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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR MARCUS GOETZ

The British International School, Phuket (established in 1996) is an English medium, co-educational international school which delivers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme as well as a British Curriculum to over 850 students. The High School Diploma (Years 10-13) incorporates the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). Marcus Goetz is in the second year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The IBDP provides a challenging internationally focused, broad and balanced educational experience designed to equip students with the academic skills necessary for university study, further education and their chosen profession, as well as developing the effective skills required for living in the 21st century.

Marcus is regarded by all of his teachers as a polite, conscientious and capable student. He has an amazing capacity to work independently and enjoys exploring ideas practically and creatively, especially in the area of Design Technology and Drama. That is to say he is a very 'hands-on' learner. When he applies himself to the task at hand, Marcus has the ability and talent to achieve excellent standards. He is able to collaborate effectively and, when required, can provide first-rate leadership in any task assigned. He has applied himself much more this year to balance his academic commitments and the demands of the International Baccalaureate Diploma in order to improve his knowledge and understanding in key subject areas.

Consequently, it is Marcus' imaginative instincts and advanced awareness of a myriad of social dimensions that provide his greatest strengths at this point in time. Based on this premise, it is only natural that Marcus is an extremely popular student amongst his peers. He easily mixes with other students and is able to cross social and cultural boundaries with ease.

As this all suggests, Marcus has been actively involved in the 'whole life' of the school over the last two years and has participated in a varied range of extra-curricular activities. In particular, Marcus played competitive football at an academy level for BISP whilst excelling in field athletic pursuits such as the discus, shot-put and javelin. Marcus has also worked with less fortunate students in the local community and provided peer mentoring to younger students at school. He has worked backstage to create and design props as well as act as light and sound manager for numerous school productions. In whatever activity Marcus undertakes, it is obvious that he possesses a natural aptitude for the art of leadership and management.

Given the opportunity to pursue undergraduate university study, I believe that Marcus would work very hard and swiftly prove himself a genuine and valuable asset. It is, therefore, without hesitation that I extend this recommendation to you on behalf of Marcus and wish him the best of luck in the future.

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