



# BANGKOK PREP

Bangkok International Preparatory & Secondary School

A British Curriculum School

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**CIS/NEASC/ONESQA Accreditation 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

Accreditation Newsletter to the School Community No.6

Dear Parents

## Background

Bangkok Prep is committed to becoming an accredited school within this academic year. The school is in the process of seeking triple accreditation with the reputable Council of International Schools (CIS), New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Thai Quality Assurance through ONESQA at the Ministry of Education.

This is normally a two year process and for us began in May 2009 when Bangkok Prep provided initial information to the accreditation groups and were subsequently granted membership status. In October 2009 a Preliminary Accreditation Visit was conducted by Mr. Peter Gittins (CIS) and Mr. Leo Martin (NEASC). The report that was sent to the school after this visit was extremely positive and meant that we could enter the next phase of accreditation – Candidacy status for the Self-Study.

## Self-Study

The Self-Study began in November 2009 and it is one of the most important and beneficial parts of the accreditation process as it gives the school the chance to look critically at itself and find its strengths and improve on areas in need of development. Seven committees were set up, one of which curriculum – had a number of sub-committees. Parents, students and Board members were asked to volunteer to work alongside staff on these committees so that all groups within the school community were represented.

## Final Report/Team Visit

The aim is for the committees to write their reports for each area and for the final report to be submitted in December 2010. We would then expect a Team Visit comprising of around 10 members representing all 3 accreditation organisations in February/March 2011.

## Parent volunteers for Self Study teams

Due to the nature of international schools where the parent community changes each year, we would really like some more parents to volunteer to become a member of one of the committees to help us to see this Self Study period through until the final report is complete in December.

- o The choice of committees are overleaf.



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- o In order for there to be a fair distribution of experience, numbers and interests represented, parents are asked to select their top 2 preferences for committees.
- o It is **not** essential that you have a great depth of knowledge in the subject as it will be a fact finding and determination experience.
- o The staff members of the steering committee will lead the teams.
- o Meetings will usually be on certain Mondays at 3:00pm and this will only be for term 1.
- o Your input would really be valued.

Choice No.	Section	Leader
1	Philosophy & Objectives	Ms. Sarah Brannon
2	Governance & Management	Mr. John Barratt
3	Student Support Services	Mr. Lisa Cook
4	Resources	Mr. Brian Yeomans
5	Student & Community Life	Mr. Myles Buckingham

Please return you choice slip to me or Ms. Kwang the Primary/Secondary Secretary by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September if you can help.

Thank you in advance for the support that you can offer at this important time in our school's history as we move towards accreditation.

Sarah Brannon  
Chairperson School Accreditation Team

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Parent Name ..... Child's Name & Class. ....

Self-Study Committee you would be willing to be a member of; (please fill 1 or more boxes)

Don't mind/ flexible/will go where needed

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

Contact details

Email. .... Phone. ....

Signature. .... Date. ....