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Message from the Principal

As we reflect on the first months of the new year 2026, January through March have been an inspiring journey for our school community. These months have been filled with learning experiences both inside and outside the classrooms, community connections, as well as students' achievements.

Beyond the classrooms, our students have conducted a journey back to nature as they investigate the health of our school river, take part in river cleanup initiatives, or explore the lives of animals in our mini farm. This kind of experience would not be possible if our school only consisted of concrete. It is a legacy and dedication of our Board and community to provide such meaningful green facilities that refresh our connections with nature.

Celebrating the power of collaborations, YIS welcomed opportunities for students, teachers, and the community through meaningful events. Students reminisced about the spirit of friendship through a basketball match as well as a warm Valentine's Day event. We also proudly hosted both local and international outreach through the capacity-building workshop for national school principals, UK Day university expo, as well as the internship program from HAN University.

All of these synergies have escorted our students to perform their best achievements through competitions and exhibitions.

We do believe this newsletter will not only inspire but also make a difference to our community and beyond.



Veronika Swanti, S.Pd., M.Pd.
Principal of Yogyakarta Independent School

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Discovering Ecosystem Health Through Dissolved Oxygen



Our Grade 11 Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS) students recently carried out a laboratory investigation to measure Dissolved Oxygen (DO) levels in water collected from our school river. This practical activity was part of their study of water pollution and ecosystem health.

Through the investigation, students learned that dissolved oxygen is a key indicator of a river's health. Aquatic organisms rely on adequate oxygen levels to survive, and when DO levels are low, it can point to pollution from organic waste or other human activities. By examining real data from their own environment, students were able to see how scientific concepts apply beyond the classroom.

The activity also helped students connect ESS concepts such as environmental systems, human impacts on ecosystems, and sustainability with authentic scientific practice. In the process, they developed important skills in accurate water sampling, systematic data collection, data analysis and interpretation, teamwork, and scientific communication.

The investigation was not only meaningful but also a lot of fun, as students experienced what it feels like to be real environmental scientists studying their own environment.



Okmalisda Imania
IB DP Biology and ESS Teacher

Clean-Up Crew in Action!



It was a bright, sunny morning by the school pond. A group of Grade 7 students could be seen busily working together. Adam and Pak Jito walked side by side, removing trash from the riverbank, while Beryl pushed a wheelbarrow. Nearby, Kevin and Charles carefully gathered litter from the water using nets.

This activity was part of their Indonesian language unit, “Merawat Bumi Lewat Kata.” Through this unit, students learn how language can be used to raise awareness about environmental issues, helping them understand that human actions have real impacts on the environment and highlighting the importance of conservation.

Students develop their literacy skills by reading, understanding, and writing various texts, such as news reports, short stories, procedural texts, and letters. In line with the IB approach, the unit also encourages Service as Action, connecting learning with real-life contributions. Through these experiences, students not only strengthen their language skills but also grow as responsible members of the community who care for the Earth.



Kencana Devia Candra
IB MYP Indonesian Language Teacher

Zoo Day at School? Yes, please!



Our turkeys, geese, and ducks found new friends in the mini-zoo!

Apollo, one of our kindergarten students, was celebrating his birthday at school. His parents brought numerous animal professionals and some animals to our botanical garden for an animal education session. Students were so happy to interact with the pygmy goats, guinea pigs, and monitor lizards. They learned to classify animals as herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores.

Thank you to Apollo's parents for arranging this meaningful activity for our young learners. What a memorable day!



*Fajar Ina & Diah Hermintati
Kindergarten A and B
Homeroom Teachers*

Dribble, Shoot, Score!



YIS PYP Basketball Team



YIS MYP - DP Basketball Team

Our basketball court echoed with cheers and excitement as the YIS basketball teams hosted a series of friendly matches against schools from across Yogyakarta. These matchups were more than just games; they served as a dynamic "classroom" on the court. Our student-athletes had the chance to put their training into practice, applying fundamental skills like passing, dribbling, and shooting under the pressure of real-game situations.

Beyond the scoreboard, the true victories were in the growth we witnessed. Competing at this level helps our players sharpen their quick decision-making, improve on-court communication, and build the confidence necessary to excel both in and off the court.

Keep up the spirit, YIS Teams! We look forward to seeing your skills continue to soar in the coming months.

Lentera Adi Wijaya
PE Teacher



YIS Hosts Successful UK Day in Collaboration with IBEC



Yogyakarta Independent School (YIS) successfully hosted UK Day on February 10, 2026, in collaboration with the Indonesia-Britain Education Centre (IBEC), welcoming hundreds of high school students who want to explore higher education opportunities in the United Kingdom.

The public event brought together delegates from 25 UK universities, offering students the rare opportunity to engage directly with university representatives. Participants were able to gather first-hand information about enrollment procedures, scholarship opportunities, areas of specialization, and preparation for studying abroad.

The program began with an engaging presentation by Mr. David Lennon, a delegate from Bangor University, Wales, who introduced students to the field of marine biology. Over the course of two hours, the school campus was filled with enthusiastic discussions as students moved from booth to booth seeking guidance about their future studies.



We are also proud that several YIS IB Diploma Programme students volunteered as translators, assisting national school students who required language support. Their initiative reflected the school's spirit of leadership and service.

Participating Institutions:



Elia Ekanindita
University Counselor





Sweet Celebrations of Love

For us, Valentine's Day is about more than just gifts; it's also about love sharing, gratitude, and connection within our YIS family.

Thanks to our amazing YIS Student Council (STUCO), the community came together in the most beautiful way. They sang, danced, baked, and performed music to show their love for the YIS community.

Our preschoolers created special heart-shaped cookies to present to their parents. Our housekeeping and security staff received Valentine's Day chocolates from the kindergarten students. Meanwhile, our primary school students shared Valentine's Day chocolates with their peers as a way to honor friendship, gratitude, and joy.



Welcome Aboard! Our Intern Teachers Have Arrived

We are excited to welcome three intern students from HAN University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands, who will teach our students during their internship program until the end of the academic year.

Merlijn Stappers is from the English Department and will be working across a range of English subjects and other areas within our curriculum. **Betül Rüveyda Bağcı** and **Cees Eybergen** are from the Early Years and Primary Education Department and will be working across a range of subjects within our curriculum. We look forward to the contributions and insights they will bring to our students and community.



YIS Hosts Capacity-Building Workshop for School Leaders



Bapak Mustadi, Head of the Education Office of Sleman Regency



Bapak Dwiyono Iriyanto' inspiring session

In partnership with the Junior High School Principals Working Council (MKKS SMP) of Sleman Regency, Yogyakarta Independent School had the honor of holding the capacity-building workshop for national junior high school principals and BOS treasurers in Sleman Regency on February 27, 2026.

The workshop featured leadership and capacity building by Bapak Mustadi, S.Sos., M.M., Head of the Education Office of Sleman Regency, as well as an inspiring session by Bapak Drs. H. Dwiyono Iriyanto, M.M., CPC, a well-known lecturer, book author, and motivator.

This event was truly meaningful and strengthened our school's outreach beyond our walls. Thank you to all participants, and a special thanks to our students who performed mini-Cats to kick off the event. You have our utmost pride!



Innovation Unleashed: Grade 10 Takes the Stage!

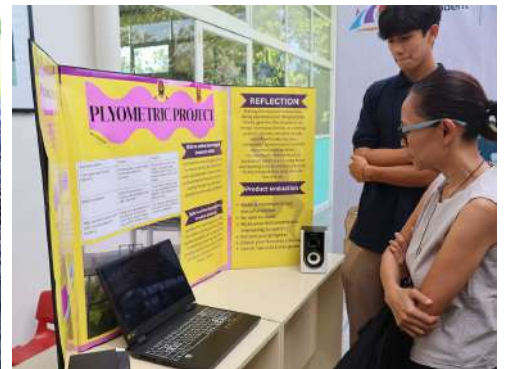
Months of research and creativity finally came together at this year's MYP Personal Project Exhibition. From personal interests to innovative solutions, our grade 10 students successfully impress the YIS community and audience from outside the school.

The personal project provides students the opportunity to consolidate their learning and develop important skills they'll need in both further education and life beyond the classroom, such as self-management, research, communication, critical and creative thinking, and collaboration.

A huge congratulations to our students for their confidence, inspiring ideas, and creativity. And thank you to all the teachers who supervised the students' projects from the very beginning.



Kencana Devia Candra
IB MYP Coordinator



The YIS Experience: From First Steps to 3D Prints



I joined YIS in 2022 as a Grade 7 student, feeling both nervous and excited because it was my first time experiencing the IB curriculum. At the beginning, everything felt new, but the welcoming community made it easier for me to adapt. As the years passed, the school slowly became a place where I felt comfortable learning, exploring ideas, and challenging myself.

One of the most memorable parts of my journey at YIS was working on my Grade 10 Personal Project. I decided to design and create a 3D-printed prosthetic leg for cats. It started as just an idea, but through research, testing, and feedback from my teachers, it gradually developed into a real product. There were moments when the process was challenging, but the support from my teachers and classmates kept me motivated. I even remember staying at school to continue working on the project while teachers encouraged and guided me.

Along the way, I developed skills like research, creative thinking, and critical thinking, and I grew more confident as a Thinker and Risk-taker. Outside the classroom, moments like the end-of-year shows and graduation celebrations made my experience even more special; they always felt magical.

Looking back, my time at YIS has been full of learning and meaningful experiences. For students considering joining, I would simply say, "Don't be afraid to try new things." You might discover ideas and opportunities you never expected.



*Kasyafa Multazam Sungkar
Grade 10 Student*

A Vision of Womanhood: Velli's Artistic Journey



"This exhibition is about womanhood in everyday life. The works come from routine and ordinary spaces like getting ready, shared care, faith, and the small marks the body carries. I'm not trying to give one fixed meaning. I want people to notice the details and take what they connect with."

- Velli

Chanley Marvellina Loho Yando, our artist from Grade 12, has successfully completed the DP Visual Arts Exhibition on March 6, 2026. Combining personal experience, daily routine, and faith, Velli's artworks truly represent how she sees womanhood, the theme of her exhibition.



Leonardo da Vinci's mural "The Last Supper" served as the inspiration for one of her paintings, "The Hands that Feed." Velli's mother is shown in the painting as the one who unites and warms the entire family. Her exhibition marks the culmination of two years of creative exploration in the DP Visual Arts subject, and we are incredibly proud of her dedication, growth, and artistic voice. Thank you for sharing your art and your perspective, Velli!



*Herli Setiawan
Visual Arts Teacher*



The Power of Partnership



At Yogyakarta Independent School, we believe that education is a journey best traveled together. Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (SPTCs) are more than just a progress report; they are a unique opportunity to create a "support triangle" between home and school. By bringing students, parents, and teachers into the same conversation, we ensure that everyone is aligned on goals and expectations.

We were delighted to see all parents attended the SPTCs on March 13, 2026. It was a day filled with meaningful dialogue, as students took the lead in showcasing their learning journeys. These meetings allowed parents to gain deep insights into their child's academic and social progress directly from our dedicated teachers.

Congratulations on your hard work and dedication throughout this term, YIS students. Let's make term 4, the final chapter of this academic year, even better!



Champions in the Making!



Congratulations, **Dimas Excell Lancerino Bianco**, for winning 3rd place at the PBSI Bantul Series 8 Badminton Championship 2026.

You have set a great example to your friends that with hard work, dedication, and passion, anything is possible.

Keep smashing your goals and inspiring everyone around you!



Big applause to **Phlipa Naladhipa Satyayoga**, our future swimming athlete, who had trained really hard and secured 3rd and 4th place in Blue Star Aquatics Internal Fun Swimming Competitions.

Nala joined two competitions in the Toddler 15m freestyle kickboard (girls) category recently.

- The first one was held in November 2025 at GRAMM Hotel by Ambarrukmo, where she finished third.
- The second competition took place in early February at Royal Ambarrukmo Yogyakarta, where she finished fourth

Congratulations, Nala!



Sharing Blessings, Strengthening Bonds

Coinciding with the final day of Term 3, YIS organized a “Buka Puasa Bersama” gathering. This annual event, held during the month of Ramadan, serves as a meaningful opportunity for YIS to strengthen its relationship with the local government, particularly in the Sinduadi District.



We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the continued support from the local government, YPIY, as well as the dedication of YIS teachers and staff. We hope this spirit of collaboration will continue to grow in the future.

WHAT OUR GRADUATE SAY ABOUT YIS:

“Since 2012, YIS has been a constant presence in my life, shaping not only my education but my very identity. Over the years, it has become much more than a school; it is a home, a place where I have always felt safe, accepted, and encouraged to grow.

The teachers here are more than just educators; they are like family. I see them as mentors who support me deeply and as role models who guide me with patience and kindness. Alongside friends who uplift me and bring me joy, YIS has truly become my safe space. Through every challenge and achievement, this community has stood by me, making my time here an unforgettable part of my journey.”



Ziva Zain
YIS IBDP Graduate, Class of 2025

Bachelor of Business Administration
at Kaplan Business School
Singapore

ADMISSION OPEN

for YIS School Year 2026/2027



Why Choose YIS

- The first International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in Yogyakarta for early years, primary, and secondary school
- Accredited "A" by the Indonesian Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education
- 20 different nationalities of students, parents and teachers
- 6.5-hectare school campus with botanical gardens, sports fields and mini zoo
- 37 years of excellence in international education

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