



Week Without Walls 2016-17

Grade 11 Lombok, Indonesia

Jan 15 - Jan 21, 2017

August 24, 2016

Dear Grade 11 parents and guardians,

Welcome to Week Without Walls 2016-17. We are excited to announce we are finalising plans for our Week Without Walls 2016-17 school trips. We have an exciting grade-level trip being planned for the week of 15th – 21st January, 2017. During The Week Without Walls (WWW) we *Educate to Make a Difference* by fostering cultural exchange and learning through a range of meaningful, practical and authentic experiences.

Rationale

Taking learning beyond the classroom expands learners' understanding of the curriculum and its possible applications as well as contributing to their individual development. These trips create learning experiences that encourage each student to realise their potential. Week Without Walls is one of the building blocks that assist in creating success in a child's academic life and beyond. It continues to offer the opportunity to develop an individual's physical, social and emotional wellbeing, a healthy and positive disposition, connectedness with others, and self-awareness. Every Week Without Walls trip will provide the opportunity for personal development, to learn and contribute to local and other communities, and for adventure.

Lombok

The Dorsal Effect creates an alternative livelihood for shark fishermen in Lombok, Indonesia, through ecotourism. The purpose of this trip is to provide a valuable immersive learning experience, where the students will conduct scientific surveys and service. The students will partake in 2 days of surveys, and 2 days of service. The students will gain in-depth knowledge of marine conservation and how it's multi-layered; comprising ecological, social, economic and political factors. They will learn how to conduct scientific surveys, and interpret results. By the end of the trip, the students will have a holistic understanding of marine threats and conservation, and will understand how they can act to conserve marine life.

Group 4 Project

Grade 11 students will work on their Group 4 science project whilst on Week Without Walls: 'A compulsory project that encourages students to appreciate the environmental, social and ethical implications of science. This exercise is collaborative and interdisciplinary and provides an opportunity for students to explore scientific solutions to global questions.' (<http://www.ibo.org/diploma/curriculum/group4/>)



Please note the following information:

- **The trips are mandatory for all ISS students and organized for the entire grade level.**
- Your child **must** have a valid passport with an expiry date **no sooner** than **August 1, 2017**.
- Your child **must** purchase a visa by **5th December 2016** (if required). This cost is not included in trip fees.

Key Dates for your diary:

Monday 19th September - First installment payment due of SGD600 (Invoices will be sent)

Tuesday 18th October – Application forms completed and submitted to school

Thursday 3rd November - Parent information evening at ISS Preston, 7pm in the Hall

Monday 7th November - Final payment due of SGD780

Monday 5th December – Visa applications completed and purchased (if required)

Sunday 15th January - The trip will depart from Changi Airport on Sunday 15th Jan.

Friday 22nd January- The trip will return to Changi Airport on Friday 20th Jan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Regards

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