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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Cambridge Checkpoint Assessment Tests

We are writing to you regarding the Cambridge Checkpoint Assessment Tests.

These tests are designed to assess students' knowledge, skills and understanding in English, Mathematics and Science at the end of lower secondary (14 to 15 years old). As an international programme, the Checkpoint assessment tests provide parents and teachers with an external benchmark to measure students' progress on an international level. The tests are set and marked by Cambridge International Examinations board. Students receive detailed feedback on their performance in the tests.

The tests cover all major areas of learning required in the lower secondary years of education. The framework for assessment is:

English	Mathematics	Science
Reading	Number	Biology
Explicit meaning	Properties	Cells and organisms
Select and summarise	Problem solving	Humans as organisms
Comment on character	Data handling	Plants
Implicit meaning		Variation and classification
Use of language		Ecosystems
Writing	Algebra	Chemistry
Structure	Manipulation	Materials
Style	Graphs	States of matter and physical change
Audience		Chemical change
Content		Periodic table
Usage	Space	Physics
Sentence Structure	Measure	Measurement and properties of matter
Punctuation	Geometry	Forces and motion
Vocabulary	Trigonometry	Energy
Spelling		Light
		Sound
		Magnetism
		Electricity

Our Year 9 students in the International School will be sitting for this assessment tests in May, 2008. As we are a fully registered CIE centre, we are providing the opportunity for our Malaysian students to also sit these tests.

The cost to sit each test is RM 150.00 per subject (Cost of test, administrative fee, courier charges and extra classes). The teachers teaching Year 9 (International School) will give 2 hours of preparation class for each of the 3 subjects. Students will be guided on the content, form and duration of the tests with some practice papers to help them prepare for the Checkpoint tests.

If you would like your child/ward to sit for these tests, please complete the form attached and return it to the school office with your payment not later than Wednesday, 16th January, 2008. All cheques must be made payable to '**Ipoh International School Sdn Bhd**'.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs. Lai Kong Wa
Director

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Registration for Cambridge Checkpoint Assessment Tests

Name of student: _____ Class: _____

I would like my child/ward to sit for the following test(s):

Subject	Please tick (√)	Cost (RM)
English		
Mathematics		
Science		
Total:		

Attached is cheque (No. _____) / cash for the sum of _____.

Thank you.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____