



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,

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we have been very busy with exams, assignments and preparations for next year.



Thank you very much to the parents that have already confirmed their child's enrolment for next year. Our classes are filling up fast which is great to see. Just a quick reminder to parents that have not yet confirmed enrolment for next year to do so as early as possible to secure a place in your child's class for the next academic year.

Swimming

The annual swimming programme has started with all students from Year 3 – 9 participating. Participation is expected for assessment purposes. If students cannot attend for medical reasons, they must provide a medical certificate.

Learning to swim is a great way for students to stay healthy. Importantly, swimming lessons provide necessary skills for keeping safe in the water. Sadly, each year many young people around the world drown and many of those drowning could have been prevented if the person know how to swim. Please encourage your child to take this opportunity to learn how to swim or to improve their stroke correction.

End of Year Concert

Classes are well underway preparing for the End of Year Concert with this year's theme "Celebration of Cultures". The Concert will be held on Wednesday 21 June at the National Convention Centre (NCC). The Concert will be held from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. All students will participate in a rehearsal at the NCC on June 7.



Term 3 Sports Carnival



Briefing on Elmhurst College Immersion Program



Sunshine Pre-school visit

Term 3 Sports Carnival

On the last day of Term 3 we held our annual Term 3 carnival which was a huge success. The students showed great spirit and sportsmanship playing basketball, football, ultimate Frisbee, hockey and handball. It was great to see the fierce competition between the Houses, but it was the Black Phoenix in the end that won the competition on 366 points, followed by Golden Aakor on 302 points and the Red Dragons on 292 points.

Study Tour to Malaysia and Singapore for Year 4 – 6 Students

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School will be organising a Study Tour Programme for students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to Malaysia and Singapore in July 2017.

Should you require further information, please contact the School Office Administrators or Ms. Dao Phuong Thuy, Programme Coordinator, at: (84-4) 6661 7722 or Email: thuy.daophuong@kinderworldgroup.com.

Regards
Shane Blood

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Five Tips for effective communication with your teen

As our children get older we often communicate less with them, partly due to adolescence and partly due to the rigors of everyday life. Good communication takes practice and must be taught. Here are five tips that can help you communicate effectively with your child during the adolescence stage of their life.



1. Make time to keep talking with your child:

Between school, sports, service projects, jobs and [other activities](#), it may be difficult to find time to talk, but it's still important to keep conversations going. So choose a time that regularly works for the two of you: Schedule weekly walk-and-talks or family dinners (with no TV)

2. Tackle touchy topics:

Even if your teen doesn't read the newspaper, news events will be broadcast on TV and radio. They may also come up on social media and in discussions in and out of the classroom. Language difficulties can make some teens reluctant to participate in these conversations. Talking with you about current events - especially complex ones - can help your teen sort out his/her thoughts on a particular subject. This can make it easier for them to voice an opinion.

3. Enforce good listening skills:

Now more than ever, your child is expected to pay full attention when someone else is talking. Teachers, guidance counsellors and co-workers want to make sure that what they say is understood.



Briefing for Year 1 Parents



Term 3 Sports Carnival



SVIS students with the gift boxes for the war veterans

Encourage your teen to politely ask questions when she hasn't quite heard or comprehended someone. And while your child is talking to you, try to give your full attention. Demonstrate what good listening looks like.

4. Model how to find conversational common ground:

Young adults may find themselves expected to make small talk with adults. That can feel daunting for a child with communication issues. Finding commonality with a speaker takes practice. After your child finishes telling you something, repeat back part of what was said. Then follow up with a related question: "Next week's quiz sounds hard. How will you study?" Then talk about your day and have your teen ask you something related. Over time, this can feel more natural and less forced.

5. Demystify body language:

Children with communication challenges may have trouble picking up on nonverbal cues, sometimes called body language. They may not have an awareness of their own body language. But body language can affect how your child is perceived in interviews for colleges, programs or jobs. Before an interview, videotape your child answering practice questions. Then watch the footage together and come up with suggestions for improvement.

Regards,
Timothy Bikowski

Message from Head of Vietnamese

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to inform you that:

1. Integrated students from Primary to Secondary completed the Semester 2 exam series for the Vietnamese programme. For those who could not sit the exam due to sickness or family reason, we have arranged for make-up exams to take place. Thank you to all parents for taking good care of your children to ensure their good health and sound mind for exams which took place in the middle of the uncomfortable changing season.

Integrated students also had to complete the Semester 2 Singapore exams which lasted till 31 May. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging them to prepare and do well in the exams.

2. On the occasion of the War Invalids and Martyrs Day (27/7/1947 – 27/7/2017), with the tradition of gratitude towards the soldiers who fought and sacrificed their lives for the independence and freedom of our country, we have collected 11.378.000 VND from teachers, staff and students in the school. All proceeds will go to the war veterans at Duy Tien Convalescent Centre in Ha Nam on 14 June 2017. Students have been eagerly participating and contributing to our war veterans.





Sunshine Pre-school visit



Primary students in an Arts class



Term 3 Sports Carnival

The school year is coming to an end and besides finishing the remainder of the curriculum, our students are taking part in swimming lessons as part of their PE programme. Swimming is a very important skill to survive in water. Students are also practicing very hard for the End of Year Concert at National Convention Centre.

Thank you very much for your support and encouragement which are vital for us to fulfill all our duties and achieve good results.

I am happy to share with you at
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Regards,
Duong Thanh Nghi

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents and Students,

With the completion of the SA2 Primary School Singapore exams, we are heading towards our end-of-year concert and the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Where has the year gone?!



Primary School students worked hard in preparation for exams and will soon receive their results. There will be many happy surprises as many students have been studiously focused on doing their best. We are looking forward to congratulating those who receive a high achievement in their exam results. And for those who could have done better, remember that next year, if you work hard you can get good results. Parents are encouraged to talk with children to discuss exam results and subjects and topics covered in all the curriculum areas. Your interest and concern for your child's performance can have a profound impact on his/her success by bolstering self-esteem and confidence.

It is said, in the world of education, that a parent is a child's #1 Teacher; and spending "quality time" assuring your child that as a parent, you are interested in his/her progress and always ready to help him/her, returns significant dividends in successful learning outcomes. Parents play a vital role in developing a child's confidence with school work and personal growth, and when there is a collective family emphasis on supporting the education process at home your child will feel more inclined to strive harder. All parents are encouraged to invest in "quality family time" to help children do their best every day and throughout the whole year. As we sing in our SIS song, "At SIS we do our very best, every day!"

Students are currently getting ready for the end-of-year concert, and the coming weeks will see much lively and productive activity preparing concert costumes, learning concert routines and preparing songs and performances for the big event on 21 June at Hanoi's NCC. Parent's participation and support at this time of year is always very much appreciated. We would love to see you and all your family at the end-of-year concert to make our big annual event a memorable and fun occasion. I hope to see you there on 21 June.



Term 3 Sports Carnival



7th Annual All-Vietnam Schools Cup



Term 3 Sports Carnival

Thanks again for helping to make SIS @ Gamuda Gardens a special place for our children to grow and learn together.

Warm regards,
Dr. Noel Geoghegan

Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Students and Parents,

In addition to all the hard work students and teachers have been doing to prepare for exams, the month of May has been an exciting one for many of our students outside of the classroom as well as they have participated in citywide competitions with other schools and organizations.



One of these came on Saturday, May 6, when our Junior and Senior Gaelic Football teams participated in the 7th Annual All-Vietnam Schools Cup. In the competition, both our teams played hard and represented our school well with our Junior team claiming the Championship Cup for the second straight year and our Senior team narrowly losing to the eventual champion Blue Dragon in a game marked by a furious comeback sparked by Tran Minh Duc of 8LA and Kim Ji Woo of 7LA against a team full of players much older than them.

Another fantastic event which our students performed admirably in came the next weekend on May 13-14 as Nguyen Minh Ngoc, Nguyen Son Ngoc, and Nguyen Khanh An of IGCSE1A competed in the internationally renowned World Scholar's Cup Competition. In this event, which spans over 20 hours during the weekend, these students competed in debating, writing and team quiz activities with scholars from other top schools in Hanoi. What's more, in spite of having little time to practice for the event, the SIS Gamuda team performed wonderfully, winning all three of their debates and finishing among the top teams in the Junior Division with Nguyen Son Ngoc rating as one of the top debaters in the entire event.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in these events and represented our school so successfully. We are very proud of your efforts and hope to see more students participating in events like these in the future.

Regards,
John Shoulders



Briefing for Year 1 Parents



Term 3 Sports Carnival

Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate the IGCSE students who have finished their Cambridge exams and are now busy preparing for our end of year concert and enjoying additional classes with their teachers covering many new topics they have never had the opportunity to study before.

Several of our classes have been taking advantage of local amenities and attending excursions including IGCSE 1C who recently completed a marketing project in a world class shopping mall which nicely complemented the recent GAC trip to a local farm.

As always, 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 louise.ellis@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn to address any general concerns you have.

Yours,
Louise Ellis

