



Dear Parents,

I wanted to share with you again the **exciting news** that Cambridge International School, Dubai has joined the HPL Membership Network. HPL stands for **High Performance Learning** and is an award given to schools that are assessed as World Class.

The award will take us a **couple of years** and we are working **alongside Jumeirah College** who are also now members of the network. The reason we are taking part is because, as a consistently Good school, we want to **move upwards** and need to ensure we continue to strive for **best practice**. HPL is a **globally-recognised** quality mark for exceptional, self-improving schools and provides a framework for CIS to achieve a further step-change for our children's performance.

So, what **does it mean** for you? The HPL vision is based on the idea that **all children**, regardless of background or starting point, **can achieve the highest possible** academic standards. At school and home, we are passionate about promoting a 'can do' attitude, with a **growth mindset**. Teachers and parents at CIS know that our children can achieve anything providing they have the best learning environment and teaching for their personal and individual needs.

Deborah Eyres, founder of HPL, has recently written a **book aimed at parents**. '*Great Minds and How to Grow Them*' outlines to us as parents how we can grow the minds of our children and guide them to success both at school and in life. We have a number of copies available **in the Library** for you to borrow if you wish. HPL focuses on two main areas: Values, Attitudes and Behaviours (VAA's), **How to Behave** and Advanced Cognitive Performance characteristics (ACP's), **How to Think**.

Research is proving that most children are capable of reaching higher levels of performance that were previously associated only with the 'gifted and talented'. We now know that **IQ is not fixed** and that the **brain is flexible**. As a school, we firmly believe that given the right environment, support, time and passion, all **children can achieve at levels far higher than previously thought**. These, combined with the environments we provide at home and school, will equip students to leave here with the attributes that will make them successful people.

I hope that this provides some insight into our educational direction. **Primary** and **Secondary** will shortly be sending out **invites to parents** to visit the school and discuss HPL further.

Let me leave you with this quote;

"In times of change, learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists."

Eric Hoffer

Sincerely,

Lachlan MacKinnon
CEO/Principal