



**SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
@ GAMUDA GARDENS**

# NEWSLETTER

## HIGHLIGHTS

**WELL-BEING &  
CHARACTER  
DEVELOPMENT  
INITIATIVES**

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SCHOOL-WIDE  
LEARNER GOALS**

**CLUBS, ACTIVITIES  
AND COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**



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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The beginning of a new school year is always a special time. After the energy of the summer break, our campus once again comes alive with the excitement of students returning, teachers ready to guide new learning journeys, and families joining us in partnership. It is a season of fresh starts, renewed commitments, and the promise of growth. At SIS@Gamuda Gardens, we see each new year as both a continuation of our traditions and an opportunity to set new goals for our community.

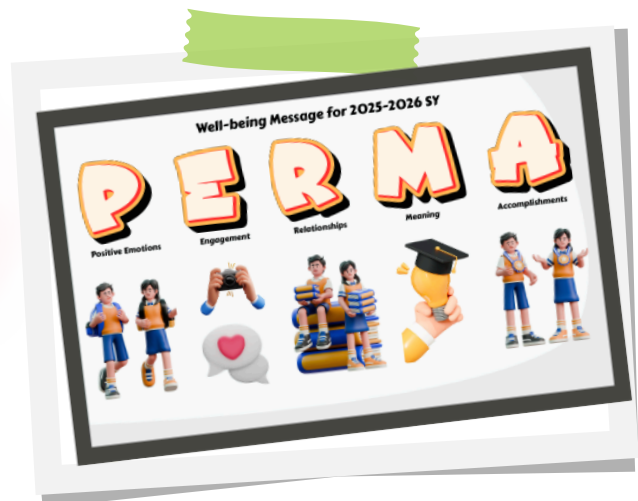


**Mr. Charles Whalen Rutherford**

This year, one of our key priorities is the school-wide P-E-R-M-A initiative (Positive Emotion, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, and Accomplishment). PERMA will serve as a framework to support student well-being and character development across all grade levels. We want every student to thrive—not only through academic achievement, but also by building positive relationships, finding purpose in their learning, and celebrating both big and small accomplishments along the way.

We are also expanding our School-Wide Learner Goals, which remain at the heart of our vision for student growth. Students will be encouraged to engage with these goals more often and more meaningfully throughout the year. Whether as Academic Achievers, Confident Communicators, Critical Thinkers, Technologically Literate Learners, or Active and Responsible Citizens, our learners will see their efforts recognized and celebrated as part of daily school life. Hand in hand with this, our commitment to being a School of Kindness continues through the Random Acts of Kindness initiative, reminding us that kindness and character are as vital to success as knowledge and skills.

**SCHOOL WIDE  
LEARNER  
GOALS**



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



**Nguyen Phuc Bao Khanh**



**Le Thai An**



**Bui Dai Nam**

We are already proud to celebrate significant achievements from our student body from just last month. Over the summer, three of our secondary students represented us in Singapore at the International Science Competition Global Round. We congratulate Nguyen Phuc Bao Khanh (Pearl) winning the Silver Award, Le Thai An achieving the Bronze Award, and Bui Dai Nam achieving the Bronze Award on their outstanding results. Their success stands as a reminder of what our students can achieve through perseverance and dedication.

Academically, we are pleased to share our provisional AS and A-Level results, while we await the final Cambridge World totals. These results show strong overall attainment, with nearly 90% of A-Level grades at C or above, particularly in Mathematics, Science, and Business, and with nearly three quarter of AS-Level grades at C and above. These achievements give us a clear baseline from which to continue building, with targeted support, exam skills coaching, and regular progress checks helping every student move forward with confidence.

Beyond the classroom, we look forward to the vibrancy of our clubs, extracurricular activities, and community events, beginning with our upcoming Opening Ceremony. These programs play a vital role in student life, offering opportunities to discover talents, connect with others, and develop confidence and leadership. We also look forward to the vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the August Revolution and National Day, and wish Parents take care and enjoy the time with your children and loved ones.

With these initiatives, celebrations, and opportunities, we are confident that the 2025–2026 school year will be one of growth, achievement, and shared success. We thank all of our parents, students, and staff for being part of this journey, and we look forward to the year ahead.

Best regards,

Charles Whalen Rutherford

# WELCOME **BACK** TO **SCHOOL**



First day back  
**at SIS@GG**

# WELL-BEING MESSAGE

## Well-being, P-E-R-M-A, and Kindness at SIS @ Gamuda Gardens

Dear Parents,

At SIS, the well-being and character development of our students remain cornerstones of our mission. We believe that true education means nurturing not only academic achievement but also resilience, empathy, and a strong sense of self. This year, we are pleased to welcome Ms. Truc Trinh, our new Well-being Counsellor, who together with our pastoral and safeguarding team, will be working closely with students, teachers, and families to strengthen our shared commitment to social-emotional learning and personal growth.



**Ms. Trinh Le Thuy Truc**

Supporting students in developing values, confidence, and positive relationships ensures that they thrive both inside and outside the classroom. As part of this commitment, we are introducing two well-being focus items for 2025–2026: PERMA – Our School's Well-being Framework and the September "Random Acts of Kindness" Campaign.

### Introducing PERMA Our School's Well-being Focus for 2025–2026

This year, our school is excited to share our well-being message through PERMA, which is all about helping you feel good, learn well, and grow as a person. Each letter in PERMA reminds us of something important:

- P** ■ P is for Positive Emotions – noticing the good things, big or small, that make us smile.
- E** ■ E is for Engagement – finding activities where we feel focused and enjoy what we are doing, like sports, reading, or creating art.
- R** ■ R is for Relationships – remembering that friendships and kindness help us feel connected and supported.
- M** ■ M is for Meaning – knowing that what we do every day, in class and outside, has a purpose.
- A** ■ A is for Accomplishment – celebrating our progress, whether it's reaching a big goal or simply improving a little each day.

At school, we believe that grades matter, but so does your happiness. That's why the school promises to create a safe, caring, and supportive place where you can explore your passions, build friendships, and feel proud of your achievements. Throughout the year, we encourage you to check in with yourself, share kindness with others, and celebrate every step you take on your journey. Together, let's make this a year filled with learning, laughter, and well-being.

# WELL-BEING CAMPAIGNS

This September, our school is excited to kick off the first well-being initiative of the year: Random Acts of Kindness, which connects to the "P" in our PERMA framework – Positive Emotions. PERMA reminds us that living well and learning well is about more than just grades; it's also about finding joy, building connections, and celebrating progress. And what better way to begin than with kindness? Kindness doesn't have to be something big — even the smallest action can brighten someone's day. A smile in the hallway, helping a friend carry their books, writing a thank-you note to a teacher, or learning someone's name for the first time all count as powerful acts of kindness. These small, thoughtful gestures create a ripple effect, spreading warmth and care across our school community.



## Random Acts of Kindness



## September Campaign



Throughout September, students and teachers will join together in many activities to build a culture of kindness. You'll see Kindness Posters around the school as daily reminders to spread positivity. Everyone will be invited to sign the Kindness Pledge Wall — a promise to show care and compassion each day. Form classes can take part in kindness-themed assemblies and lessons, exploring how kindness strengthens friendships and builds a happier school.

# WELL-BEING CAMPAIGNS

## Random Acts of Kindness September Campaign

Each class will also take on the Kindness Calendar Challenge, where we'll try fun and simple daily tasks together, from sharing a compliment to including someone new in a game. Classes that complete the calendar will be recognized with a Kindness Challenge Certificate to celebrate their efforts.

The school promises to support every student and teacher in this journey by creating a safe, caring, and encouraging space where kindness can grow. Each week, we will also highlight Kindness Stories from around the school, giving shout-outs to those who go the extra mile to make others feel welcome and appreciated. At the end of the month, we'll celebrate with a Kindness Champion recognition, honoring those who have inspired us all with their thoughtful actions.



Why does this matter? Because kindness fuels connection. Research shows that acts of kindness can improve mood, reduce stress, and help us feel like we belong.

By practicing kindness together, we are not just making others happy — we are creating a stronger, more caring school community for everyone.

So, let's make September the month where compassion, connection, and contagious kindness take the spotlight. Together, we can make our school a place where kindness is not just an act, but a way of life.

"Be kind. Be proud. Be SIS."

Best regards,

Trinh Le Thuy Truc



# STUDENT COUNCIL



Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents, teachers, and staff for the 2025-2026 school year. My name is Nguyen Phuc Linh from A Level A, and I am honored to serve as your current Student Council President.

The Student Council of Singapore International School in Gamuda Gardens is committed to fostering a vibrant and inclusive school community. Our mission is to empower students through participation and leadership, promote school spirit, serve as a bridge between the student body and school administration, and most importantly, serve our school community.

This year, the Student Council has expanded to include several of the school's prominent committees, including the Prom Committee and the Yearbook/Media Committee. We are honored to welcome 23 dedicated members who have stepped forward to serve as leaders and representatives of our school body and community.

We are excited to organize numerous events and activities throughout the year, including upcoming Sport Weeks, Mid-Autumn festivals, and Halloween celebrations. We are also focused on enhancing the quality and engagement of these activities while improving our sales and fundraising campaigns to continue the Student Council's contributions to charitable causes.

We look forward to your support and encouragement in motivating students to actively participate in school events.

Sincerely,  
Nguyen Phuc Linh  
Student Council President



# KINDERWORLD INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMME (KIK)



## Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year



We are delighted to welcome our parents and students to the KinderWorld International Kindergarten at Gamuda Gardens for the 2025–2026 school year. In just a few days, we have seen new friendships forming, routines taking shape, and our young learners beginning to feel at home. For our youngest students, these early days are a big step—separating from parents, learning to trust their teachers, and discovering the rhythms of school life. For returning students, it is a time to reconnect, take on new responsibilities, and model the maturity we encourage across our Kindergarten.

This year, our updated curriculum brings richer hands-on learning, stronger early literacy and numeracy foundations, and sustained creative exploration through art, music, and STEM. We believe the best outcomes happen when school and home work together; your involvement and open communication with us will help build the strongest foundation for your child. Together, let's make this a year of growth, discovery, and happy memories for every KIK student.

### Spotlight:

- Well-being Programme & Ms Truc: We are pleased to introduce Ms Truc, Well-being Counsellor at Gamuda. Working alongside our teaching staff and guided by our school-wide learner goals, she will lead a well-being programme where KIK students can earn stickers and certificates for demonstrating values such as kindness, helping friends, and showing respect. For our older KIK students, this may also include recognising academic growth.



# KINDERWORLD INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMME (KIK)



## Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year

### August Learning Highlights

Children explored classic fairy tales—Little Red Riding Hood, The Enormous Turnip, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Little Red Hen—and our Nursery/K1 learners enjoyed familiar songs like Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star and Mary Had a Little Lamb. Alongside these themes, teachers helped students establish healthy routines in eating, resting, punctual learning habits, and basic hygiene—clear progress is already visible.

### Upcoming Items

#### Mid-Autumn Festival 2025

- Time: Early October (exact date to be announced)
- Location: [On-campus venue]
- Participants: All KIK students and teachers
- Highlights: Traditional activities, community games, and joyful celebrations



Ms. Vu Thi Thuy



Mr. Kim Horup

### Reminders

- Ensure students wear the correct school uniform and bring required learning materials daily.
- Encourage healthy home routines (sleep, meals, personal hygiene) and talk with your child about classroom values and kindness.
- Stay connected with your homeroom teacher—partnership drives the best outcomes.

Contact:

- School Office:

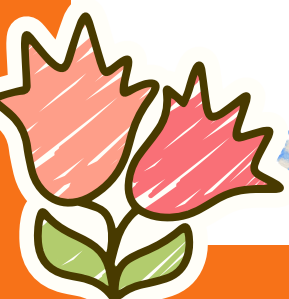
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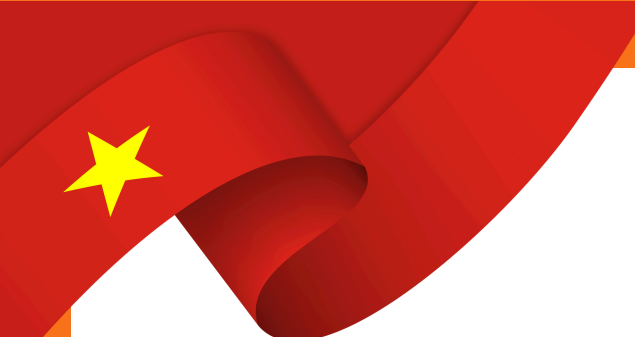
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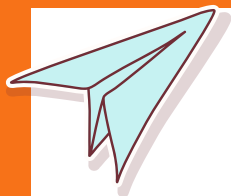
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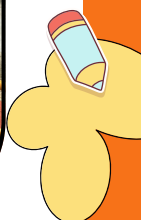


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# PRIMARY SCHOOL

## A Joyful Start to the New School Year

The first four weeks of the school year have unfolded in an atmosphere of excitement and meaningful activity. Our students quickly settled into their new environment, building friendships with classmates and establishing positive relationships with their teachers. Moments of encouragement and kindness in the classroom have brought the Kindness Campaign to life, helping children develop connections and discover the joy of belonging. In addition, reading activities, group discussions, and outdoor games have provided opportunities to experience the full elements of the PERMA model—positive emotions, engagement, relationships, meaning, and small achievements each day. This memorable beginning sets a strong foundation for the year ahead, promising continued joy and success on every student's learning journey.

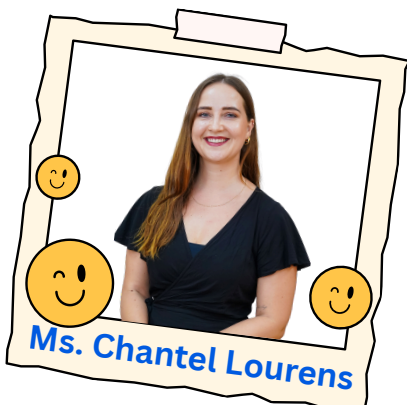
### Upcoming Items

#### New School Year Assembly

- When/Where: 8:45 a.m., 4 September 2025, Multi-Purpose Hall – 4th Floor, Building B
- Who: All students and teachers
- Action Needed: Students are required to wear the proper school uniform when attending the event.

#### Opening Ceremony of the 2025–2026 Academic Year and Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Ministry of National Education of Vietnam (now the Ministry of Education and Training)

- When/Where: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., 5 September 2025 – Live television broadcast
- Who: All students and teachers of the Bilingual Programme
- Action Needed: Students are to gather in their classrooms to participate in the live broadcast together with their teachers and classmates.





# A Joyful Start to the New School Year

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student/Staff Spotlights

The School Leadership commends Class 5A and their teacher for an engaging and memorable Science lesson. Guided by their teacher, students experimented with familiar household mixtures and solutions, developing a clear understanding of the differences between the two. Each group worked enthusiastically—conducting experiments, discussing observations, and confidently presenting their findings. The lesson not only inspired excitement but also demonstrated how science connects closely to everyday life. This is a strong example of creative teaching methods and the proactive, curious spirit of our learners.

### Reminders

- Parents are kindly reminded to ensure students wear the correct school uniform.
- Students should bring the required learning materials each day.
- Encourage consistent study habits at home.



Science  
Lesson 5A



# SECONDARY & HIGH SCHOOL

## Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year

After an exciting summer break, our students have returned to school with great enthusiasm, ready to embark on a new learning journey.

For new students entering Secondary School, the first weeks have been a valuable time to become acquainted with teachers, classmates, subjects, and new approaches to learning. For returning students, this period provides the chance to quickly re-establish routines while setting clear goals for a productive and successful year ahead.

### Spotlight

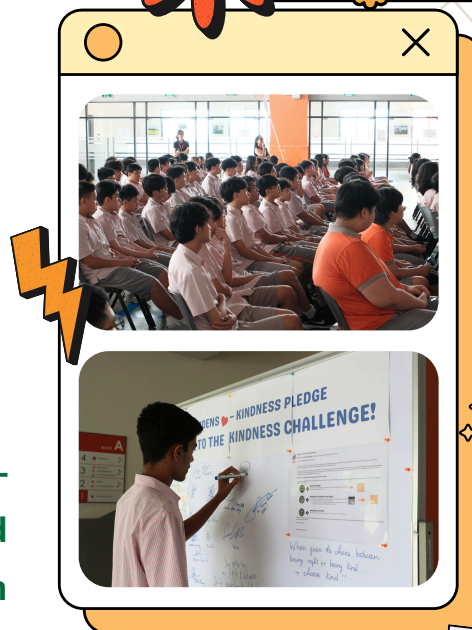
The “Kick-off Week” featured a variety of engaging activities such as self-introductions, team-building games, and introductions to new subject areas. These experiences helped students strengthen their connections with teachers and peers, become familiar with classroom expectations, and develop a positive mindset for the year ahead.

### Upcoming Items

- New School Year Assembly
- Opening Ceremony of the 2025–2026 Academic Year and Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Ministry of National Education of Vietnam (now the Ministry of Education and Training)

### Reminder

Homeroom teachers will continue to provide class and school activity updates every two weeks to keep parents informed.



### Contact

For any assistance, parents are encouraged to contact the homeroom teacher directly or the school office.



**Ms. Nguyen Thi  
Huyen Anh**



# CLUBS & ECAS

## SIS Gamuda Gardens Launches Clubs & ECAs for 2025–2026

Dear Parents,

Our Clubs and ECAs officially began on 18 August, and it has been inspiring to see students participate with such energy and enthusiasm across a wide variety of activities. These programmes not only give students the chance to pursue personal interests but also strengthen skills in teamwork, leadership, and creativity — essential qualities that extend well beyond the classroom.

### Spotlight: Sports Leagues

This semester we are excited to highlight our competitive sports leagues:

Football League – Kicking off on 15 September, students are eager to demonstrate their skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork on the field.

Badminton League – Returning soon! After last year's impressive victory, our team is determined to defend the championship title.



### Upcoming Items

Football League Kick-off – 15 September

Badminton League – Dates to be announced

### Contact

For questions regarding clubs or ECAs, please contact:

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### Reminder

We kindly remind all students to attend their registered clubs consistently. Updates on club schedules and league matches will be shared on the school noticeboard and SharePoint.



**Mr. Hendrik  
Prinsloo**

