Ogi

I've loved the Prep School because of my kind and funny friends.



Osborn Li

I've loved the Prep School because the music classes are fun!



Oscar Lord

I've loved the Prep School because lessons are interactive and I have kind friends.



Roy Yamanaka

I've loved the Prep School because I enjoy the subjects and sports.



Zeqing Zhou

I've loved the Prep School because I get to play all the fun sports.



Sarah Rajah

I've loved the Prep School because everyone in Prep School is nice.

I have loved the Prep School because...



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Constance Lim
I've loved the Prep School
because I can always talk and
sit with my friends.
”



“
Chow Long
I've loved the Prep School
because we can celebrate
different festivals.
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Feliz Sin
I've loved the Prep School
because that's where I made
my friends.
”



“
Heyma Paramasivam
I've loved the Prep School
because the food is yummy and
the teachers are nice.
”



“
Yuchen Qaio
I've loved the Prep School
because I have friendly
classmates.
”



“
Kaiyi Cho
I've loved the Prep School
because I have many friends to
play with.
”

I have loved the Prep School because...



James Kim

I've loved the Prep School because the teachers are nice and I love my friends.



Paxton Eu

I've loved the Prep School because the community is really nice and it's really cool.



Ryo Miyazawa

I've loved the Prep School because I get to play football during break times.



Riona Yamamoto

I've loved the Prep School because I have many nice friends.



Shingo Mizutani

I've loved the Prep School because the teachers are so kind.



Xiao Chen Ma

I've loved the Prep School because I enjoy the maths classes.

CELEBRATING OUR

'Lifers'



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Being at Epsom for around 7 years, it has really changed over the years. I remember when I was in Chit-Chats and made a play-doh face. I enjoyed my time here!

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Paxton Eu

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I love Epsom because of all the wonderful teachers. I also want to thank my friends for making this school a better place. For the past 6 years, I've been in Prep School, therefore I'm super excited to be in Senior School, but also really sad to leave Prep School. Thank you to all the teachers and I will miss you a lot.

Feliz Sin

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From the years I've spent in Prep school, I have observed others, and in result, it has made me become a Deputy House Captain. Throughout my years here, I've thoroughly enjoyed maths and playing during break times!

”

James Kim

A FINAL WORD

From the Headmaster

Dear Year 6 students,

It is my great pleasure to celebrate with you as you 'Move Up'.

I have seen how much you have grown during your time in the Prep School - physically, mentally and in your characters too.

As you leave Year 6:

- Take a moment to remember your best times in Prep School
- Say thank you to everyone who has made your time in the Prep School so special and...
- Be very excited about next year.

READY.....STEADY....GO!!!

You are so ready for Senior School - ready for the joy of learning new things, ready to make new friends and ready to make the most of new opportunities.



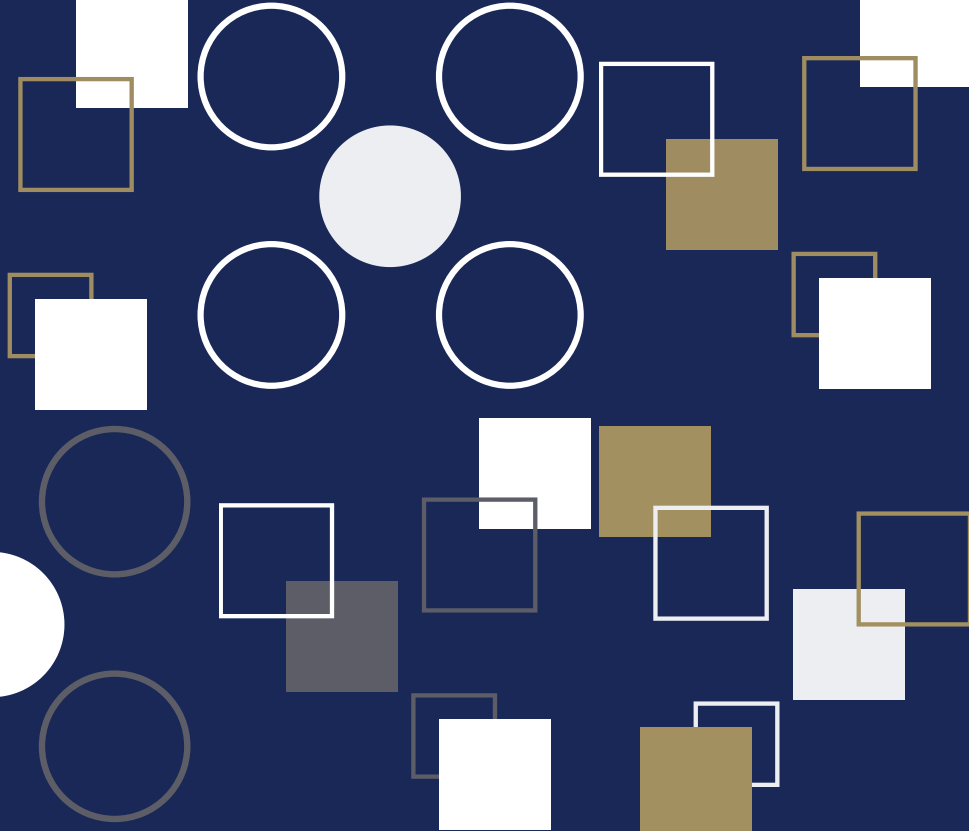
Matthew Brown
Headmaster

I am so proud of you and I can't wait to see how much more you will grow, learn and achieve in

Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10
Year 11 Year 12 Year 13



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GOOD LUCK

on the next part of your journey...