

The British School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

U15s FOBISIA Games Trials

We will soon be holding trials for this year's U15 Fobisia Games. Participating in the FOBISIA Games is an excellent opportunity for students to gain a positive experience of competition, enjoy an international sports meeting, make new friends, appreciate cultural diversity and take away long lasting memories, as well as encouraging the development of important life skills. These games are multi-sports events which include swimming, athletics, football and basketball and students selected must be able to participate in all 4 sports. The Games will again be held in Pattana Sports Resort in Thailand from the 27th November to 2nd December. The U15 games are for students in Year 9 and Year 10.

There is a significant cost to participating in the Fobisia Games which is charged to parents. *Last year*, the cost was approximately 1600 GBP, depending on visa requirements and insurance options. This included flights, accommodation, meals and activities and the participation fees charged by Fobisia. This year there has been a 5% increase in the fee charged by Fobisia and the final cost will be dependent on flight charges which have also increased globally over the past year.

As an inclusive school, all students are eligible to show their interest in participating in the FOBISIA games. However, there are limits on the number of students each school can take so prior to the event we will run trials to ensure each child's suitability for such a competition. Following these trials, we will send out invites for those students who we believe are ready to meet the demands of this opportunity.

Student commitment plays a large part in this opportunity and as such, these students will be invited to specific FOBISIA Games clubs to prepare with their coaches. These clubs will be compulsory for all students attending the Games as it will develop the skills and fitness required for the competition. Should there be clashes with other clubs, we will work with individual students to support them and develop an appropriate solution.

We will be holding trials on **Thursday 24th August 2023** at **15.30pm** and they will last an hour. These trials will be for both the boys and the girls teams and will be evaluating their skills and experience in Football and Basketball. We will assess their athletic ability in PE lessons over the first two weeks of term in the TBS Combine which focuses on a range of athletics. We will participate in the swimming competition and run FOBISIA Swimming clubs, but as the trials are in school, trials will not include swimming.

Yours Sincerely

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