



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 students**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**



Spelling Bee winner - Nguyen Gia Khanh 8LA

Principal News

Dear Parents and Students,

As we move towards the end of first term I am pleased to see that students have settled in well to school routine and are working hard on their studies. This is evident as I walk around the school and see students engaged in learning and interacting with their teachers and peers.

At SIS one of our Schoolwide Learner Goals is for students to demonstrate academic growth and to strive for continuous improvement. Students will be able to demonstrate their academic growth so far this year as we will be providing parents and students with Term 1 Progress Reports on October 4 and 5.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held over these two nights and parents will also have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to get feedback on their child's progress so far this year. It is very important that parents make time to meet with teachers to get feedback that can assist your child in preparation for their semester 1 assessment.

Mid-Autumn Festival was held recently which was a wonderful celebration for the whole school. Our students enjoyed watching magician's performing various acts followed by a traditional Dragon Dance. I hope our families enjoyed Mid-Autumn Festival with their children.

Edinburgh Napier University Visit

On September 27, we had the honour of welcoming the leaders 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 in the United Kingdom for its graduates' employability. The purpose of their visit was to further promote collaborations with KinderWorld and Pegasus International College, the group's higher education arm.





Professor Sambell from ENU presenting to students



Moon Festival - Dragon Dance



Madam Nghi presenting to students about Moon Festival

Students from SIS learned that through agreements between Pegasus and ENU, after finishing Pegasus's Australian Advanced Diploma courses, students can articulate into a Bachelor Degree at ENU and obtain a Bachelor Degree within a total duration of 3 years only. More wonderful study pathway options available to SIS students.

Students bringing valuables to school

Parents and students are reminded that valuables are not needed for school and if students choose to bring valuable items to school they are responsible for such items. The school provides each student with their own locker where items can be kept securely. If students use lockers they need to bring their own lock to secure the locker. If students use a locker with a code, students are reminded not to share their lock code with friends.

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Teacher Interviews will be held 04/10/16 – 05/10/16
- School Holidays 17/10/16 – 21/10/16

Regards
Shane Blood
Principal

Message from Head of Studies Vietnamese

Dear Parents and Students

The first 8 weeks of the school year have quickly gone in the excitement and great effort of SVIS teachers and students!



After the exciting Opening Ceremony, SVIS management instructed teachers and students to quickly understand the rules and regulations. The first period after the Opening Ceremony, students were explained the rules of the school and class; books and notebooks were checked; desks, chairs and lockers were nicely set up; the right position to sit and write were also instructed to students to make sure they have a good and safe studying environment. Especially, new students from year 1-6 received more attention and care from teachers to help them get acquainted with new friends and new studying environment.

Together with studying and maintaining discipline, students had the chance to participate in an interesting traditional event that was the Moon Festival – the festival of childhood and family reunion. The festival was held in the afternoon on September 15 which was also the middle of autumn by the lunar calendar. Students thoroughly enjoyed the funny dragon dance, cheerful and professional circus performances. The festival brought excitement and happiness to students, which bring them together and help them study better.



Students on stage for Moon Festival



Primary students receiving "Star of the week" award



Mr. Tan and Mr. Blood talking to students from Year 7- GAC about university options for students

We do hope to have your support and collaboration in educating our children, helping them become hardworking, independent and well-behaved students who always fulfill all tasks assigned by teachers and meet all the expectations of parents.

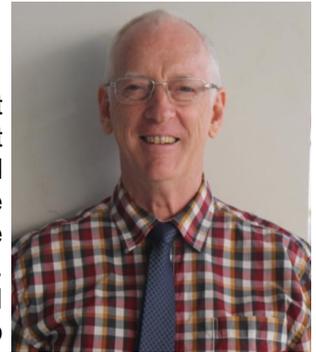
I am open to share and discuss with you at nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Duong Thanh Nghi

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents and Students,

It has been an energetic start to our first term. Our teachers are making excellent headway with exciting activities and wonderful learning opportunities. We welcome our newest teacher, Ms Marenke who will be teaching Year 5L. Ms. Marenke comes from South Africa and will add further international perspectives to our globally responsive Primary School program. Thank you to all our parents and families who have supported the school and teachers to establish the importance of a good education for all our students at SIS @ Gamuda Gardens.



Our school curriculums follow the world-class Singapore's Ministry of Education programs and provide a sound basis for engaging children in a wide variety of challenging and productive learning experiences. SIS @ Gamuda Gardens aims to ensure every child will be well positioned as a globally aware citizen and academically competent student. As we all know, "**Reading is the key to a good education**" and parents are encouraged to speak with children about borrowing books from our school library to bolster children's reading at home. Parents should make arrangements so that dedicated time at home allows children the opportunity to readand as well as the Home Reading Books, library books are another great way to get children reading.

Also we are encouraging our young football players to join in and enjoy our brand new soccer pitch with a special allocation for Primary School students on Mondays and Tuesdays. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held soon to provide a valuable way to communicate with your teacher and find out more about your child's progress. Please make the effort to come and visit your teachers at the Parent Teacher Conferences....or any time, for that matter; you are always welcome. Our busy school schedule is driven by a belief that continuous improvement across all curriculum areas pays dividends for everyone in our school community.

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 me at school.

Regards,
Dr. Noel Geoghegan



Students playing football during lunch break



Students presenting virtue during assembly



Students visiting university fair

Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Students and Parents,



We are now halfway through our second month of the school year and so far we have gotten off to a promising start. One particularly encouraging sign so far has been student participation in our Extracurricular Activities (ECA) Program. The ECA program at our school runs on both Monday and Thursday after school, and allows students the opportunity to participate in and learn about a wide variety of sports, games and activities under the instruction of teachers who are knowledgeable and experienced in these subjects.

Thus far this year, ECA clubs that get to work on our outstanding new football pitch have been particularly popular, with forty students joining our Football Club and a further ten joining our Gaelic Football Club. So far the students in these have been enjoying practicing their skills and gaining fitness, and we are looking forward to inviting other school teams to come and play against our teams on our new field soon.

Other popular and interesting activities include Basketball, Rock Band, Photography, Model United Nations and many more. Great work to ECA coordinator Yoann Labrue and to all students and teachers involved in Extracurricular Activities this term. In addition to looking good on university applications, these programs enrich our school and the overall student learning experience and we hope to see even more of you involved in Term Two.

Regards,
John Shoulders

Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents,



We are rapidly reaching the end of Term 1 and progressing quickly through the school year. Term 2 is an important term as our teaching picks up pace and intensity and I would like to use this month's newsletter to communicate the importance of revision, even at this stage of the year. No matter what the students learning style is, each and every student needs to revise their work to ensure the content is cemented into their knowledge.

The best way to become an effective learner is to be organised, use time wisely and plan ahead. With such a short time available from now until the exams it is important that your son or daughter can:

1. DUMP anything that does not need to be done at all (eg. Playing Minecraft)



Students visiting university fair



New Senior Student Council Members

2. DELAY what they can't dump until a suitable time that does not interfere with their revision plan (eg. tidy their room during a break from study)

3. DESIGNATE a time for what you can't delay and then (eg. visiting relatives)

4. DO IT!

As always I am available to any student who wishes to discuss study strategies. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at louise.ellis@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Regards,
Louise Ellis

Senior Student Council News

A warm welcome back and happy 2016-2017 from the Senior Student Council!! We have been serving as the voice of the student body on the pursuit of making each coming year at SIS the best one yet. Through the years, we have organized numerous events from big dances and holiday celebrations to small sales to help raise money for these big festivities as well as spice up the school days.

One of our proudest projects is our annual charity fundraiser through 'free dress days', where all of the collected money is donated directly to our chosen charity. This year, with a much bigger council, we hope to create even bigger and better memories! With that as our main focus, be on the look out for nothing but greatness, never before seen events and exciting surprises. Up first will be celebrations for Women's Day, Halloween and the end of 2016! For further updates, be sure to keep up with our Facebook page "SIS Senior Student Council".

And as always, thank you for all your support and cooperation. It means the world to us. Here's to you, and here's to an incredible year!