

NEWSLETTER

LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - GAMPAHA | August 2016 (Issue No. 100 - LG)



WISHING YOU A HAPPY VACATION !

SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR STUDENTS ON MONDAY, 05 SEPTEMBER, 2016

 UP COMING CALENDAR
 MONTH OF AUG. & SEP. - 2016


01 Aug.	Paper discussions - Gr. 1-11 Graduation - Gr. 5
02 Aug.	Finalising marks and reports Holiday for Grade 1 to 11 students Kite Festival - Gr. 1 - 5
03 Aug.	School closes for students
04 Aug.	Issue of reports Parent - Teacher Day (School holiday for students) Career Day
05 Aug.	Issue of reports Parent - Teacher Day (School holiday for students) Graduation Ceremony - Gr. 12 (Cambridge) Issue of reports
29 Aug.	School re-opens for teachers
30 Aug.	Staff development programme
31 Aug.	Handing over of books & stationery to Class Teachers (Nursery to Gr. 2) Meeting with Class Teachers (Gr. 3 - 12) (according to surnames - A to L)
01 Sep.	Handing over of books & stationery to Class Teachers (Nursery to Gr. 2) Meeting with Class Teachers (Gr. 3 - 12) (according to surnames - M to Z)
03 Sep.	"Pirith Pinkama"
04 Sep.	Morning "Dhana" for 25 Monks
05 Sep.	School re-opens for students
09 Sep.	Meeting with parents - Gr. 12
15 Sep.	Meeting with parents - Gr. 1 to 12 and new admission
17 Sep.	Maathra 9 - First Rehearsals
27, 28, 29	Monthly Test - Gr. 10 (refer SHB - 2)

HANDWRITING IS VERY IMPORTANT

Please see to it that the English / Sinhala / Tamil handwriting of your child is improved before going to the next grade. If your child's handwriting is poor, please buy him / her a handwriting book and tell him / her to do a page of copywriting daily at home.



Message from our Founder

Mr. Mohan Lal Grero



Once I read this lovely story which reminded me of my own brothers. They are always there for me to support me and encourage me. The story goes like this.

Ram received an automobile from his brother as a birthday present. One day when Ram came out of his office, he saw a boy walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. "Is this your car?" He asked.

Ram nodded, "My brother presented it to me on my birthday." The boy was astounded. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you anything? Oh how I wish..." He hesitated. Of course Ram knew what he was going to wish for.

He was going to wish he had a brother like his brother, but what the lad said surprised Ram. "I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that." Ram looked at the boy in astonishment, and then impulsively he said, "Would you like to take a ride in my car?"

"Oh yes, I'd love that." After a short ride, the boy turned and with his eyes aglow, said, "Would you mind driving in front of my house?" Ram smiled a little. He thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbours that he could ride home in a big car. But Ram was wrong again. "Will you stop where those two steps are?" The boy asked. He ran up the steps.

Then in a little while Ram heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little crippled brother. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car. "There he is, brother. Like I told you, his brother gave him this car and it didn't cost him a penny.

Some day I'm going to give you one just like it then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the shop windows that I've been trying to tell you about." Ram got out and lifted the crippled boy to the front seat of his car. The shiny-eyed older brother climbed in beside him and the three of them began a memorable ride.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday !!!

**ORIENTATION DAYS - ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 / 2017
(IN THE RESPECTIVE CLASSROOMS)**

- ✦ Nursery to Gr. 2 → Handing over books & stationery to Class Teachers
- ✦ Gr. 3 to 12 → Meeting the Class Teachers

Wednesday, 31 August, 2016

Surnames beginning with	Time Duration
A, B, C, D	07.45 a.m. - 09.45 a.m.
E, F, G, H	09.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.
I, J, K, L	11.45 a.m. - 01.45 p.m.

Thursday, 01 September, 2016

Surnames beginning with	Time Duration
M, N, O, P	07.45 a.m. - 09.45 a.m.
Q, R, S,	09.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.
T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	11.45 a.m. - 01.45 p.m.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please be informed that students in Grades 6 to 12 are allowed to select and participate in a maximum of two activities, of which one should necessarily be a physical activity. If you have ticked more than two activities in the Extra-Curricular Activities Form, only the first two choices will be considered.



RELIGION SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Religion School Attendance will apply only from Grades 1 to 9 (Cambridge / National). At the end of each semester, the religion school form should be signed by the head of the place of worship (with the rubber seal)



EXERCISE BOOKS

Please note that from Grades 1-8, all students should carry only 80 page exercise books. If any student brings heavier books they may be rejected by the teacher as it makes carrying books difficult, for both students and teachers.

DRESS CODE

Please see to it that your child abides by the dress code requirements of the school.

BOYS

- ✦ Hair should be cut short and combed neatly.
- ✦ No beards / mustaches.
- ✦ Trousers should be worn with a black belt with a simple buckle (worn just below the waist / above the hip) - Grade 6 to 12.

GIRLS

- ✦ The uniform top button should be fastened.
- ✦ Hair should be neatly combed.
- ✦ 2 plaits (Grades 1-8) if hair is longer than shoulder length (1 plait for Grades 9-12).
- ✦ The uniform should be long enough to cover the knees. Grey socks (ankle socks are not allowed) and clean black shoes are compulsory. The P.T. T-shirt buttons must be fastened upto the 2nd button.

TIMETABLE

Please see to it that your child brings the books according to the timetable from Grade 1 upwards.

**PARENTS INFORMATION BOOKLET (PIB)
(SRB / SHB 1 / SHB 2)**

Please check if you have received the Parents Information Booklet (PIB), Student's Hand Book 1 (Grade 1 and all new students from Grades 2 to 12), Student's Record Book (Nursery & Pre-Grade), Student's Record Book (Grades 1 to 12), Student's Hand Book 2 (Grades 1 to 12) and Special book (Grades 1 to 5) during the orientation (held in August-September 2016). New admissions are requested to obtain their copies from the respective Class Teacher / Registrar.

PHOTOGRAPHS IN SRB

The photograph pasted on the SRB should be a recent one. It should be a colour photograph and the student should be in school uniform (without the cap). The photograph should not be more than 6 months old.

LYCEUM - KURUNEGALA

Lyceum International School, Kurunegala will be launched on 5th September 2016.

SCHOOL FEES

PLEASE PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES ONE WEEK BEFORE THE TERM COMMENCES.



HAVING DINNER TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

The family bond is of the greatest importance in a child's life. It is not the money you spend on them but the quality time you spend with them that matters. For this bond to remain strong, please see to it that at least one meal of the day (preferably dinner) is eaten together as a family.

Please note that important notices are in every newsletter. Therefore, it is compulsory for every parent and student to read the newsletter.

PROVIDING A STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT

Please note that when your child is born he / she is born with billions of nerve cells and interconnections between these nerve cells. However, these billions of interconnections start to decay unless stimulated. Stimulation takes many forms; from reading a story to singing songs, showing scenery to even star gazing. Although you might not see the benefits in the short term, go on reading, singing and showing things to continue stimulating these interconnections between the nerve cells.

Give your child the opportunity to experience things which will lead him / her to become an adult who can take up any challenge in life. Please do not send your child for tuition nor allow him / her to sit in front of the TV or play video games preventing him/her from gaining practical experience and true interaction.



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS OF SRI LANKA (TISSL) IDENTITY CARD

The Association of The International Schools of Sri Lanka (TISSL) issues an identity card for all the students who participate in all international schools extra curricular activities. The identity card is valid for three years, and is compulsory for competitions organised by TISSL.

TISSL will charge a fee of Rs. 400/- to issue the identity card. Therefore, parents of students participating in extra curricular activities should make the payment when informed by the relevant Teacher in Charge.

TUITION

Please do not send your child for tuition for the main subjects, as what is taught in school is entirely sufficient for their level. This does not apply to Music, Dancing, Speech & Drama and Sports.

CHECKLIST BEFORE LEAVING FOR SCHOOL

Being organised is a vital skill that helps productivity, and will help children be better prepared each morning for school. Accordingly, we are sending herewith, a checklist of chores and special notes to help your child develop basic organisational skills. Please ensure that the same is displayed in a convenient location at home / in the child's bedroom or study-room etc. and that he / she be encouraged to check it each morning prior to leaving for school.



MY MORNING CHECKLIST

Wake up	X
Make the bed	X
Wash and get dressed for school	X
Have breakfast	X
Have you packed the correct books ?	X
Art supplies / homework packed ?	X
SRB packed ?	X
Lunch / snacks / bottle of water packed ?	X
Check after - school activities with parents	X
Worship / Greet your parents	X

X Have a Wonderful Day !

DEAR PARENTS,

Please make sure that you receive / obtain the following on or before 5th August 2016.

Nursery	Book List, Paying in Voucher, Academic Report
Pre Grade	Booklist, Paying in Voucher, Certificate Academic Report, Uniform sample (students proceeding into Grade 1)
Gr. 1 to 8	Booklist, Paying in Voucher, Academic Report
Gr. 6 to 8	Community Service Certificate, Academic Report
Gr. 9 to 11	Paying in Voucher, Academic Report
Pre A/L	Paying in Voucher

(Please note that Pre A/L students have to pay the entire term fee from June 2016 to August 2016).

GRADE 6 BOYS - LONG TROUSERS

Present Grade 5 students (boys), please note that it is compulsory that you wear long trousers in Grade 6 from September 2016.

MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS

Parents are kindly requested not to ask for the personal telephone numbers of teachers. If you need to meet or contact a teacher, please do so via the SRB or telephone the school and leave a message / get an appointment.

BOOKLIST

Please note that your child's booklist is to be obtained from the respective branch where your child is attending (schooling). A school seal is placed for this purpose and you will not be able to purchase books from other branch schools. Please also produce the original booklist when purchasing books.

VERY IMPORTANT

If there are any corrections to be made in the student reports, please contact the IT Department / Registrar on or before 10th August 2016 (absolute deadline).

DO NOT PURCHASE BOOKS IF FEES ARE NOT PAID

Please do not purchase books for the new academic year until you have settled the outstanding school fees as your child will not be promoted to the next grade until all outstanding fees are settled.

LETTERS ISSUED BY THE SCHOOL

If you need a letter from the school regarding any matter, a minimum of one week's notice should be given to the school.

CAREER PATH FROM NURSERY TO GARDE 12

Students will follow the Lyceum Syllabus from Nursery to Grade 8. In Grade 8, we will be having an OL subject selection meeting which will assist you and your child to decide whether to select National OL (Government Curriculum) or Cambridge OL (London Curriculum). In Grades 9 and 10, the child has to follow either National OL or Cambridge OL syllabus. The Cambridge OL Exam will be held in May and the National OL Exam will be held in December of the same year when the child is in Grade 10. After that, the students may decide whether they wish to proceed to the National AL or Cambridge AL class. Changing from Cambridge to National (or vice versa) is possible although it may cause some difficulties for the student. If a student follows Cambridge OL in May he or she will proceed to the AL class in June that same year. If a student sits for the National OL Exam in December, he / she will have to proceed to National AL in June the following year. If a student sits for the National AL, he / she may apply both for local and foreign universities. But if he / she sits for the Cambridge AL, he / she may apply only for foreign universities. Furthermore, the exam fees for Cambridge exams are comparatively much higher than for National exams.

GRADES 1 TO 8 STUDY TIME

Please encourage your students to follow the Lyceum Study Time Plan.

Grades 1 to 5 : 1 hour 15 minutes

- completing home work : 15 minutes
- packing bag & getting ready for next day (15 minutes)
- reading a story book (15 minutes)
- improving your handwriting or if handwriting is good writing a small story / a poem.

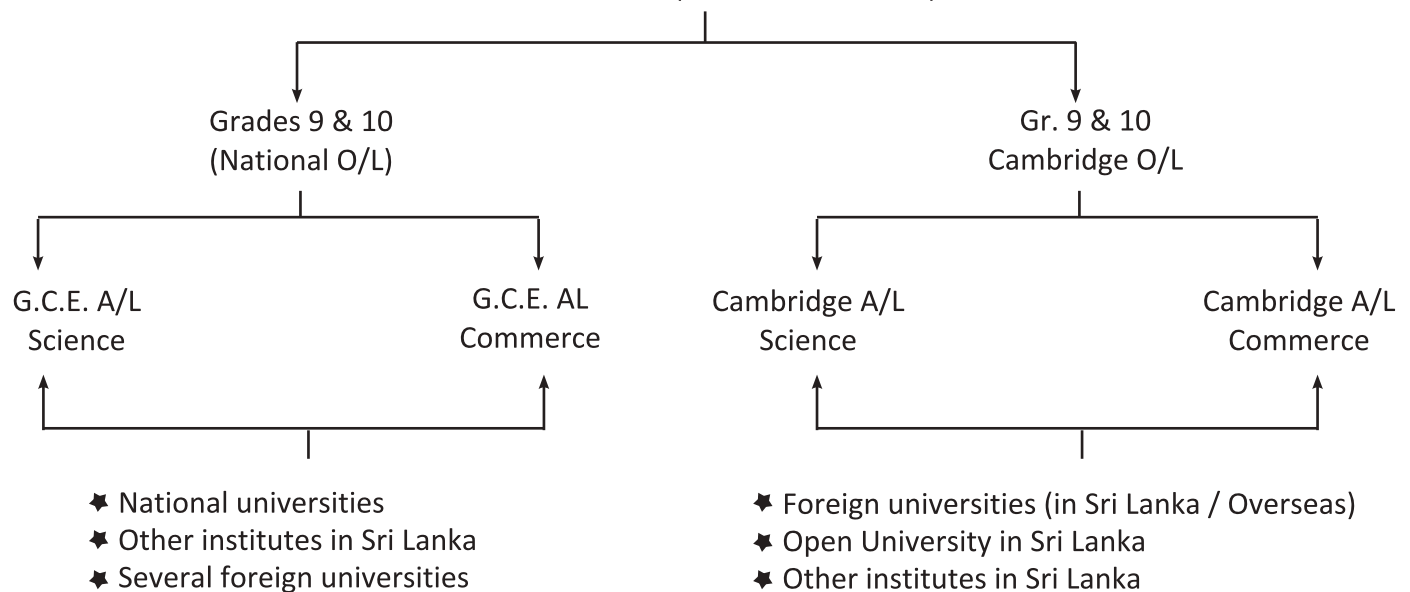


Grades 6 to 8 : half an hour each for the above

- This enables students to revise daily. We strongly recommend that you avoid pressurising your child to study for monthly tests and enable them to participate in competitions held around the time of monthly tests.

PATHWAY FOR HIGHER STUDIES THROUGH LYCEUM

GRADES 1 TO 8 (LYCEUM SYLLABUS)



CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD

Parents are liable to inform the Principal in writing if there is any change in the physical and legal custody of a child due to divorce / separation etc. The school must be informed along with copies of the legal documents as proof of physical / legal custody granted by a court order. Unless the school is duly informed with supporting evidence, the school will not be held responsible for any matters arising with regard to guardianship of children.