



**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,

With Term 3 well underway and Cambridge mock examinations for IGCSE 2 and AS/A Level completed, it is now that time of the year for our Cambridge students to prepare for their final examinations. Cambridge IGCSE 2 students have already commenced their English Oral Examinations and in April they will complete course work for Cambridge Global Perspectives and Cambridge ICT practical exams. Cambridge Examination Timetables have already been sent home to parents, so please go over the dates with your child and keep reminding them about the importance of studying and assist them to get into a good study routine. If you did not receive a copy of your child's Cambridge Examination Timetable, please contact the school.



**Semester 1 Merit Awards**

This month I had the pleasure of presenting over 70 'Merit Awards' to acknowledge the outstanding academic achievement of students achieving excellent results on their Semester 1 Report. Well done to all of the students on your excellent achievement; keep up the great work and I look forward to awarding more students in Semester 2!

Semester 1 Merit Award recipients:

| Name of students | Class | Name of students  | Class |
|------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Hoang Cam Van Ha | 1A    | Duong Phuong Nhi  | 6C    |
| Nguyen Duc Minh  | 1A    | Dao Duong My Linh | 6C    |



*Mr. Blood presenting Integrated Primary students 'Merit Award' for excellent results on their Semester 1 reports*



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|-------------------------------|-----|------------------------|----------|
| Vu Tuan Khoa                  | 1A  | Ngo Linh Trang         | 6C       |
| Doan Khanh Ha                 | 2A  | Tran Chi Dang          | 6C       |
| Dao Gia Linh                  | 3A  | Doan Gia Khang         | 7A       |
| Nguyen Bao Tien               | 3A  | Nguyen Bao Nguyen      | 7A       |
| Doan Gia Bach                 | 3A  | To Vu Hieu Minh        | 7B       |
| To Ngoc My Uyen               | 4A  | Nguyen Bao Linh        | 7C       |
| Tran Binh Thuy Anh            | 4A  | Hoang Anh Chi          | 8A       |
| Dao Nhat Quang                | 5A  | Nguyen Thien Duong     | 8A       |
| Le Xuan Bach                  | 5A  | Tran Ngoc Tram         | 8A       |
| Do Dan Anh                    | 5A  | Nguyen Tien Thanh      | 8A       |
| Nguyen Duc Minh               | 5A  | Khuat Nguyen Duy Anh   | 8B       |
| Byun Ji Hoo                   | 1L  | Tran Le Minh Ngoc      | 8B       |
| Ko Gyeong Rok                 | 1L  | Dang Nga Mi            | 8C       |
| Lim Ha Yun                    | 1L  | Vu Quang Tri           | 8C       |
| Oishi Jo                      | 1L  | Nguyen Cam Le          | IGCSE1A  |
| You Da Yul                    | 1L  | Kim Min Ju             | IGCSE1A  |
| Choi Seongwon                 | 2L  | Pham Hoang Minh Khue   | IGCSE1C  |
| Kim Seo Yul                   | 2L  | Dao Phan Anh           | IGCSE2A  |
| Lee Jee Hyun                  | 3L  | Do Hoang Son           | IGCSE2A  |
| Dang Quang Truong             | 4L  | Doan Tuong Minh        | IGCSE2A  |
| Kwon Tae Gyu                  | 4L  | Man Ngoc Trung Hoa     | IGCSE2A  |
| Lee Ga Won                    | 4L  | Ngo Duc Minh           | IGCSE2A  |
| Nguyen Vu Chau Anh            | 5L  | Nguyen Hoanh Tung      | IGCSE2A  |
| Kim Ji An                     | 5L  | Nguyen Khanh An        | IGCSE2A  |
| Lee Hye Won                   | 6LA | Nguyen Mai Trang       | IGCSE2A  |
| Gabriela Patricia Rico Tejada | 6LA | Nguyen Minh Thuy Anh   | IGCSE2A  |
| Nguyen Thuy Linh              | 6LA | Syed Azam Uddin Rafay  | IGCSE2A  |
| Tran Minh Chinh               | 6LA | Tran Minh Anh          | IGCSE2A  |
| Duong Hoang Tu                | 7LA | Tran Quynh Anh         | IGCSE2B  |
| Nguyen Ha Nhat Minh           | 7LB | Nguyen Tri Dung        | IGCSE2B  |
| Pham Thao Hien                | 7LB | Shineha Radhakrishnan  | IGCSE2B  |
| Kim Ji Woo                    | 8LA | Shrija Pathak          | AS Level |
| Nguyen Minh Ngoc              | 8LA | Do Quang Minh          | AS Level |
| Lee Da Hyeon                  | 8LB | Lee Jong In            | AS Level |
| Nguyen Ngoc Minh Anh          | 8LB | Nguyen Quynh Anh       | A Level  |
| Nguyen Viet Huy               | 8LB | Nguyen Minh Thao       | A Level  |
| Nguyen Hoang Khoi Nguyen      | 6B  | Syeda Meharbash Kashif | IGCSE1A  |



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*Mr. Blood presenting AS / A Level students  
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### **End of Year Concert**

Preparations for the End of Year Concert are underway and this year the theme is "Lights, Camera, Action!". Our concert will be held in the evening of Saturday June 16 at the National Convention Centre (NCC). More details regarding the End of Year Concert will be released in due course.

### **Outward Bound Vietnam**

We are pleased to announce that Outward Bound Vietnam will be commencing programs for our students this semester. Our Year 8 international students will be the first group of students who will have the opportunity to participate in a three night and four-day program located in the Cat Hai District of Binh Dinh province, which is approximately 1 hour from Quy Nhon City.

This program will provide our students with a positive educational experience, in which they will have an opportunity to develop social and personal skills while getting to know themselves and their classmates better in a cooperative, safe and fun camping adventure.

Hiking, team building activities, bouldering/scrambling, camping and other fun and educational outdoor activities will be the focus of the program, which will be led by internationally qualified instructors who specialize in teaching young people in the outdoors.

The skills that students gain from these programs will help to equip them to face challenges of modern life. These skills are important when it comes to entering the workforce, pursuing further studies and also for preparing and focusing on school topics such as examinations.

We look forward to working closely with Outward Bound Vietnam to provide opportunities for all students from Year 4 to Year 12 to participate in specially designed Outward Bound programs for students in the new school year.

### **The Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) 2018**

Once again the Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) 2018 will be co-hosted in Vietnam by KinderWorld Education Group and Hwa Chong Institution in Singapore. This is a wonderful opportunity for eligible students born between July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 to participate in a competition that helps to develop their mathematical skills and talents at international levels.

I wish all of our students who have registered to participate in APMOPS 2018 all the best for the first round competition which will take place at our school on Saturday, April 7.



*OBV Briefing for International Y8 students on 9/3/2018*



*Mr. Blood distributing the OBV materials to the students*



*Students working with teachers from SIS and experts from the USA (TinkRWorks) to make and program robots*

### **TinKRworks Visit**

Students from SIS @ Gamuda Gardens recently had the wonderful opportunity to learn more on the topic of 'robotics'. Students worked with teachers from SIS and experts from the USA (TinkRWorks) to make and program robots. They then got to try out their creations!

It was an excellent opportunity for some of our students to display their innovation, problem-solving and critical thinking skills in area of STEM. Over the coming months we will be providing more opportunities for SIS students to participate in STEM related activities. Our goal is to educate the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers to explore real-world problems with cutting-edge tools and technologies.

### **Study Tour 2018**

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organising a Study Tour Programme to Malaysia and Singapore, tentatively from July 8 to July 14, 2018 for students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Further information on the program details and registration will be informed to students and parents in course. Please contact +84 24 6664 1717 (Ms Nhung) to get further details.

Regards  
**Shane Blood**

### **Message from Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents and Students,

As many of you are aware, March has been an exciting month for us here at school with Semester 2 beginning, Mock Exams taking place and many matches and successes in sports as our Middle School Head of Studies Sean Stokes details in his article this month.



As the year progresses and Spring returns to Hanoi, we are also looking forward to a number of big events in April, including SIS Gamuda's first ever International Day celebrations which will take place on April 24. This event will celebrate the diversity of the world as various countries of the world are represented by our school community through games, food, song, costume and dance.



Experts from the USA (TinkRWorks) guiding students to make and program robots



Students getting to try out their creations

As part of the event, we will have an International Festival in the morning of the April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00 where students set up and visit stalls to play games and sample traditional foods from other countries. Later in the day, we will also have an International Day Show where students and teachers perform to represent various countries through costume, song and dance.

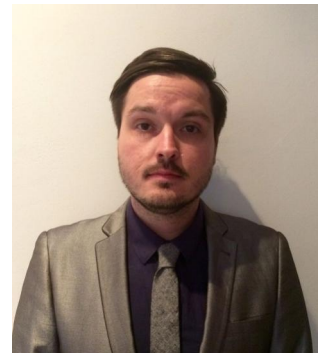
If any parents would like to participate in setting up a stall to represent their own home country or by performing in the show please contact me at [john.shoulders@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:john.shoulders@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn) as we would love to have you involved. If you would like to attend without participating you are also very welcome to join us. More information will be sent home to parents about this event by email soon but for now please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about it.

Regards,  
**John Shoulders**

**Message from Guidance Officer**

Dear Parents and Students,

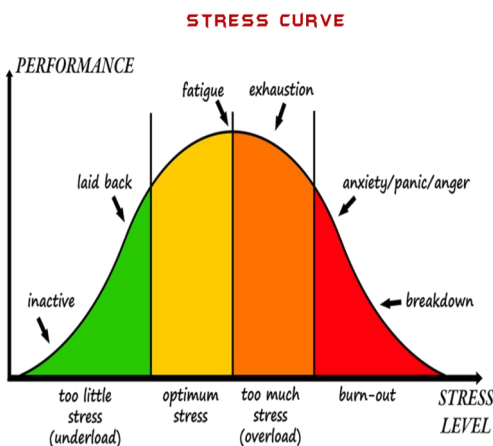
With the mock exams over now is the time to reflect on the results that have been achieved. For example, maybe we have mismanaged your time or studied complete sections of work that were not in the exam! Hopefully there are some areas that can be improved upon in your studies, be that of time management skills or effective studying techniques.



In the previous Coffee with the Counselor we took some time to examine how as parents you can help your children improve their studying habits and strategies. We also discussed how you can help them overcome the stress and anxiety that comes with every test taking period.

If you were unable to make the Coffee with the Counselor Session but are still interested in what we discussed please email me at [michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Regards,  
**Michael Ogden**



Stress curve



SVIS Teachers in Vietnamese traditional long dress



SVIS celebrating International Women's day



SVIS March topic: Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union

### Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and Students,

In Hanoi, March is the transition month between spring and summer when we often experience both cold and hot, humid weather, so students are very susceptible to illness. In order to avoid this, we look forward to receiving parental support and cooperation in health care for children, such as providing appropriate clothing and nutritious food to help them stay healthy and achieve good results in their studies.



Please see the study information and Semester II Examination Timetable below to support your children in this period of revision:

- Year 9: The Semester II Examination Timetable is printed on the cover of the study information given to the students on 19/3/2018.
- Year 6,7,8: The Semester II Examination Timetable is printed on the cover of the study information given to the students on 31/3/2018.
- Primary School Years 1-5: The study information will be given to the students in the middle of April.

Currently at school students are learning new lessons and revising for the Semester II Examination at the same time. The remaining curriculum will be conducted from the end of May to the end of this school year.

Please support your children in following a sensible study plan in order to confidently take the examinations without violating the regulations and achieve good results in the second semester.

Along with teaching and learning, we also had the following activities in March at school:

- March topics: Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union and International Women's Day.
- Life skills education: Effective money management.

We look forward to hearing from you and discussing how to help your children develop as successful students and competent global citizens. Please feel free to email me at: [nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Wish you good health, happiness and success!

Regards,  
**Duong Thanh Nghi**



*Dr. Noel presenting Primary students rewards for high points competing in World Maths Day 2018*



*Secondary students earning high points in World Maths Day 2018*



*Our Gaelic football team winning the St Patrick's Day tournament.*

### Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents and Students,

As we pass the half way mark of term 3 we can clearly see our students working hard and developing excellent skills and knowledge in all areas of personal growth and academic learning.

We are working hard to maintain this progress, and the commitment of our teachers means our students are reaping the benefits of good teaching, and developing as effective learners and competent global citizens. Our students' success was clearly evident when so many Primary School students received Merit Awards for their outstanding work in SA1 exams recently.

Once term 3 finishes and the April holiday break is over, it will be heads down and tails up to focus on the end of year exams. It makes the end of the school year seem very close. To help our students reach the finish line and do well in their SA2 exams, all parents are asked to assist by encouraging students to stop playing computer games and read more books. The power of reading cannot be emphasized enough to make a difference in a child's success at school. Buy books, read books and discuss books as a family. The time you spend investing in reading will prove increasingly valuable for you and your child. Set an example! Read! Love books! Know about books! Share books! Talk about books! Nothing you do is more important than the example you set as a parent. If you genuinely love to read, your passion for and knowledge of reading will shine through and inspire your child.

Thank you for so many parents who visit our school and drop in and communicate with teachers. It is important to keep lines of communication open with families. Teachers interacting with parents is an important part of high quality international education. The opportunity for you to come and see teachers is an always open invitation.

Thanks again for supporting good children and good education.

Regards  
**Dr. Noel Geoghegan**

### Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

March is an important month in our school calendar. After the consecutive holidays of Christmas, January term break and Tet, we are now well and truly back into the school routine. As we get back to work, it is good to see so many positive reports of things going on in school.





*Our Y7 and Y8 football team winning 11-1 against St Paul's*

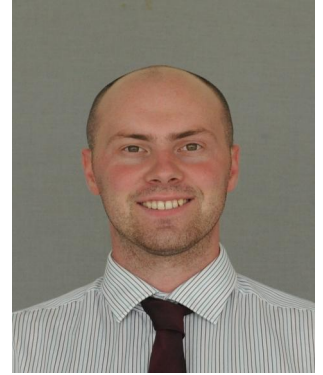


*Coach Von Bardeleben with our Senior football team*



*Coach Phillips with JV Girls Basketball team*

SIS Middle School students have taken part in the events of World Maths Day and some students have received rewards for their efforts. Thank you to Mr Grear and Ms Batac for facilitating this and encouraging the students to take part.



Additionally, there have recently been many excellent sporting achievements. These include our Year 7 and 8 football team winning 11-1 against St Paul's and our Gaelic football team winning the St Patrick's Day tournament. It is also good to see our Year 6 and 7 football team improving in the HYFL.

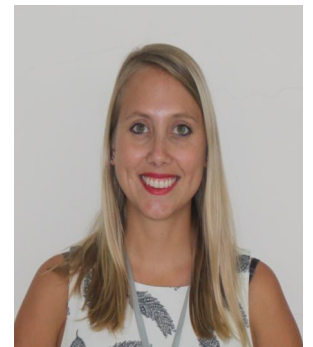
As we move into April, we realise that the exam period is just around the corner. I challenge all of our students to stay focused and give themselves the best chance of performing well in their semester exams.

Regards  
**Mr. Sean Stokes**

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

Dear Parents and Students,

Both Cambridge IGCSE2 and AS and A Level students have just finished taking their Mock Exams. It has been a busy couple of weeks, which can be very stressful for students and staff alike. Our students and teachers have worked very hard to prepare for these exams, and I hope they receive marks they can be proud of. These scores will of course give an indication of how they should perform in their final exams come May/June. However, they still will have a few more weeks to touch-up on any area they are weak in and review once more with their teachers if their scores are not what they desire. Everyone must stay focused during this important period of revision and review.



The GAC students have finished with Level 2 of their curriculum and have moved on to Level 3. This very challenging set of classes requires self-discipline and a dedicated sense of focus. As a school, we wish all the best to the GAC students in this final push towards graduation.

Regards,  
**Erin Roetker**