

# 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.

#### 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
- Active and Responsible citizens

Nguyen Viet Huy 6LB receiving a 'Principal Award'

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Term 3 is well and truly off to a very exciting and busy start and recently on assembly I had the wonderful pleasure of presenting 'Merit Awards' to acknowledge the academic achievement of 114 students for achieving excellent results on their Semester 1 Report. The criteria to receive a merit award were as follows:



### Year 1 – 9 International and Integrated Students

 Achieve grades between 50% - 40% (out of 50%) and no grade less than a B in all other subjects.

#### **Cambridge IGCSE**

 Achieve at 3 A\* or 3 A's and no grade less than a B in all other subjects.

#### Cambridge AS/A Level

 Achieve at least 1 A and not grade less than a B in all other subjects.

#### Global Assessment Certificate (GAC)

Achieve at least 85% in all subjects

Well done to all of the students on your excellent achievement; keep up the good work!

#### **Parent Information Sessions**

On Saturday March 19, the school held two very important information sessions for Year 5 parents with children moving from primary to secondary school and for secondary parents with children moving to high school. I want to sincerely extend my thanks to the parents and students that came to learn more about our school curriculum and study pathway options available at SIS. For those parents that were unable to attend you can access the presentations from our school website by following the links below:

#### Year 5 to Year 6 Parent Information

http://gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn/singapore-international-school-gamuda-gardens-year-5-year-6-parent-information-session/

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Students making Easter treats at PIC



Students receiving academic merit award



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Senior Study Pathway Session

http://gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn/senior-study-pathway-briefing-session/

#### Primary students discover the secrets to making Easter treat

On Monday March 21, Year 3L, 4A, 4L & 5L students visited Pegasus International College to learn how to make a chocolate Easter Egg Basket. The aim of this enrichment programme was to provide students with knowledge and hands-on experience on what goes into the making of special and meaningful foods and sweets for one of the most important holidays amongst people of the Christian Faith. Students worked as a team to learn about the fine art of making chocolate. Our students had a fun time participating in this programme whilst enjoying eating their Easter Eggs!

#### **Merit Award Winners**

Student Name	Form Class	Student Name	Form Class
Nguyen Le Dieu Linh	GAC	Nguyen Khanh An	8B
Khuat Minh Thu Giang	A Level	Do Hoang Son	8B
Le Duc Anh	AS Level A	Do Que Dan	8B
Nguyen Le Hoai Thuong	AS Level A	Nguyen Son Ngoc	8B
Nguyen Ngoc Tram Anh	AS Level A	Nguyen Ba Phong	7LA
Tran Thai Anh	AS Level A	Nguyen Cam Le	7LA
Wong Wai Foong	AS Level A	Ngo Hoai Anh	7LB
Kim Sang Ah	AS Level B	Dao Phan Anh	7LC
Nguyen Duc Tuan	AS Level B	Tran Nguyen Ngoc Khanh	7LC
Nguyen Duyen Ngan	AS Level B	Le Hoang Duy Anh	7A
Phan Truong Minh	AS Level B	Cao Ngoc Khue	7B
Chae Yoon Joo	IGCSE 2A	Nguyen Le An Nhi	7B
Duong Thuc Anh	IGCSE 2A	Pham Hoang Minh Khue	7B
Heo Yu Jeong	IGCSE 2A	Ha Hoai Le	6LA
Hoang Ha My	IGCSE 2A	Kim Ji Woo	6LA
Lam Quang Minh	IGCSE 2A	Nguyen Hoang Nam	6LA
Lee Ji Eun	IGCSE 2A	Nguyen Minh Ngoc	6LA
Nguyen Hoang Viet	IGCSE 2A	Nguyen Tuan Minh	6LA
Nguyen Phuong Anh	IGCSE 2A	Park Yeo Rim	6LA
Van Tra My	IGCSE 2A	Siah Wee Hao	6LA
Do Ha Trang	IGCSE 2B	Yu Tae Young	6LA
Nguyen Ha Phuong	IGCSE 2B	Claudia Hsueh	6LB
Nguyen Minh Thao	IGCSE 2B	Kim Seo Yeon	6LB
Nguyen Thao Linh	IGCSE 2B	Lee Dah Yeon	6LB
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March 2016



Students receiving academic merit award



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Do Quoc Long **IGCSE 1A** Liu Jen Yu 6LB Do Thi Anh Thu **IGCSE 1A** Luong Tran Ha An 6LB Le Nhat Minh **IGCSE 1A** Nguyen Khanh Lam 6LB Lee Jong In IGCSE 1A 6LB Nguyen Ngoc Minh Anh Liu Shin Yu **IGCSE 1A** Nguyen Thanh Duy 6l B Pham Duv Anh **IGCSE 1A** Nguyen Viet Huy 6LB **IGCSE 1B** Hoang Anh Chi Doan Thu Ngan 6A Phan Duc Hieu Hoang Ngoc Minh Trang **IGCSE 1B** 6A **IGCSE 1B** Le Phuong Thao To Ngoc Huong Giang 6A **IGCSE 1B** 6A Nguyen Thu Giang Tran Ngoc Tram Nguyen Tung Lam **IGCSE 1B** Khuat Nguyen Duy Anh 6B Truong Thuy Linh **IGCSE 1B** 6C **Bui Thanh Tung** 6C Dinh Ngoc Nguyen Chau 9A Dang Nga Mi Le Tran Ha Linh 9A Vu Quang Tri 6C Nguyen Nhat Anh 9A Lee Seo Young 5L Nguyen Thi Tue Anh 9A Cao Ngoc Khue Vy 5A Nguyen Tri Dung 9A Dinh Nguyen Phuong 5A To Chi Hien 9A Doan Gia Khang 5A Tran Hoang Lan 9A Ngo Thuy Nhi 5A Le Minh Ngoc Nguyen Bao Tram 5A 9A Ngo Hoang Anh 9A Kim Ji Ah (Jiany) 3L Liu Fang Yu 3L Nguyen Mai Trang 9A Tran Minh Anh 3L 9A Nguyen Vu Chau Anh 3L Nguyen Trinh 9A Shin Hyo Jin Anh Phuong Nguyen Minh Thuy Anh 8LB Dao Nhat Quang ЗА Seo Han Bee (Holly) 8LB Le Xuan Bach ЗА Seo Hyun Bee (Hannah) 8LB Luong Van An ЗА Tran Quynh Anh 8LB Nguyen Duc Minh ЗА 8LB ЗА Shrija Pathak Nguyen Khanh Phuong Dang Hoang Minh Chinh 8A To Ngoc My Uyen 2A Le Nguyen Gia Khanh 8A Do Quoc Nhat Quang 1A Luong Hoang Mai 8A Doan Gia Bach 1A Ngo Gia Bao 8A 1A Le Ha Ngoc Linh

Regards, **Shane Blood** *Principal* 

High School information session



High School information session



Open Day

## **Message from the Deputy Principal** Dear Parents and Students,

Recently, senior management met with middle school grades regarding tolerance education and the implications of long-term effects bullying behavior can have.

Singapore International School observes zero tolerance for bullying of any kind. Bullying comes in many forms and is



sometimes easily concealed. SIS faculty is committed to enforcing severe consequences with those who choose to engage in bullying behavior. A successful learning environment focuses on a safe, comfortable school atmosphere where every student looks forward to attending class and can participate without ridicule or confrontation.

Often, adolescent student learners require additional guidance when confronting challenging, uncomfortable situations. It is the responsibility of the educator to provide a tolerant rich school where all students feel safe and eager to engage. SIS educators teach coping tools that prepare the student with strategies to resolve conflict and encourage a lifetime of coping skills. The coping tools learned will additionally better prepare the SIS student to become a person who radiates good character and sets the stage for a global citizen who will thrive throughout the world.

Another vital component of the successful leaner is family support. Parents and siblings are crucial in the development of the successful learner. The family plays a significant role as a team member of Singapore International School student body, faculty and administrators. Without consistent support of family, educating a student to become a global citizen is a more challenging task. SIS faculty believes that successful learning is a consistent, team effort.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards, Nadine C. Cooper Deputy Principal

### Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and Students,

March has been a busy month for SVIS faculty and students for the following reasons:



- Numerous examinations to accomplish.
- Students received the Revision Outline for Semester 2 by the end of March.

Teachers made this to help students to prepare well for their exams and get the best results.

March 2016



Spring Teaching Contest



Students making Easter treats at PIC



Winners in the Easter Egg Hunt

This is a month of many meaningful historical events, such as:

- 85 years of establishment of Youth Union: 26/3/1931 26/3/2016
- Celebration of International Women's Day: 8/3/1910 8/3/201
- Celebration of Hai Ba Trung Revolt: 40 2016
- This is the month of the Spring Teaching Contest an opportunity to provide professional development for SVIS teachers in accordance to the regulations from MOET and DOET.

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation in giving students a comprehensive education.

I am glad to share and discuss with you at: nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards. **Duong Thanh Nghi** Head of Vietnamese Studies

Message from Head of Studies (Year 1-9)

Dear Parents and Students,

As we pass the half way mark of Term 3, students are working hard and developing excellent learning skills and knowledge in all areas of cognitive, social, physical and emotional growth.

It is hard to believe that the end of year exams are coming so guickly with only April and May left to prepare. Once the April holiday break is over, it will be head

down and tails up to focus on the end of year exams. We welcome a new Year 8 teacher, Mr John Kane who has been teaching in Denver Colorado, USA and will be teaching Mathematics in Year 8 at SIS. Mr Kane is keen to meet parents and discuss student's progress in his classes so please introduce vourself to him.

The Junior School Council (JSC) is a very active group in the school and is proving how a young team can contribute a lot of enthusiasm and energy to the school community. The JSC held an Easter Assembly competition and an Easter Egg Hunt at Easter where classes were invited to participate in using a range of problem solving skills to locate eggs and vie for the final prize of a basket of Easter eggs.

Such events and opportunities demonstrate how confident our young students are becoming as they learn leadership skills and develop as competent and savvy global citizens. Congratulations to the JSC mentors, Ms Roxanne Holmes and Ms Maria Du Plessis for guiding and encouraging our young school leaders.

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Senior student reading book for junior students



High School information session

Teachers supporting children is the focus of our work here at SIS. Parent support for children's learning is just as important and we encourage you to spend time helping your child with homework and assignments. There is an old saying that "a parent is a child's first and No 1 teacher." Abundant research tells us over and over again that parents need to set the example. The message is – read! Love books! Know about books! Share books! Nothing we do as teachers and parents is more potent than the example we set. If we show our children that we genuinely love to read, our passion for knowledge and reading will shine through and inspire our kids. As adults we provide the model.

Thank you for supporting the school and especially for contributing to your own child's development through love and attention.

Regards, **Dr Noel Geoghegan**Head of Studies Years 1 – 9

## Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students.

This month we have been very busy preparing for the Cambridge IGCSE and AS/A Level exams. I am very proud of the preparations the students are making and hope their hard work pays off during their exams. Our GAC students have also completed Level 2 of their studies and are now in the final 12 weeks of their course.



Exams can be a trying undertaking for students. I encourage any student experiencing stress or anxiety over their exams to speak with their classroom teachers who will be happy to provide advice and share study skills with our students.

If you have any questions about specific subjects please email the subject teacher who will be able to assist you. I am also available at <a href="mailto:louise.ellis@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn">louise.ellis@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn</a> to address any general concerns you have.

Regards, Louise Ellis Head of Studies (High School)