Over the last fortnight, our students, parents and staff have had several opportunities to intermingle with each other and the wider community.

One of the highlights includes our Yr 10 Dialogue students’ visit to the Star of the Sea College in Brighton. The visit has been very inspirational and educational for the students who attended. Through their involvement, they have understood the importance and value of inter-faith dialogue and how it can enrich our own lives.

Another highlight includes the Welcome BBQ which took place on Sunday, 2nd of March, between 12.00 and 3.00pm. An unprecedented number of families attended which made the occasion enjoyable and successful.

I would like to thank and extend my gratitude to the many students’, families, teachers and non-teaching staff who assisted to make the day a success. In addition, a very special thank you needs to be extended to the pastoral care mentors and representatives from the Parents & Friends Association.

Ms. N. Polat

An unprecedented number of families attended the Annual Welcome BBQ which took place on Sunday, 2nd of March, between 12.00 and 3.00pm. Over 300 students, parents, friends and teachers of Isik College attended on the day. This gave parents the opportunity to meet their daughter’s teachers in a more casual and relaxed setting.

Welcome speeches were made by Mr. Ibrahim Delial, Chairman of the Selimiye Foundation, Mr. Tuncay Terzi, Secondary Girls Principal and Ms. Hatice Polat, Representative from the Parents and Friends Association.

Several of our year 7-9 students assisted with the face painting and helium balloon stands. They seemed to have enjoyed it more than the juniors!

A very big ‘Thank You’ to the many student’s, families, teachers, non-teaching staff, pastoral care mentors and representatives from the Parents & Friends Association who assisted in making the day a great success.

Katherine Mansfield

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Friday, 7 March
- Year 7 Art Excursion

**Poetry**

‘twould be nice to be an apostrophe:
floating above an ’s
hovering like a paper kite,
in between the it’s
eavesdropping,
tiptoeing high above the that’s
spiralling,
the highest tossed of hats.

**Quotation**

I want, by understanding myself, to understand others.

I want to become all that I am capable of becoming.

Katherine Mansfield
It is the student’s responsibility to ensure they are arriving to school in time for the morning roll call by 8.55am. Any student arriving to school after roll call will be treated as a late student. If lateness is unavoidable, this should be explained by a note from the parent/guardian.

If a student arrives at school after roll call, she will be marked down as ‘late’. A student who is late 3 times will be issued with a Lunchtime Detention. However, students who come to school with the school bus are an exception.

New Turkish Books

Seçme Öyküler
by Ömer Seyfettin

Gülistan
by Sadi

Gülnihal
by Namik Kemal

Küçük Ağa
by Tarik Bugra

Beş Şehir
by Ahmet Hamdi Tanpınar

Leyla ile Mecnun
by Hüseyin Bayçöl

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‘Dialogue’ Excursion to the ‘Star of the Sea College’

On February 25th, the year 10 dialogue class visited ‘Star of the Sea College’. The purpose of this excursion was to learn about other cultures, faiths and to communicate with others.

Many activities took place on this day such as designing a symbol that represents our ongoing project with Star College, writing thoughts, playing bingo and many more exciting events. The students were very nice and welcoming - they made us all feel comfortable.

Overall, I enjoy excursions to schools of other faiths and I find this very important. The reason I find it important is because it forms bridges; we remove any misunderstandings; friendships are formed between the two faiths; and they don’t see our faith/religion - Muslims/Islam as bad because we express and show ourselves as examples.

Christians have their own faith, but I respect this and believe that Christians are also good people.

The thing that I enjoyed most was the girls and getting their thoughts about their school and learning about their faith. I would love for these excursions to continue.

Esra Kemal 10B