



## 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 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,

As we move towards the end of term one I am pleased to see that students have settled into school routines and are working steadily on their studies. This is evident as I speak with teachers and walk around the school visiting classes and see students engaged in learning and interacting with teachers and their peers.



At SIS one of our Schoolwide Learner Goals is for students to demonstrate academic growth and to strive for continuous improvement. I am very pleased to share with you some news regarding recent graduates from June 2017 who have been very successful in demonstrating their academic achievement after receiving scholarships and being accepted into some top universities around the world.

**Nguyen Duyen Ngan** from A Levels was awarded the HRH Prince Andrew Scholarship from the British University of Hanoi (BUV) which covers 100 percent of tuition fees for her degree in International Business Management. Duyen Ngan was successful at achieving the scholarship by being one of out of 700 applicants from all of Vietnam. What an amazing achievement for her and we are so proud of her. Duyen Ngan also achieved the 'Top in Vietnam' award for Cambridge AS Level Mathematics.

**Nguyen Ngoc Tram Anh** from A Levels was awarded a scholarship worth \$44,000 USD to attend Northeastern University in Boston Massachusetts United States. Well done Tram Anh!

**Kim Sang Ha** from A Levels was selected to attend Handong Global University in Korea. This university is very competitive with only 14 spaces available for students from around the world. After submitting all of the documentation and completing interviews she was selected to attend her "dream" university. Excellent work and well done!



Nguyen Duyen Ngan receiving her HRH Prince Andrew Scholarship



Nguyen Duc Tuan receiving his Dux Award



Kim Sang Ha from A Levels receiving her graduation certificate

**Nguyen Duc Tuan** from A Levels who was the Dux Award recipient for 2017 has been accepted to James Cook University in Singapore to study a Bachelor of Information Technology. James Cook University is ranked in the top 250 of world's universities and is also ranked 9<sup>th</sup> of the 35 Australian universities.

It is always wonderful to share good news of past students being selected into top universities around the world after graduating from SIS. Please read about more success stories in the Guidance Officer article.

### Edinburgh Napier University Visit

On September 13, we had the honour of welcoming guests from Edinburgh Napier University (ENU), who is KinderWorld's strategic partner to Vietnam. ENU is a prestigious international university which is in the top 20 United Kingdom for its graduates' employability. Our secondary students were interested to watch a multimedia presentation from ENU. Students were able to see the facilities and activities provided by this university for international students.

### Dengue Fever

Our school has been very careful to follow all the guidelines and we regularly have all of our rooms and buildings sprayed. This is carried out late afternoons and on weekends to ensure the maximum effect and also to allow any smell to disperse before the children are occupying the classrooms.

We are also monitoring all absences from school and checking with families for the reason so we can ensure that parents are kept informed.

### Upcoming Events:

- Mid-Autumn Festival will be held on 02/10/17
- Parent Teacher Interviews and report collection will be held on 03/10/17 – 04/10/17
- School Holidays 16/10/17 – 20/10/17

Regards,  
**Shane Blood**

### Message from Deputy Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

With the first term drawing to a close I am very happy to report about the positive happenings taking place on campus with our Clubs and After School Activity Programs. One place where this can be seen is in our sports programs as we now offer more sports clubs and have a higher attendance at these clubs than ever before.

What's more, led by football director Matt Phillips and the school football coaches, our football program is looking to schedule more games than ever for the students this year, with tournaments for Under -14 and Under-16 as well as a first ever game for our Year 1-2 team





Junior and Senior Football Team 2017-2018



Danny Lee receiving his A Level graduation certificate



SVIS Commencement Ceremony

all taking place at SIS Gamuda during late September and early October. We are also very happy to announce that we will be entering a co-ed team into the Under-13 division of the Hanoi Youth Football League where they will play over twenty games over the course of the year.

In addition to the development of our sports programs, we are also very pleased with the growth our academically oriented clubs have made. One such club is the 3D Printing club directed by teacher Will Parsons which has become more popular each term amongst many of our technologically inclined students. Two others are the Debate Club and the Model United Nations, both of which help give students great opportunities to practice their critical thinking and public speaking skills as well as strengthen their resumes for university.

Great work to all of the teachers and students involved in these and other clubs around campus. We hope that they will continue to grow this year as students take advantage of the opportunities they offer.

Regards,  
**John Shoulders**

**Message from Guidance Officer**

Dear Parents and Students,

It is always impressive when we hear about students getting into highly ranked universities and it is even more impressive when they are students from our own campus! I have 2 such students to showcase.



The first is Nguyen Ngoc Tram Anh who completed A Levels last year and has since been accepted into Northeastern University in America to study biology, Tram Anh received a scholarship of \$44000.

The second student is Danny Lee who also completed A Levels last year and has since been offered a position at Toronto University to study an economics and management degree. Well done to both these alumni! Tram Anh and Danny stated that they felt that their extracurricular activities put them in good stead when applying to their choice universities.

Regards,  
**Michael Ogden**

**Message from Head of Vietnamese**

Dear Parents and Students!

We are pleased to inform you that the Commencement Ceremony of 2017-2018 school year was a great success with the presence of extinguished guests from Hoang Mai People's Committee and Hoang Mai Office of Education and Training.





SVIS Commencement Ceremony



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Primary students performing at SVIS Commencement Ceremony

From the beginning of the school year, SVIS made 100% teachers to sign the Commitment not to violate the professional conducts; 100% students to sign the Commitment to follow all instructions on controlling and using firecrackers; traffic rules, environment rules and to build a green, friendly, safe and clean school.

Together with posters, reminding students on Assembly and Students Weekly Notices about the prevention of dengue fever, the school has already had the pest control company to spray all over the school 6 times and 2 more times from Hoang Mai Health Centre with the hope to kill all mosquitos and its larva.

On 22 September, SVIS students received a health check service following the plan by Hoang Mai Health Centre. For those who were absent, parents will have to do another check up and send the result back to school to monitor and provide proper treatment and care.

In order to help parents arrange for family holiday without missing any important test, I would like to provide you the exam schedules as below:

Semester	Time	Secondary	People in charge	Time	Primary	People in charge
1	27/11 – 8/12/2017	Semester 1 exam (year 6-9)	Vietnamese and expat teachers	4/12 – 12/12/2017	Semester 1 exam, year 1-5	Vietnamese and expat teachers
2	2/4 – 18/4/2018	Semester 2 exam (year 9)	Vietnamese and expat teachers	7/5 – 15/5/2018	Semester 2 exam, year 1-5	Vietnamese and expat teachers

I am happy to listen to and share with you via phone number 0983053495 and email [nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Regards,  
Duong Thanh Nghi

**Message from Head of Studies (Primary)**

Dear Parents and Students,

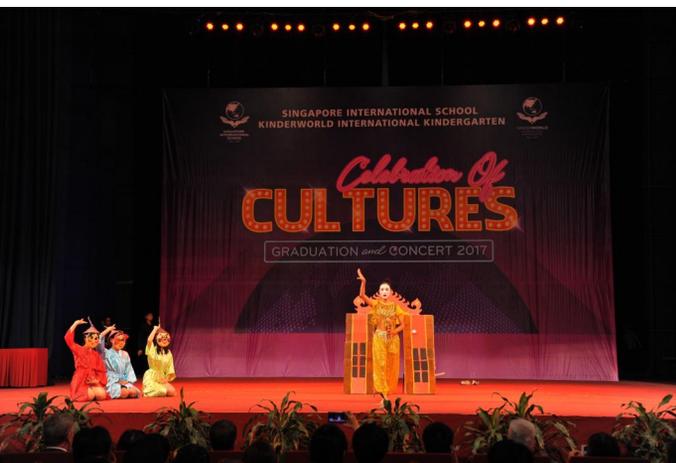
Our first term this year is almost over and already Primary School teachers are seeing excellent progress with their students' learning. Your role in establishing the importance of a good education for all our students here at SIS@Gamuda Gardens cannot be stressed enough. With your support we can provide a sound basis for engaging children in a wide variety of challenging and productive learning experiences. Our aim is to position every child at our school as a globally aware citizen and academically competent student.



Remember: **“Reading is the key to a good education!”** Borrowing books from our school library for reading at home is an effective way to enhance learning.



End of Year Concert 2017



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Parents should make arrangements for dedicated time at home for children to read. Also we are encouraging our young football players to enjoy our excellent soccer pitch with a special allocation for Primary School students on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make the effort to come and visit your teachers any time, as you are always welcome. Thank you again for your support in encouraging students to do their best.

If you have any questions or need to address any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,  
**Dr. Noel**

### Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

We are quickly heading towards the end of Term 1 and all of the teachers and students are busy and working hard.

Last week we had Mr. Ogden's coffee morning which according to those involved went really well. This is great to see and dialogue with parents who are engaged in their child's education is always very important in bringing success to our students. I was also fortunate to meet some of the parents who came and it was nice to have some constructive conversations. We also had our parent teacher interviews on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October and I was happy to see many parents over those two days.



Extra-curricular clubs are also well up and running and over the next couple of weeks we have football tournaments at our school. This will include a round robin tournament with teams from SIS and a host of other international schools in Hanoi. Thank you to Mr. Labrue and Mr. Phillips for their hard work in organizing this.

Regards,  
**Sean Stokes**



Staff photo 2017-2018

### **Message from Head of Studies (High School)**

Dear Parents and Students,

We are now approaching the end of term 1. It has been a very successful and exciting new year. I would like to commend the students for all the hard work I am seeing in the classrooms. The students have gotten used to their new teachers and classes along with making new friends I'm sure. Parent-teacher interviews were successful and it was great to see you again then. We appreciate your continuous involvement and support which ensures your child gets the best education possible.



We had the Moon Festival celebration where the students got to show off their fashion designing skills by making an outfit out of recycled material. I was very excited to see what they created and was really impressed.

Enjoy the holiday yourselves.

Regards,  
**Erin Roetker**