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# LEADERSHIP MESSAGES

Dear Parents.

As we bring Semester 1 to a close, I would like to pause and reflect with pride on the remarkable growth, commitment, and sense of community demonstrated across SIS Gamuda Gardens.

December is always a momentous month. Our students completed end-of-semester assessments with focus, resilience, and maturity. These moments of academic challenge matter, not only for results, but for the habits of perseverance and responsibility they build over time. I commend our students for their effort and our teachers for their care, professionalism, and thoughtful feedback that guide learning.

Beyond the classroom, our school community came together in powerful ways. From vibrant ECAs and sporting fixtures to student-led initiatives and the Christmas Charity Fair to creative celebrations, our campus was alive with purpose and connection. These experiences reflect who we are. A community that values achievement, creativity, service, and leadership in equal measure.

Throughout the semester, we have continued to anchor our work in the PERMA framework. We saw positive emotion in celebration, engagement in learning and the arts, relationships strengthened through teamwork and service, meaning expressed through charity and contribution, and accomplishment achieved both academically and personally.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff for their unwavering dedication, to our students for their energy and leadership, and to our parents for your trust, partnership, and support. Education is at its best when school and home work together with a shared purpose.

Best regards,  
Charles Whalen Rutherford



**As we enter 2026 and the second semester of studies, I wish all families a healthy and prosperous year ahead! May it also be a year that offers space for reflection, gratitude, and renewal. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding final semester of studies and smiles.**



# December Highlights





# KIK NEWS

## Nature walks and charity fair



Dear Parents,

The final month of the year was full of joyful experiences and meaningful learning for our young learners.

Alongside our weekly themes focused on the senses, students across the kindergarten participated in nature walks around our campus. A nature walk is much more than a simple stroll—it invites children to observe closely, ask questions, share ideas, and collect natural items that spark curiosity and discussion. Our teachers thoughtfully extended this learning back into the classrooms by creatively displaying the collected materials. Our Nursery students, in particular, delighted in exploring and gathering rocks, twigs, flowers, and leaves in their small baskets, turning each walk into a hands-on discovery adventure.

Following the concert, students enjoyed well-deserved festive activities in their classrooms and visited the charity stalls set up around the school. Through this experience, our students learned the important value of kindness and giving, as our school community came together to support those in need.

As the year draws to a close, we are grateful for the many moments of learning, celebration, and connection shared with our students and families.

We wish you a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year from all of us at KIK.

Best regards,

Kim Horup - Vu Thi Thuy

A significant highlight of the month was our annual Christmas Charity Fair. The festivities began with our Kindergarten students taking to the big stage to perform beloved Christmas classics, warmly applauded by parents and our older students. It was wonderful to see the children's growing confidence and emotional maturity as they performed with such pride and joy.





# KIK NEWS



# Primary News

## End of Term Reflections and Holiday Wishes from the Primary School



I would like to wish all our families all the best in 2026! I hope that the holiday season and New Year was warm, with family and friends. We look forward to a third term of studies with students, refreshed and ready for the exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of term and progress into the next, I would like to congratulate our Primary students on the positive way they have completed their recent assessments. The exam period has concluded, and I would like to thank both students and teachers for their hard work, focus, and resilience over the past few weeks. We are proud of the effort shown and look forward to sharing progress with families in the new term.

It has also been wonderful to see our school community come together for the Christmas Fair. Events like these highlight the strong sense of partnership between students, staff, and parents, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed their time and energy to make it such a success. The festive atmosphere was enjoyed by all and provided a joyful way to mark the end of a busy term.

Best regards,

Mr Vincent Flynn - Ms Chantel Lourens - Ms Tran Thi Thuy Van





# PRIMARY NEWS





# Secondary News

## Closing Semester 1 A Joyful Christmas Celebration



Dear Parents,

December – Focused Efforts for End-of-Term Exams and a Festive Christmas ✨

The final month of 2025 unfolded in an atmosphere of strong academic focus as students concentrated on their End-of-Semester 1 examinations. Immediately following this intensive period, students enjoyed moments of excitement and celebration as they came together to participate in the Annual Christmas Charity Fair—an event rich in meaning, connection, and vibrant festive spirit.



### 🌟 Spotlight

#### 📚 End-of-Semester 1 Examinations

The school community implemented the End-of-Semester 1 examinations with seriousness and responsibility:

Students proactively revised, demonstrated strong commitment, and completed their assessments with a high sense of responsibility.

#### 🎄 Christmas Charity Fair

The Christmas Fair created a lively festive atmosphere with a wide range of engaging activities:

- Attractive food and beverage stalls.
- Artistic performances, physical games, and intellectual challenges.
- Notably, after the event concluded, SIS students demonstrated commendable discipline and community awareness by cleaning up their stalls and maintaining the surrounding environment.



### 📌 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Local Field Trips within Hanoi

Time: Throughout January 2026

📍 Participants: Classes organising field trip plans in January

📍 Venue: Museums within Hanoi

✓ Requirements:

- Submit registration forms by the deadline.
- Wear sports uniform.
- Follow all excursion regulations and teacher instructions.

### 🔔 Reminder

Form teachers will continue to update learning plans and class/school activities on a bi-weekly basis for parents' convenience.

Best regards,  
Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh

# High School News



## A Semester of Achievement, Leadership, and Happiness at SIS Gamuda Gardens

### Celebrating Student Success

As we conclude an incredible fall semester and move into our third term, we are proud of our students' dedication and creativity. From preparing for examinations to organizing vibrant assemblies, a thrilling Halloween party with a dazzling fashion show, their efforts have been inspiring. The Teacher's Day celebrations and the Christmas Charity Fair, which raised an impressive amount for charitable causes, reflect the generosity and leadership that define our school community.

### Gratitude to Our Teachers

We extend heartfelt thanks to our teachers for their unwavering commitment to educating and guiding our students. Your passion and hard work have been the foundation of this semester's success.

### Applauding Student Leadership

A special appreciation goes to our Student Council for demonstrating exceptional leadership and teamwork. Your vision and energy have united our community and set a shining example for your peers.

### Living Our PERMA Values

These achievements embody the PERMA Model of Happiness, Positive Emotion, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, and Accomplishment, which is at the heart of our school values. Through their actions, our students have not only excelled academically but also fostered joy, purpose, and strong connections within our community.

Best regards,  
Memo Mata



Together, we celebrate a semester of growth, collaboration, and happiness. Here's to continuing this journey of excellence and well-being in the year ahead!

**"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." - Robert Collier**



# High School News

## The Night of the Arts 2026

### An Enchanting Evening for a Noble Cause

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to invite families to The Night of the Arts 2026, a magical, community-wide celebration of creativity, talent, and compassion. This special event will take place on Friday, 6 February 2026, from 4:30-7:30 PM at the MPH School campus, transforming our grounds into a fairy tale-themed evening filled with wonder and inspiration.

The Night of the Arts showcases the incredible talents of our students and staff across all year levels. Families can enjoy English literacy performances such as poems, short stories, and scripts; musical performances highlighting student and staff abilities; and an exhibition of amazing artworks, many of which will be featured in a charity auction. With food, entertainment, and activities for all ages, from primary through high school, this promises to be an inclusive and memorable night for the entire school community

  
**We encourage parents to join us for this enchanting evening of art, performance, and purpose. We look forward to celebrating together at The Night of the Arts 2026.**

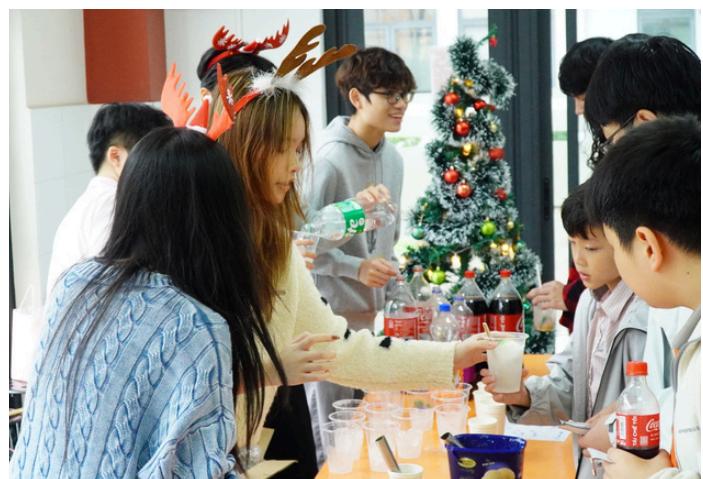
Importantly, this is a ticketed fundraising event, with all profits supporting flood relief efforts in Central Vietnam. By attending, you are directly contributing to a meaningful cause while celebrating student creativity and community spirit. Early Bird Discounted Tickets will start at 250 000 VND per person and can be brought at the office until January 23 2026. Afterwards our Standard Price Ticket will be on sale at 300 000 VND pp until 4pm the day of the event. At the Door Tickets will be priced at 350 000 VND pp. So, grab your tickets quick!

For more information or ticket purchasing, please contact the school office.  
Best regards,  
Jodie Smith





# HIGHLIGHTS





**We sincerely appreciate your unwavering support of the SSC throughout 2025. We wish you a wonderful new year.**



We are deeply grateful for the generous support from our student body. As the new year commences, the SSC will launch our annual Tet Charity Box initiative. We look forward to your continued engagement in this important event.

Sincerely,

Nguyen Phuc Linh  
President of the Senior Student Council



Dear Parents,

As we end 2025, and begin 2026, I am writing to extend our warmest wishes for a Happy New Year! The Senior Student Council would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students on completing their semester examinations. Throughout December, the SSC has launched our Take What You Need board, which was met with much support and contributions. Additionally, the Senior Student Council hosted Sport Events, including Football, Basketball, and Badminton, with exciting competitive matches between students and teachers. The Prom Committee successfully organized the Winter Bakery, featuring an array of confectionery and cakes.



# Student Council

## Simple New Year Activities from Around the World



### 1. One Word for the New Year (Global Reflection Tradition)

Many cultures begin the New Year with reflection and hope for what's ahead.

Try this:

- Ask each family member to choose one word for the New Year (e.g. kind, brave, calm).
- Say it out loud at dinner or write it on a sticky note and place it somewhere visible.

Why it works: Quick, thoughtful, and helps children focus on personal growth.

### 2. A Wish in an Envelope (Lunar New Year-Inspired)

Instead of gifts or money, focus on words and intentions.

Try this:

- Write one kind wish for each family member on a small piece of paper.
- Put it in an envelope and let everyone open theirs on New Year's Day.

Why it works: Takes only minutes and encourages kindness and emotional connection.

Reminder:

Choose just one activity—even five minutes is enough. These small rituals help children feel calm, hopeful, and connected as they step into the New Year.

Wishing your family a peaceful and positive New Year ahead!

Contribution by Trinh Le Thuy Truc  
- Well-being Counsellor

**Celebrating the New Year doesn't have to be big or complicated. Small, meaningful moments can be just as powerful—especially for children. Here are easy, low-effort activities inspired by different cultures that families can try at home to welcome the New Year with intention and joy.**

### 3. Let Go & Start Fresh (Common New Year Custom Worldwide)

Across many cultures, the New Year is about releasing the old and welcoming the new.

Try this:

- Ask your child to name one thing they want to leave behind (a worry, a bad habit).
- Tear up the paper together and say, "We're ready for a fresh start."

Why it works: Simple, symbolic, and supportive of emotional well-being.



# Parent Hacks

# Clubs and ECAs

## Celebrating Growth, Talent & Team Spirit in Our ECAs!



Dear Parents,

As we conclude the year and move into the New Year and next term of study, we want to celebrate the wonderful energy, commitment, and teamwork our students have shown across all Clubs and ECAs this term. Through the lens of PERMA and wellbeing, students have built strong Relationships, developed Meaningful skills, and found Engagement and Achievement in activities they enjoy.



Looking ahead to Term 3, we are excited to kick off the new year with Football and Badminton matches as well as our participation in the UNIS Swimming Invitational 2026. These events are fantastic opportunities for students to challenge themselves, build confidence, and represent our school with pride. February will bring additional Badminton fixtures, giving our athletes more chances to grow and shine.

We strongly encourage all students to continue joining clubs in the new term. ECAs provide a supportive environment to strengthen existing talents, explore new interests, and connect with peers in positive, healthy ways. Whether in sports, creativity, or academic clubs, every student has a place to thrive.

We wish all families a joyful and prosperous 2026! May we have an exciting, active start to the new year!

Best regards,  
Hendrik Prinsloo





## December Well-being Recap & What's Coming in January

**Dear Parents,**

As 2025 has come to a close, we're proud to reflect on a month filled with connection, gratitude, and shared meaning across our school community. 

Under the Well-being focus of Relationships, students from all year levels took part in the "Connecting Hearts, Growing Community" activity by creating a Warm Connections Paper Chain. Each paper strip carried a message of gratitude, pride, or kindness, and together they now wrap around our Christmas tree as a powerful visual reminder that every voice matters.

Walking past the tree, it's clear: our community is strongest when we take time to notice one another, express appreciation, and celebrate what connects us. Thank you to all teachers and students who made this simple idea so meaningful.

# WELL - BEING

## Jan Well-being Activity: Connect with Yourself Month

As we step into the new year, our focus shifts inward. January invites students and staff to pause, reflect, and set positive intentions for the year ahead.



Throughout the month, students will take part in age-appropriate goal-setting activities, creating personal intentions for their learning, well-being, and relationships. These reflections will be shared as part of our "New Year Intentions Collection," celebrating growth, hope, and purpose across the school.

Let's begin the year grounded, intentional, and ready to grow — together. 

Best regards,  
Trinh Le Thuy Truc

