



Burapa Pattanasart International School



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SPOTLIGHT

KIRILL TOPOL

After signing up for the contest I really didn't know what to expect from the competition, all I knew was that the first round was at this school (BPIS), the second in Bangkok and finally the third round would be in Serbia. I was rather worried over the fact that at some point I may misunderstand something in regard to where and when the tests would be held and would end up missing the whole thing. but thankfully the school was helpful with directing me, not just through the first round but also through the second round in Bangkok and the award ceremony. For this, I must wholeheartedly thank Dr. Ulai who took the time out of her busy schedule to take me to Bangkok for the second round and the award ceremony. Without her, this whole process would have been immensely more complicated. I also thank Ms. Watcharee for keeping contact with KGL and informing me when something came. The tests themselves were straightforward overall and with a good enough knowledge of English I believe anyone could have a go at making it all the way to the final round. The whole process, from the first round at school, to the second round in Bangkok, to the award ceremony in the Ministry of Education was a very enjoyable experience and I would encourage anyone interested in participating to do so without hesitation.



KEYSTAGE 5

Jennifer Ariya Keys



The world we live in today knows how to get people talking. Everyone is buzzing about the fashion bible's "73 Questions" series. In BPIS we've recreated this trend into "Interview with Myself" series. My fellow students might have wondered how did my journey through CIE Curriculum go. So, I thought of asking myself questions that might benefit my younger fellows in BPIS.

What was it like to take the IGCSE exams?

- Honestly, it was very stressful. I definitely was not fully prepared for it. I've always gotten near perfect scores in every subject at school except for music and Thai (haha) without trying very hard so I kept telling myself "It's fine, I don't have to study." But boy was I wrong. The first exam (Business) took me completely by surprise. It was more complicated than I had anticipated. Every time I went to the exam venue after that, I would just start sweating and my mind would be racing. I would get very nervous. Luckily, I still did fine (I got a B) but I'm sure that I would've got a better score if I had studied more.

What's it like to study A levels?

- One of the things I like about A levels is that I get to specialise in subjects that I like. Subjects like history or geography aren't really my favourite so I'm glad I don't have to take them. As you know, I'm the only person in my class so it does get quite lonely from time to time. The good thing about being alone is that there are no distractions. The teachers can give me their full attention and I can focus better during classes. If you could give your younger self one advice, what would it be?
 - I would say put in more effort. I know that it may seem tedious but as time passes, it'll get easier. It would've made things a lot less stressful for me then and now if I had put in more effort when I was younger. It won't hurt to try harder. You'll always have time to play around. The Netflix shows aren't going to go anywhere!

WORLD NEWS

OUR EARTH'S LUNGS ARE ON FIRE!

The Amazon rainforest is the biggest rainforest in the world. It covered 9 countries. Why is the Amazon rainforest called "the lungs of the Earth"?

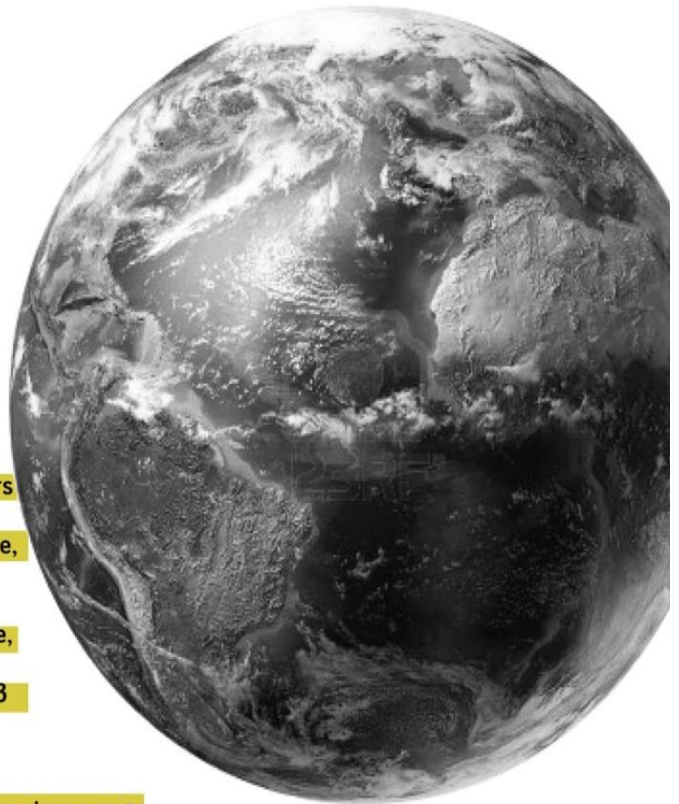
The Amazon is called the lungs of the Earth because it produces 20% of the Earth's oxygen and 10% of all biodiversity lives there. The Amazon is also home to 16,000 tree species and 40,000 plant species and more than 2,800 fish species and 1,300 bird species live there.

Recently there has been tragic news that the Amazon Rainforest is burning! It has been burning for about 5 weeks now. Some people say the cause is the president of Brazil telling the farmers to clear land with the method of deforestation. Brazil's city "São Paulo" is heavily affected by the fire, the city is full of smoke, even during the day, the sky is already very dark because of the smoke.

Other countries are desperate to help, for example, France's president Emmanuel Macron threatened to scrap a huge trade deal. Justin Bieber even sent 3 private planes with 80,000 litres of water to help.

We think it's important that we help conserve the environment. An example of this is donating to help stop the Amazon rainforest fire. You may donate at rainforestconcern.org

Source:bbc.com, theguardian.com
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NEW SCHOOL STAFF



THOMAS HUGH MOWBRAY

Nickname: TOM
Country of Origin: ENGLAND
Education: BSc. Economics
Hobbies/ Interests: Travelling, Golf, Swimming, Computers.
Others: Worked in Hungary, Thailand, Taiwan, Married, no children!
Subject: ICT & Maybe Computer Science
Homeroom: The Fridge!
"A nice small school with friendly students, who want to learn and do well. I liked the school but the ICT Lab needed some work- now it is ready and looking good! I like the lunchtime Canteen Food!"



ANDREW MURPHY

Nickname: ANDY
Country of Origin: IRELAND
EDUCATION: BSc. ENGINEERING (London) PGCE Mathematics and English (Hongkong)
Hobbies/ Interests: Playing Tennis, Jogging, Going to the Gym
Others: I have taught in many different countries like Hongkong, Thailand, Cambodia, Qatar, Oman and Kuwait
Subject: English and Mathematics
Homeroom: Year 9B
"My first thought about the school is that the students level of English is very good and i was impressed how good their conversational English was. They seem to have no problem understanding me when i am speaking at normal pace. Also the students here are respectful to their teachers and are polite and the environment at the school really does seem international."



VINCENT JOEL AMANVILLE

Nickname: Vin
Country of Origin: FRANCE
EDUCATION: Diploma of TECHNOLOGY (France)
TEFL (Thailand)
Hobbies/ Interests: Thai Culture, Music, Film and Technologies
Others: I'm a WEBMASTER
Subject: French Language and Design & Technology Year 8
Homeroom: Year 8
"First of all, i had a warm welcome from the school team. About the school?
It's pleasant environment for working, i'm glad to come teaching here everyday.
Regarding the students, they are all excited and participating during my lesson which is a great pleasure for me. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be part of this school"



SUNYI PEI

Nickname: Peipei
Country of Origin: CHINA
EDUCATION: BSc. ENGLISH (China)
Hobbies/ Interests: Jogging, running, music, reading, cooking, riding bikes
Others: Love Smiling
Subject: Chinese Language
Homeroom: -
"All colleagues at school are kind to me. They are always ready to help me. Students are all lovely. They are respectful to their teachers. Our school is clean and tidy with various good facilities."

NEWBIES OF BPIS

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE BPIS?



"I CHOSE THIS SCHOOL BECAUSE IT IS CHEAP AND THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL. THE TEACHERS ARE NICE".

- PATRICK, Y8



"MY PARENTS WANT ME TO STUDY HERE BECAUSE THE TUITION IS CHEAPER THAN MY OLD SCHOOL".

- FRANK, Y7



"THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS HERE ARE KIND".

- CHLOE, Y9



Graduated in
Thailand's
best school Triam
Udom Suksa

Dr. Ulai Sirisee
The Director

A TABLE TALK WITH THE DIRECTOR

We had a short interview with our school director and here's what we learned about her.

A. Educational Background

Dr. Ulai Sirisee is an alumna of Thailand's best school Triam Udom Suksa and holds a bachelor's degree in Food Science from Krasetsart University in Bangkok. She pursued her master degree at the University of Missouri USA through a scholarship sponsored by the University of Ratchamangkala where she worked as a lecturer. After three years, she flew back to US to study for her PhD in Food Science.

B. What is your most unforgettable experience studying abroad?

"I shed a lot of tears and almost lost my confidence defending my dissertation but very rewarding at the end."

C. Did you plan to become a school director?

"After my retirement, I got bored because I lived a busy life before. So, I accepted the offer of being a School Director."

D. What type of high school student were you?

"I felt like I was one of the worst students in Triam Udom Suksa. I struggled a lot to survive but it's hard to rise above the best students all over the country."

E. How do you see BPIS in the next five years?

"What will happen in the next five years depends on the work I and my team will do. The goal is to pass the International Accreditation from agencies in and out of Thailand. I hope I will be strong enough to lead BPIS in that direction."

ACTIVITIES

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF STUDENT COUNCIL



TEACHERS' APPRECIATION DAY



CLUB ACTIVITIES

CRITICAL THINKING

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

COMPUTER CLUB

MOVIE CLUB

SPORTS CLUB

ARTS AND CULTURAL CLUB



MATHS MONTH



MAGAZINE PHOTO COMPETITION

BPIS newsletter would like to introduce a photography competition for its next issue. If you like photography and have taken some interesting photos in the past or you have some photos you would like to share, we would like you to submit entries in the categories of Nature, People, and Sport. There will be a prize in each category. The contest opens on October 7th and entries can be sent to Ms Claire at msclaire.bpis@gmail.com.

Criteria for Judging

Technical - Proper exposure, focus, highlights, colour, brightness, contrast, sharpness and aperture (9 points)

Composition - Framing, viewpoint, balance, (9 points)

Subject Matter - Symbolic, creative, strong impact, emotion-mood-feeling

Originality - Photo is unique and originally taken by the contestant

Audience Appeal - A poll will be conducted and whoever gets the highest vote will receive 9 points, 2nd highest 6 points and 3rd 3 points

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