



VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

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To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- **Academic Achievers**
- **Confident Communicators**
- **Critical Thinkers**
- **Technologically literate**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**



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Principal News

Dear Parents and Students,

We warmly welcome you all to the 2017 – 2018 school year. I hope all students are settling into the daily school routines and focused on a positive beginning to the school year. Recently, if you have visited our school you would have noticed that construction has commenced on Phase 2



which will include one additional building and a swimming pool for the school. It is great to see our school progressing with enrolment growth throughout the primary, secondary and high school.

Mr. Timothy Bikowski has left our school as Deputy Principal as he has been appointed to Principal of SIS @ Ciputra. We wish Mr. Bikowski all the best in his new position. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. John Shoulders who was the former Head of Studies for Secondary has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal. I would also like to welcome the following new staff to our school:

Miss. Stacey Rix – Year 1 and Year 2 Integrated Teacher
Miss. Amanda Sodergren – Year 2 International
Miss. Siara North – Year 3 International
Miss Jasmine Kettler – PE Teacher
Mr. Lukus Brody – English Teacher
Mr. Michael Fad – English Teacher
Mr. Chris Eckles – Science Teacher
Mr. Michael Ogden – Guidance Officer
Ms. Pham Thuy Linh – Year 1 Integrated Teacher
Ms. Pham Thi Minh Thu – Year 5 Integrated Teacher
Ms. Pham Thi Minh Thu – Chemistry Teacher
Ms. Luong Thi Lan – Year 1 International Teaching Assistant

All staff members are looking forward to a successful and happy school year. We have a dedicated group of teachers, assistant teachers, office and support staff who will do all they can to help your children in their academic studies and social development.



Mr. Shane Blood introducing new teachers



Outward Bound activity



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Recently we have received our Cambridge IGCSE results and it is pleasing to see that over 77 percent of students are achieving results between 100% - 60% in 5 or more subjects. Our students have performed exceptionally well in mathematics with over 73.3% of students achieving results between 100 – 80 percent.

Our examination results allow our student's access to the very best universities worldwide and we are very proud of our student academic results. Congratulations to our students and teachers whose hard work and determination has been rewarded with great success.

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities have commenced and will run every Monday and Thursday. A detailed list of activities and timetables was sent home to parents. This year we are continuing to provide buses to three (3) different locations from Gamuda Gardens at 5:00 pm:

- SIS @ Van Phuc
- SIS @ Ciputra
- KIK @ Manor

Parents/guardians are reminded that it is your responsibility to pick up your child at one of the above locations if using the 5:00 pm bus service.

Subject Table of Specifications (Year 1 – 9)

The 'Table of Specifications' for your child's class has been sent home for students who study Singapore curriculum subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. The table of specifications can also be found on the school website at <http://gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn/about-us/downloads/>

A 'Table of Specification' includes the following information to help you and your child prepare for exams:

- Exam dates for Semester Assessment – SA 1 and SA 2.
- Helpful tips for you and your child on how to have the best chance of success at semester assessment.
- The structure of semester exams including the length of exams and types of questions.
- The units covered from the text books.

We have provided the document for you to keep at home so you and your child can plan necessary study before semester examinations.

Outward Bound Vietnam

All students from Year 6 – 12 participated in a half-day team-building program that was organised by Outward Bound Vietnam. The program focused on team-work, social-interaction, communication skills and some basic leadership theory for high school students. The students enjoyed being engaged in team initiatives, activities and challenges provided by the Outward Bound team. It was a perfect time of the year for students to focus on such skills in developing focus, cohesion and teamwork to support their studies throughout the school year.



IGCSE1A in their Concert costume



3A and 4A in their Concert costume



Year 1A students at the first day of school

There will be more opportunities for SIS students to participate in off-site, Outward Bound Vietnam programs. Outward Bound Vietnam focuses on helping students to strengthen their physical fitness; to build their resilience and self-reliance; to develop character and self-confidence; to increase their personal capacity through self-discipline, craftsmanship and compassion for others. All skills to equip our students to be confident and more successful in all they encounter in life.

Communication with your child's teacher

Please find attached at the end of this newsletter a list of all staff and their email addresses. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Our teachers will be more than happy to speak with you.

If you have not received emails from school please check that our office has your correct contact details.

Please also take time to view the school website each month for any updates and other information that you may require at www.gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Regards,
Shane Blood

Message from Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

As a new school year begins, it is fantastic to see all of our students return to school excited and eager to learn. Although the school year is young, it is important for students to start the year strong by developing successful habits and routines. One helpful tip is for students to create a daily schedule for themselves, planning what time is the best to wake up, when to be ready for school, when to do homework and when it is best to go to bed. If students can set and follow a routine like this, it will help ensure that they will get enough rest, get to school on time and complete their homework on time. Another good idea is to set aside a special work space for doing homework. This space should be well lit, quiet and offer enough room to work on larger class projects so that students can be as effective and as efficient as possible when they work at home.

It is also important for students to consider their health and energy levels in order to achieve to their full attention at school. Sugary snacks such as candy and soda cause a temporary jump in blood sugar before leading to an energy crash. Enjoying healthy snacks such as fruit, nuts, yogurt and milk are a much more effective way to stay healthy and maintain energy throughout the day. Finally, it is important that students get enough sleep each night in order for students to maintain their health and perform at the highest level in school. For students from 7-12 years old, this means sleeping 10-11 hours a night while for students from 13-18 years old this means sleeping 8-9 hours a night.

Regards,
John Shoulders





Primary students finding their class information



Year 1A Form teacher guiding students to their desks



First day at school with teachers, parents and students

Message from Guidance Officer

Dear Parents and students,

My name is Michael Ogden and I am the newly appointed guidance officer here at SIS Gamuda Gardens. I have my Honors in Counseling psychology as well as a post graduate certificate in intermediate phase education. I started work as an applied behavioral analyst and special needs educator in South Africa before coming to SIS.



As the guidance offer it is my role to provide the students with a comprehensive support program within the school environment. This program offers guidance to the students as well as counseling for any educational, behavioral or career development that they may need.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have, my e-mail address is: michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Michael Ogden

Message from Head of Vietnamese

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to Vietnam Singapore International School for the new school year 2017-2018!

To have a safe, well-furnished school for students in the new school year, KinderWorld Vietnam and SIS teachers did a good job in renovating, cleaning and decorating the whole school for the beginning of August.



On the first day of school students received a warm welcome and dedicated guidance from their teachers. With this guidance, they became more confident and quickly got use to the new school, new teachers and friends, especially year 1 and 6 students.

Students were introduced to the school rules and procedures. This will help them focus on studying and training to become good students with excellent results.

Currently, SVIS teachers and students are actively preparing for the Commencement Ceremony on 5 September 2017. Your presence is warmly welcomed on this special day.

On behalf of the SVIS Management, I would like to wish parents good health, happiness and success. I wish our students a successful new school year full of joy and great achievements.

I am pleased to listen to and share with you at nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Dương Thanh Nghi



4L activity corner



2L teacher helping students with their work



First lesson for year 1L

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents and Students,

Our third school year at SIS @ Gamuda Gardens has commenced and we are delighted to say "Welcome" to all our new students and families, and "Welcome back" to our continuing students and families. Already, it is shaping up to be a great year ahead for the Primary School.



We also welcome three new Primary classroom teachers: Ms Stacey who will teach Years 1A and 2A; Ms Amanda who will teach Year 2L; and Ms Siara who will teach Year 3L. Ms Jasmine is also our new PE teacher. It's also great to have Mr Will (Year 1L), Mr Kane (Years 4A and 5A), Mr Michael (Year 4L), Ms Kim (Guided Discovery years 1-3), Ms Chelsea (Years 1-5 International Music), Ms Thomas (Art) and Mr Labrue (HPE) back with us this year as our Primary School teaching team.

It is an exciting time with new teachers, students and families helping to grow our reputation. The Primary School has expanded around 160% in student numbers since we opened in August 2015 and we are so happy that so many new "members" are joining our program.

Please come and visit the teachers and let them know that you are keen to be part of your child's development. You are always welcome and we look forward to you joining in with our Primary School activities.

Have a great year!

Regards,
Dr. Noel Geoghegan

Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

Hello and welcome to the new school year to all existing and new students and parents. I am Sean Stokes, Head of Studies for Years 6-9. In this role, I will be doing my best to support students and teachers in creating a positive learning environment in which students are able to work towards and ultimately achieve their academic goals.



The beginning of the school year is a special time as we come back together as a community and your role as parents is vital as we work towards our common goal of assisting our students and your children to achieve their full potential.

Should you have any issues, feel free to contact me at any time at sean.Stokes@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Regards,
Sean Stokes



Secondary and High school students finding their class information



Entrepreneurial talk by former students



GAC and A Level's performance

Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to a new school year for all of our new and existing students and families.

My name is Erin Roetker, and I am the Head of Studies for the Cambridge and GAC programs. I am very excited for my new role this year and look forward to being able to assist you and your student(s) however I can. I have taught English here at SIS for four years now, but also have previous experience teaching in Seoul, South Korea and Izmir, Turkey.

I look forward to working with you and your student(s) this year to create a positive learning environment for them. Please feel free to contact me at erin.roetker@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Erin Roetker



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