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

MISSION

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 nurtue students who are:

- Academic Achievers
- Confident Communicators
- Critical Thinkers
- Technologically literate students
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Principal News

Dear Parents and Students,

The last month of school is always eventful, and this year has been no exception. The biggest event was no doubt our end-of-year concert — a two hour extravaganza organized around the theme of 'Journeys'. Classes, led by their form teachers, spent many weeks rehearsing



and their hard work certainly paid off. It was a fantastic evening of entertainment and a wonderful celebration of our school community. I would particularly like to thank our concert coordinators Ms. Aneka Wells and Ms. Tarryn Halsall who made the concerts such a success. I would also like to thank all of our teachers who also contributed to making the concerts so successful. It was also a night of awards and I would like to congratulate all of our students who received awards in recognition of their academic, sporting or social contribution to our community.

22nd Leaders Convention

From the 30 May – 3 June, 14 students attended the 22nd Student Leaders Convention at the Hwa Chong Institute in Singapore. The theme for this year's convention was "Cohesive Communities, Synergized Societies", which refers to congruity among members of the many communities. Synergized Societies refers to the large target audience who will experience the harmony created by the various cohesive communities, there by resulting in a synergy in the society.

Over the five days the student leaders were provoked into thought regarding integration and they worked towards the goal of people looking at other people of different backgrounds as fellow human beings.

The conference was of exceptional quality, providing opportunities for students to reach new heights and for teachers to spend quality professional development with colleagues in other countries.

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GAC and A Level Graduates



7th Annual Night of the Arts



Students presenting on assembly their experience at the 22nd Leaders Convention

2015 - 2016 Senior Prom

On Monday 27 June, our senior students celebrated their prom at the Sheraton Hotel. This was a very special event to honor the graduation of our two graduating classes; GAC and A Levels. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our graduating students and wish them all the best for their future. I can rest assured that they are well prepared for their coming years of study.

Graduating Students for 2015 – 2016:

GAC

Nguyen Bang Vu Nguyen Huu Cao Thien Nguyen Le Dieu Linh (Dux) Nguyen Phan Hoang Anh Nguyen Phuong Nhung Nguyen Thu Huong Truong Tran Khanh Ha

A Levels

Dorian Van Paul Villon Khuat Minh Thu Giang (Dux) Tran Nga Linh

7th Annual Night of the Arts

Thank you for attending the Night of the Arts on Saturday, June 4. Once again this proved to be a huge success with over 400 attendees. Our students' visual and performing arts are always outstanding and once again this reinforces our schoolwide leaner goals, which is to make our students confident and creative. A special thanks goes to Mr. Ratzon for coordinating this wonderful event. I would also like to thank the Student Council, Mrs Ellis and Ms. Meitzner for their support in arranging the 'Summer Bash' which was held after the Night of the Arts. The two events worked very well together making the night more memorable for our students.

Report Collection

Semester 2 reports will be available for parents to collect from the school office on July 1.

Finally, to all of our students and parents, I wish you a safe, happy and restful holiday and I look forward to seeing you when school commences on August 8, 2016.

Regards, **Shane Blood**

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Lego Club



Students playing football during recess



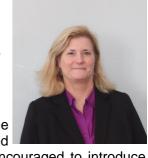
SVIS End of Year Graduation

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Letter from the Deputy Principal Dear Parents and Students,

The first year at Gamuda Gardens will soon come to a close. It has been an exciting year as we opened our new campus in August 2015.

Many challenges were presented to the students and faculty. As new faces appeared



on the first day of school, students were encouraged to introduce themselves to peers who were unfamiliar. Returning teachers assisted newly arriving teachers from around the world. The camaraderie displayed throughout the school year was a tribute to a team atmosphere.

Change can sometimes create an uncomfortable feeling. Extra curricular activities are a positive area for students to engage in. Students who participated in the after school program of clubs, activities and athletics were exposed to a variety of social and physical development that assisted with their growth. Many friendships formed due to the positive interaction between peers with the support of teacher sponsors. Some of the after school clubs, activities and athletics offered in Term 2, 3 and 4 were, soccer, Gailic football, American football, swimming, basketball, badminton, table tennis, drawing club, arts and crafts, book club, drama, science club, reading club, Lego club, learning support, chorus, student council, yearbook, and additional options. Our goal for next year will be for more students to join an after school club, activity or sport.

As I reflect back on the school year, I am reminded of the importance of teamwork. Having the confidence to lean on one another in a team environment. Encouraging students to embrace a tolerant rich atmosphere and welcome new faces to Gamuda. The Virtues that guide us through every day life should be revisited. Thank you for the opportunity to share in the experience.

My very best for a safe, relaxing summer break.

Regards, Nadine Cooper

Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies
Dear Parents and Students.

A school year has quickly passed!

Let's look back on our journey through the 2015-2016 school year. Firstly, we had the pleasure of enjoying our first year in the new, modern school and we are really proud of what we have achieved. I am glad to say that the SVIS Year End and Graduation Ceremony was a great success. Students



gave their cheers for the school's achievements as well as excellent students for their hard work and good results as follows:



SVIS End of Year Graduation



8LB End of Year Concert Performance



- A special mention to *Hoang Anh Chi Year 6A received* the highest GPA of 9.6.

Conduct: 189 were graded as good students.

- 100% students of year 9 passed the graduation exam with good and average results.

2. Other activities:

SVIS students have actively participated in all kinds of activities organized by the school and Hoang Mai Office of Education and Training such as sports, charities, excursions, and virtue topics. These meaningful activities provide them with important life skills that help them to develop pride of their nation whilst assisting them to become global citizens.

We are really proud of our students and congratulate them on their achievements.

Thank you teachers and parents for your care and dedication in assuring that they always try their best.

I wish you all an exciting summer holiday and see you again in the next school year.

Regards. **Duong Thanh Nghi**

Message from Head of Studies (Year 1-9)

Dear Parents and Students,

Our first school year at SIS @ Gamuda Gardens is over.

With so many positive developments and successful outcomes this year, our school community is showing exciting promise for the path ahead. The end-of-year exams produced many impressive results with



students showing high levels of commitment and scholarship. Plaudits must go to the teachers who have worked so diligently and assiduously throughout the year in preparing students for their exams. All our Academic Champions, Stars of the Week, Principal Awardees, Academic Awardees and Achievement Awardees are testimony to the outstanding teaching at our school. So many excellent results this year means our new school year commencing August 8 is looking good already.

As holidays are next on the calendar, it is important to remember that holidays are still a valuable time for learning, not just schoolwork but life's treasured lessons. While it is reasonable for children to continue some schoolwork over the holidays to keep their minds active, it also is a great opportunity to talk with them about their thoughts, ideas and interests. Even though holidays are for relaxing, boredom can set in quickly.

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1A, 2A, 3A, 4A End of Year Concert Performance



Night of the Arts celebration

As you spend quality time relaxing together, make an effort to talk about life and growing up, and how things have changed since your childhood days, and the noticeable differences of the world today; discuss current events and news and what's happening with the local community. Help to broaden their minds as a family.

Challenge them with alternative ways to fill in their days e.g. arrange an outing to the cinema or a sleep over with friends, find some new books to read or colour, write a diary of holiday events, visit new and unusual places, organize and do something they have never done before like make slime or a craft activity from the internet, let them help plan the family holiday itinerary, let them build something like a cubby house or a model. Play games with them like Nim, Chinese checkers, Monopoly, cards, Reversi, etc. to improve their problem solving and thinking skills and importantly, encourage them to "play" less on the computer.

Finally, at end the year, we should all feel proud in saying, "Congratulations to everyone who completed their Years 1-9 programs."

Happy holidays to everyone.

Regards, **Dr Noel**

Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students,

It's hard to believe the school year 2015-2016 is coming to a close. It's been a great year with so many highlights for the students and staff.

The senior students have accomplished some very important milestones this year. The Cambridge IGCSE students have finished their course of study and eagerly await their results which will arrive early



next year. The GAC students have also completed their final year in school and will move on to their chosen career path from here. The AS and A Level students have worked hard all year preparing for the most important exams they have ever taken and their success in these exams will allow them to follow in the footsteps of our alumni who are studying in universities all over the world.

I am so excited to finish this school year and to see what next year holds. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Regards, Louise Ellis