



Mr Ayling meets the State Counsellor

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 2-6 Holiday (Thadyingyut)- School Closed
- Oct 18 End of Quarter 1
- Oct 19-20 Holiday (Diwali)- School Closed
- Oct 27 Quarter 1 report cards go home
Parent Teacher conferences

Secondary English Department Teacher Profiles

I'm James Ayling, Head of English for the M.I.S Secondary School. I am from England.

I have worked in schools in Britain, Spain, Sweden and now Myanmar.

I have lived happily in Myanmar for 3 years. Between 2014-16 I was volunteering on the E.f.E.C.T Project with the Myanmar Ministry of Education. EfECT stands for 'English for Education College Teachers'. You can see a photo taken during the project attached. The trainees in the photo are wearing the pink T-shirt of VSO which is the British volunteer organization 'Volunteer Services Overseas'.

During the project I was lucky enough to be asked to brief Daw Su (Daw Aung San Suu Kyi) in Nay Pyi Taw [you can see us in the cover photo. I am on the left wearing my green, government teacher-longyi!].

I have been lucky enough to visit many parts of Myanmar. I sometimes travelled to deliver teacher-training for the Myanmar government and for NGOs. These places included Falam, Chin State; Toungoo, Bago Division; and Thanbyuzayat in Mon State.

Probably my favourite place in Myanmar is the beautiful 'Paradise' beach near the village of Autcha What. The beach is in the far south, a few hours from Dawei.

I am very happy to join M.I.S. I thank all the students and staff for being so welcoming!



My name is Mr. James Elkins. I am from Brisbane, Australia. My qualifications include: a Bachelor of Psychology, a CELTA certificate and a Post-Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE). I have been teaching English for 11 years and I have previously taught in Australia, South Korea, Thailand and England. Aside from my love of English, I have a huge interest in playing music and sport. This is my third year teaching middle school English at MIS and I look forward to another great year here.



Ms. Brenda is a native of Billings, Montana (USA). She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education from Montana State University in 2000. Prior to that, she studied journalism at Northeastern University in Boston and worked in a variety of editing and publishing roles. In 2010 she graduated with a Master Degree in Education from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, home to the world-renown Ashland Shakespeare Festival. Her favorite level to teach is Year 7, so she was delighted to teach “A Midsummer’s Night Dream” last semester and is inspired to free range students’ appreciation for literature and drama while corralling those inevitable grammar mistakes. Her favorite quote is “Hitch a Wagon to a Star.”



Ms. Monja has happily been living in Asia for nearly a decade now. She originally moved to Kerala where she was working as a professional dancer/martial artist studying traditional Southern Indian movement forms after obtaining her MFA in Theatre Performance. Her next adventure took her to the Indian Himalayas where she spent six years studying Buddhist philosophy with the Dalai Lama, who like Aung San Suu Kyi, has won the Nobel Prize for promoting peace around the world. Ms. Monja’s next stop was Bangladesh where she spent two years teaching Drama, English, and French at Canadian International Schools. This is Ms. Monja’s first time at a Cambridge School, and she is enjoying it immensely thus far. Last year’s personal highlights for her at MIS were the Year 10 Literature Class’s performance of Macbeth and the AS English class’s version of “Shakespeare’s Greatest Hits”. This year she is excited to tackle Henry V and Chekov’s Uncle Vanya with her English and Drama students.



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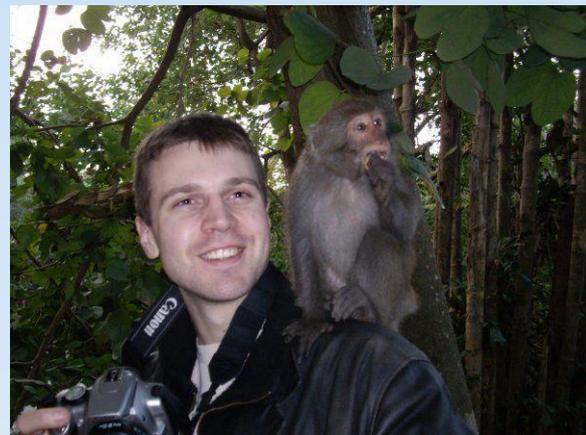
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Mr Jeremy Burns

I am a Canadian English teacher. I enjoy acting, photography, yoga, martial arts, and going on adventures. I have written dozens of articles for Wikipedia, mostly related to Chinese history. I enjoy adding a sense of drama, humor, and excitement to what I teach. This is my eighth year living in Asia.

For the last four years, I have been teaching English and Social Studies at Canadian and American international schools in China. Besides teaching, I have also had jobs working with autistic children, doing lab work on an oilfield, and managing a moving company. Some of my favourite adventures in Asia include hiking for three days and nights across the Great Wall, travelling into the Golden Triangle to interview retired Kuomintang guerrillas, and tracking down the relatives and employees of Chinese warlords and generals to interview them about their secret histories. I hope to meet as many local people as I can, learn the local language, and go on as many adventures as possible while I am here.



Roger Lovett is our newest addition to the Secondary English teaching team. Born in Cambridge, England, he grew up in South Africa and his favorite memory of that time is going on slow boat trips through the Suez Canal. Roger started writing at 13 and has written daily all his life. He has worked as a journalist and broadcaster in Zimbabwe, Africa, and in England as a publicist, film theatre and book critic for the Arts Council. He became a teacher in 1976 and describes his teaching style as “A performance artist who is anecdotal.” His favorite writer is Joseph Conrad. This year Roger teaches A Level English, and IGCSE year levels 10, 11, 12. Describing his time so far at M.I.S., Roger says, “I am marveled and surprised by the sophistication and the multicultural perspective of these young minds.”



A new and exciting Student Council is coming to your classroom. Get ready! It is very soon!

Fun and exciting things will be happening the whole month of September. You will see great students showing their leadership abilities like you have never seen before. Hopefully, you will be one of them. An election will happen to form the 2017-2018 MIS upper primary Student Council.

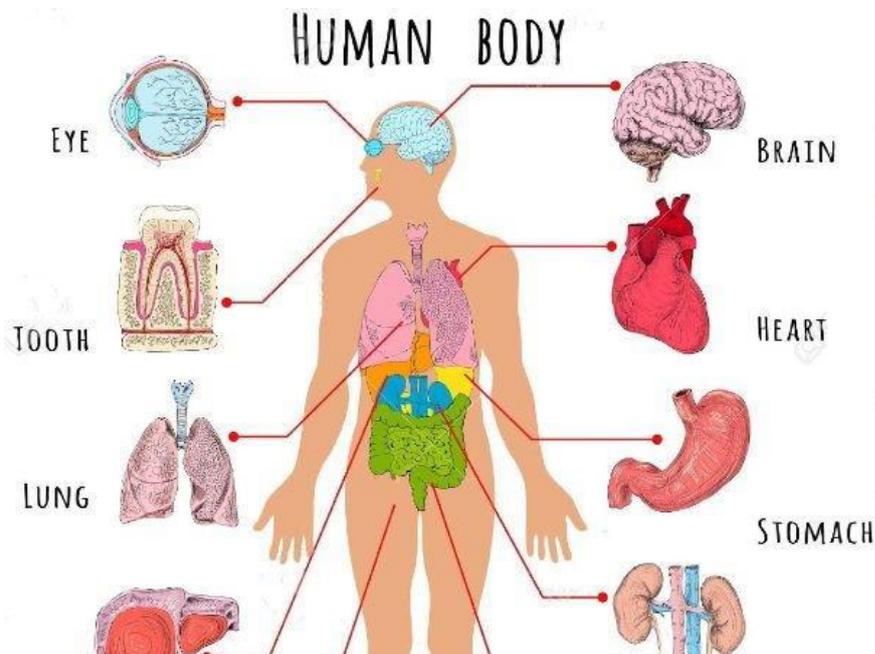


Student Council happenings in September

1. You need to know everything about Student Council so flyers will be given out and your homeroom teachers will help you understand more about it.
 2. Now you know about it, it's your time to shine! Make a decision if you want to be a candidate for the Student Council election. More information will be given at the upper primary assembly.
 3. Show them what you got! Campaign time!
 4. The moment of truth! Voting time! Who will rise to be the greatest MIS student council leaders that this world has ever known?
- See you all in September! Don't be scared, just be prepared.

Science in 6A

This week Room 6A learned about body organs systems. We learned about the functions of heart, lungs, kidneys, large intestines, and small intestines. We learned that we cannot live without them and they are essential parts of the human body.



Primary Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe, but we are already at the end of week three (well, week 2 ½, actually). Things have been running very smoothly at MIS, and I am happy to report that today we had two truck-loads of resources arrive at our school! Our local staff will be working hard to distribute the resources to the appropriate locations over the weekend, and teachers will be even better supplied to teach our students. Our uniform policy is in full swing.

A reminder that students in the primary must wear black leather shoes (not black sneakers) with white socks for girls and black socks for boys. If a student wishes to wear a cardigan, it must open on the front, a solid red color without any logos or writing, and not have a hood. When students return on Monday, they will not be allowed to wear cardigans that do not match the school's uniform policy. Also, leggings for girls should be black.

This year, we have altered our break times with years 3 and 4 having different morning break times than years 5 and 6. This has had a very noticeable effect on improving student safety, and far fewer instances of students getting scrapes and scratched during break times have been reported. We also adjust our lunch times, and the lunch for primary students no longer overlaps with secondary lunches. We have seen similar improvements in student safety at lunch times due to this change.

If parents want to talk to me, kindly set a meeting by contacting Ms. Aye Pa Pa, and I am more than happy to sit and talk.

Please enjoy your long weekend.

Principal James