



# The Lyceumer

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### UPCOMING CALENDAR MONTH OF FEBRUARY - 2018

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| 02 <sup>nd</sup> Feb. | Sinhala Best Speakers' Contest - Semi Finals   |
| 05 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Inter House Karate Tournament                  |
| 06 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Concert - Grade 8 - 12                         |
| 07 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Inter House Soccer Tournament                  |
| 09 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | English Singing Competition - Semi Finals      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Concert Rehearsals - Gr. 4 & 5                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Sinhala Best Speakers' Contest - Finals        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Parent - Teacher Day (surnames begin with A-L) |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Parent - Teacher Day (surnames begin with M-Z) |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | English Singing Competition - Finals           |
| 23 - 25               | ISAC   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Sinhala Debating Competition - Semi Finals     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Inter House Tennis Tournament                  |
| 02 <sup>nd</sup> Mar  | Concert - Gr. 4 & 5                            |

### NATIONAL A/L - 2017 BEST RESULTS

#### SCIENCE STREAM

- ☆ Rakitha Jayasinghe  
(Physics - A / Chemistry - A / Combined Maths - A)
- ☆ Janani Gunawardana  
(Physics - A / Chemistry - A / Biology - B)
- ☆ Tabitha Vijithsingh  
(Physics - C / Chemistry - A / Biology - A)
- ☆ Dulaj Prabasha  
(Physics - B / Chemistry - B / Combined Maths - B)



#### COMMERCE STREAM

- ☆ Prabodhinee Sri Nissanka  
(Economics - C / Business Studies - B / Accounting - A)

*Congratulations!*



#### DEAR STUDENTS,

Please note that correction fluid bottles (Tipex etc.) are not allowed within the school premises.

#### SUSPENSION (GRADE 4 TO 12)

Students who continuously disturb during classes, will be given 2 days suspension by the Director / Principal.

#### Message from our Founder

**Mr. Mohan Lal Greero**



## Words of WISDOM

One day, a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor handed out the question paper with the text facing down as usual. Once he handed all of them out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions, just a black dot in the center of the page.

The professor seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write what you see there." The confused students got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer scripts and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet.

After all of the answer scripts had been read, the classroom was silent. The professor began to explain: "I am not going to grade you on this, as I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot. The same happens in our lives. We have a white paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given to us with love and care. There are always reasons to celebrate, such as the splendour of nature, good friends and family, and the little miracles of everyday."

However, we insist on focusing only on the dark spots, the health issues that bother us, the lack of material things and our weaknesses. The dark spots are very small compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds.

Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Learn to enjoy and treasure all of your blessings.

# DON'T FORGET

## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS (NURSERY TO GRADE 12) ON 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

Please note that the Parent-Teacher meeting is **compulsory for all parents**. Parents who are unable to attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances must **forward an excuse letter to the class teacher** stating the reason and ensure to **schedule an alternative meeting on another day**.

Students (Grade 1 and above) may accompany parents to the meeting; however, they **must be attired in the school uniform (NOT the P.T. Kit) with grey socks and black shoes**.

Teachers will allocate only **five minutes** with each parent, therefore please ensure to **note down any concerns or issues before hand** and **strictly adhere to the day and time allocated in the schedule below** in order to avoid congestion. **If more time is required with a teacher, parents should arrange an alternative appointment on another day** via the SRB.

| Surnames beginning with |   | Times to meet the teachers |                        |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 15<br>February<br>2018  | } | A, B, C, D                 | 7.45 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.  |
|                         |   | E, F, G, H                 | 9.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. |
|                         |   | I, J, K, L                 | 11.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m. |
| 16<br>February<br>2018  | } | M, N, O, P                 | 7.45 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.  |
|                         |   | Q, R, S                    | 9.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. |
|                         |   | T, U, V, W, Y, Z           | 11.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m. |

## WHY DO SOME STUDENTS NEED EXTRA GUIDANCE ?

- ◆ Language barrier.
- ◆ Spending too much time on electronic media.
- ◆ Not revising daily.
- ◆ Postponing study time / homework.
- ◆ Sitting to revise but not focusing on what has to be done.
- ◆ Lack of parental supervision.
- ◆ Poor time management in student or parent.



## SCHOOL DOCUMENTS

Please note that all certificates and academic documents will have to be collected from the office within one year after your child has left school. The school will not be issuing these documents after the said period.



## PARENTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEWSLETTER & ALL NOTICES

Please note that all notices sent via the SRB have to be acknowledged by the parent / guardian. Failure to do so will result in a black mark from Grade 4 to 12.



## ATTEN. O-LEVEL STUDENTS: CRITERIA FOR A-LEVEL SELECTIONS

The criteria for selection into the Pre A-Level classes (commencing in June 2018) is as follows:

- Continuous good behavior.
- A Credit Pass (60 marks) or more at the O/Level Semester Examinations held in March-April 2018 for all 3 chosen A/Level subjects.

The final decision for selection into Pre A/Level classes will be made by the Management (refer page 14 and 15 of the SHB 1), therefore please ensure to maintain very good behavior and apply yourself diligently and methodically in your work in order to perform successfully at the Semester Examinations.

## ATTN. CAMBRIDGE & NATIONAL A/LEVEL & O/LEVEL STUDENTS SITTING FOR EXAMS THIS YEAR

Please ensure to have your examination fees and proof of identity (mentioned below) ready by 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018:

- Cambridge & National O/Level Students  
National ID Card / Postal ID Card / Passport★
- Cambridge & National A-Level Students  
National ID Card / Passport★

★ Please ensure that the Passport is valid through to December, 2018

## COMPULSORY DRESS CODE DETAILS

**Boys** :- A white sleeveless vest (not high necked) must be worn underneath the shirt by all students.

**Girls** :- White underskirts or white long shorts (1" shorter than the uniform) must be worn underneath the school uniform. Black tights are not allowed.

## ENGLISH DEBATING COMPETITION - 2018

Final Round of Inter House English Debating Competition was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at the New Aeolian Hall. The topic of the debate was "The house believes that American war against terror is justifiable".

**Cygnus House became champions while Ursa became Runners-up.**

- ★ Best Debator was Senuri Weerakkody.
- ★ Best Captain was Kalindu Abeysinghe.



## Dear Students,

Breakfast is an important meal. Please ensure that you have your breakfast everyday. You are allowed to bring your breakfast and have it during the register marking period, but you cannot go out of the class to purchase food from the canteen at that time.



## SINHALA KAVI COMPETITION - 2018

An afternoon of great talents amazed all who gathered in the New Aeolian Hall when our students participated in finals of the Sinhala Kavi Competition held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018.

Following students were the winners;

### GRADE 1

1st - Methuli Kolonnage  
2nd - Senuki Mahabaduge  
3rd - Dinsara Kodithuwakku

### GRADE 2

1st - Anuthmi Swethambari  
2nd - Sayumi Wijesooriya  
3rd - Sihath Weerakkody

### GRADE 3

1st - Sasen Senarathne  
2nd - Kithumi Nandasoma  
3rd - Senali Fernando

### GRADE 4

1st - Senuli Wijendra  
2nd - Sakithma De Silva  
3rd - Bethumi Thanya

### GRADE 5

1st - Esara Malporu  
2nd - John Riyon  
3rd - Yenuli Biyanwila

### GRADE 6

1st - Menushi Jayasena  
2nd - Sevindu Hearath  
3rd - Sanuth Jayasumana

### GRADE 7

1st - Kithmini Rathnayake  
2nd - Ranudi Palihawadana  
3rd - Sahas Fernando

### GRADE 8

1st - Sasunmi Perera  
1st - Oshini Niruthma  
3rd - Vethara Kasthuriarachchi

### GRADES 9 & 10

1st - Senushi Jayasena  
2nd - Senula Hearath  
3rd - Thamasha Wijesinghe



## O/L SUBJECT SELECTION MEETING

O/L Subject Selection Meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in the New Aeolian Hall with the participation of the school management, parents & teachers. Cambridge & National teachers gave a profound description of the subjects offered in Lyceum International School, Gampaha.

## GRADE 9 & 10 PARENTS MEETING

Parents meeting for Grade 9 & 10 was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in the New Aeolian Hall. Parents of Grade 9 & 10 students got the opportunity to meet the school management & discuss their issues.

## GRADE 1 & 2 PARENTS MEETING

Parents meeting for Grade 1 & 2 was held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in the New Aeolian Hall.

## A/L SUBJECT SELECTION MEETING

A/L Subject Selection Meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in the New Aeolian Hall with the participation of school management, parents, career guidance counselor & teachers. After teachers briefed their scopes of academic as well as practical schedules, career guidance counselor discussed about the future prospects of subjects.

## GRADE 6, 7 & 8 PARENT MEETING

Parents meeting for Grade 6, 7 & 8 was held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in the New Aeolian Hall.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A TEACHER

Are you a parent who wants to assist your child, a school leaver, or a knowledge seeker? The Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education, the teacher training arm of THE LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, conducts the following programmes.

| PROGRAMME                                 | CLASS DAY       | TIME                   |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| [1]. Diploma in Primary School Teaching   | Monday & Friday | 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. |
|   | Saturday        | 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. |
| [2]. Diploma in English Language Teaching | Monday & Friday | 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. |
|   | Saturday        | 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. |

Weekday programmes commence SOON !!

Curriculum consists of Theory, Practice & Application. Printed material is free.

[a]. Application & Registration fee: Rs. 1000/= [b]. Course fee: Rs. 40,000/=

[c]. An easy payment structure is available.

Contact: The Coordinator, Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education, Lyceum International School, Gampaha.

Telephone No: 077-9898685 / 033-4674543 / 033-4928842 Fax. 033-2297666.

[Eventually can proceed to Bachelor of Education Degree at Horizon Campus, Malabe; with one year exemption and 25% discount].

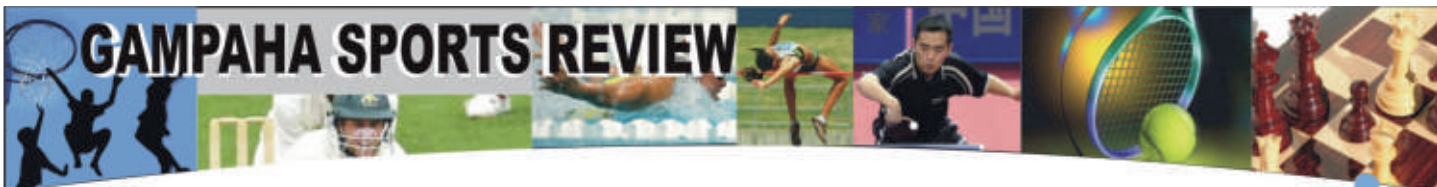


Please note that there are important notices in every newsletter. Therefore, it is compulsory for every parent and student to read the newsletter.

## PERMISSION TO WEAR SANDALS / SLIPPERS

Only black sandals / slippers may be worn if your child is suffering from an injury to the foot preventing him / her from wearing shoes.





## ISAC 2018 - INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2018

The 18th ISAC will be held on the 23rd, 24th and 25th February, 2018 at the Mahinda Rajapaksha Stadium, Diyagama. It will be hosted by Lyceum International School Nugegoda for the 9th time. More than 2000 athletes will participate with 300 AAA officials and over 20,000 spectators. The ISAC is now fully computerised with real-time web based entries to instantly access results and scores over the Internet via the ISAC website <http://isac.lyceum.lk> which was developed & designed by the department of information technology of Lyceum International Schools. Sponsors are welcome.

Please contact Dr. Azfa Rafeeq - Deputy Chairperson - ISAC on 28222387.



Thank you  
Mrs. Kumari Grero (Chairperson ISAC)

## SWIMMING



### AMENDED SCHEDULE OF SWIMMING ACTIVITY - 2018

Please be informed about the amended schedule of swimming Activity for the Academic Year - 2017 / 2018.

This schedule has been implemented with effect from 08<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

Please note that all students of Grade 1 to 5 who wish to participate in "Learn to Swim session" are allowed to attend without a selection.

Students will be selected from Learn to Swim session to attend "Special Swimming Class" of Grade 1 to 5.

| Day      | Group                   | Time                  |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday   | Learn to Swim Gr. 1 - 3 | 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. |
|          | Learn to Swim Gr. 4 - 5 | 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. |
| Tuesday  | Special Class Gr. 1 - 3 | 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. |
|          | Special Class Gr. 4 - 5 |                       |
| Thursday | Learn to Swim Gr. 1 - 3 | 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. |
|          | Learn to Swim Gr. 4 - 5 | 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. |
| Friday   | Special Class Gr. 1 - 3 | 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. |
|          | Special Class Gr. 4 - 5 |                       |

### PRIVATE CLASSES FOR SWIMMING

Private classes for swimming are been conducted by our swimming coaches from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. on weekdays. Students have to obtain a membership to attend these classes.

- Annual Membership Fee - Rs. 6520/-
- Monthly Coaching Fee - Rs. 2000/-  
(8 hour session per month)



## BADMINTON



### INTER HOUSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT - 2017

This tournament was held on 08, 10 & 29 November, 2017 at Rathnavali Badminton Court, Gampaha.

#### BOYS - UNDER 13 (CHAMPIONS - CYGNUS)

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Sahas Fernando | Sanuka Raknitha |
| Venuka Gamage  | Selith Thejaka  |

#### BOYS - UNDER 15 (CHAMPIONS - AQUILA)

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Himesha De Seram       | Charuka Herath       |
| Matheesha Samarasekara | Thenul Satharasinghe |

#### BOYS - UNDER 17 (CHAMPIONS - AQUILA)

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Chamaka Herath    | Anjana Bandara |
| Chamath Madusanka | Tuan Lantra    |

#### BOYS - OVER 17 (CHAMPIONS - AQUILA)

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Samith Nawarathna | Muhammath Fahim |
|-------------------|-----------------|

#### GIRLS - UNDER 13 (CHAMPIONS - URSA)

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Kisa Viragi         | Saviru Weerakkody |
| Gethmi Karunanayake |                   |

#### GIRLS - UNDER 15 (CHAMPIONS - CYGNUS)

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Shazmeena Usman | Venuri Thanya |
|-----------------|---------------|

#### GIRLS - UNDER 17 (CHAMPIONS - CYGNUS)

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Imasha Gimhani      | Chamodhi Dombepola |
| Iresha Mannapperuma | Gihansa Malporu    |

#### GIRLS - OVER 17 (CHAMPIONS - CYGNUS)

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Dulya Gamage |  |
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### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please be informed that students in Grade 6 to 12 may select and participate in a maximum of two co-curricular activities, of which one should 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.