



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,

Outstanding Learner Awards

It is with great pleasure that once again I get to congratulate our students for their great achievements in the Cambridge, June 2017 examination series. Students from Singapore International School @ Gamuda Gardens have received the following **Top in Vietnam Awards**:



AS Level Mathematics – Nguyen Minh Thao

AS Level History – Nguyen Minh Thao

AS Level Sociology – Syeda Meharbash Kashif

These awards recognize the talent, dedication and commitment of both students and staff. Congratulations!

The Outstanding Learner Awards programme celebrates the success of learners taking Cambridge examinations in over 40 countries around the world. Since 2012, our students have achieved 15 prestigious awards from Cambridge Assessment International Education.

I am also pleased to announce that one of our students, **Vu Minh An** received the **iPSLE award of 'Outstanding Subject Performance (Math)' for Vietnam**. The iPSLE exam tests students at the end of their primary education in English, Mathematics and Science. It is a very challenging and high stakes examination for students in Singapore. This is an excellent result for Vu Minh An and we are very proud of his achievement.

The achievement of these awards demonstrates that academic excellence at the highest levels can be achieved through our instructional programs at Singapore International School.



Nguyen Minh Thao
(Top in Vietnam for AS Level Mathematics and AS Level History)



Syeda Meharbash Kashif (Top in Vietnam for AS Level Sociology)



Pham Lam Duc Hung appearing on Little Big Shots Vietnam

Little Big Shots Vietnam

The sharing of student achievements also extends to the personal achievements of our students. 'Little Big Shots' is a very big and successful show in the US and many other countries. It is a show that has now hit the screens of Vietnam with 'Little Big Shots Vietnam'. The show is a hot hit on VTV3 and it is a show for children aged from 3 – 13 years old to show their special abilities such as singing, dancing, multi-language speaking, commentary etc.

One of our Year 7 students, Pham Lam Duc Hung was recently on the show as a sport commentator and his knowledge and passion for football were featured. Duc Hung's confidence, posture and pro comments impressed the audience. To watch Duc Hung's performance on 'Little Big Shots Vietnam', please follow the link below:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=m_uUub8Z27Y

Congratulations Duc Hung on your commentary performance!

Teacher's Day

On November 20, we celebrated Teacher's Day. It was so nice for our teachers to be recognized by parents and students for their hard work and dedication to teaching. Our teachers were very touched by kind words, flowers, letters and gifts to honor this day. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to share this day with our teachers. We are very thankful and appreciate all of your support to our school.



Christmas Charity Fair

SIS @ Gamuda Gardens will be holding our annual Christmas Charity Fair on Friday 15th of December from 10:30 – 12:45 pm. All parents are welcome to join in the fun. Our students are currently busy planning for the event. The chosen charity this year will again be "Operation Smile, Vietnam". This wonderful charity is dedicated to transforming the lives of children who are born with facial deformities. We look forward to seeing you all on the 15th!



Niem Son charity donations ready for delivery



Mr. Grant delivering donations at Niem Son



A child from Niem Son receiving donations

Niem Son Charity Donations

Thanks to the SIS @ Gamuda Gardens Senior Student Council with the support of KK @ The Manor, KK @ Hanoi Towers and SIS @ Van Phuc we have managed to have received more than 3,000 items of clothing, toiletries, books and packages of food that will be donated to the Niem Son. We have also raised VND 25,641,000 in cash donations which will go towards improving the school with the current goal to fund a hot water system for the showers, which is particularly important for maintaining the good health of the students as we move into winter. We will continue to provide updates as these projects progress. On behalf of the Senior Student Council we would like to extend our deepest thanks for all of the donations and support that have been received for the charity drive for Niem Son.

Regards

**Shane Blood
Principal**

Message from Deputy Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

The last few weeks have been an exciting time for the students at Gamuda Gardens as over this time we have witnessed an unprecedented growth in our school sports program and in the amount of games our students are competing with against other schools. This explosion of sports began several weeks ago when our high school boys and girls basketball teams travelled to the International School of Vietnam with both teams competing in their first game and the boys picking up their first big win. The trend has continued over the past few weeks, as on November 11 our Gaelic Football team picked up a win in their first game of the year in an under 15 match at Vietnam Australia School and the high school boys basketball team continued to display their skills and determination in a hard fought game at BVIS on November 17.



The sports mania has also spread to the middle and primary schools, as our Year 3-5 football team played a set of fixtures where they won, lost and tied in a series of matches against SIS Gamuda and our middle school boys and girls basketball teams are set to play their first games off the season over the next few weeks. In addition, there are more fixtures on the horizon for our high school basketball, football and Gaelic football teams.

Whether we win, lose or draw in any given game, as a school we are very proud to have so many new teams and opportunities for our students to try new things and improve their health while they learn about what it means to be a part of a team.

Regards,
John Shoulders



Mr. Blood presenting Vu Minh An iPSLE award of Outstanding Subject Performance (Maths) for Vietnam



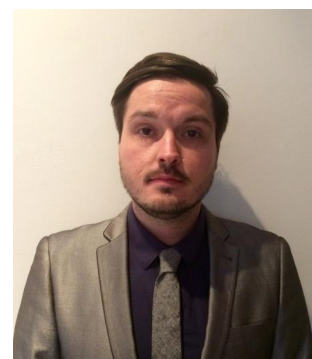
Fire Drill Practice



Fire Drill Practice with Hanoi Fire Safety Department

Message from Guidance Officer

Mr. Lim discussed the different destinations of the Cambridge system as well as the entry requirements from different universities and countries around the world. We also took an in depth look at how the Cambridge system prepares its students to be successful for the ever changing future workplace.



If you were unable to make it to the meeting, all of the information that was presented is available on the school website under the "useful downloads" section.

For future coffee with the counsellor sessions we will be looking at the different subject choices of the AS and A levels as well as the career pathways that these subjects lead into.

Regards,
Michael Ogden

Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies



Dear Parents and Students,

The month is coming to an end and it is the peak month of both study and revision for Semester 1 Exams. We have sent students the Semester 1 Exam Schedule and attached the Revision Outline designed for each grade and level. We would like parents to support and supervise your children to thoroughly review their work so they can do their best to achieve good results. We have arranged one subject to be tested per day to reduce pressure on students.

Secondary exam schedule: November 27 to December 8, 2017
Primary exam schedule: December 4 to December 11, 2017

We would like to ask parents to arrange your family holiday trips before or after the exam dates so that students do not miss their exams. This is particularly important for students in Year 1 to Year 6. Please take care of your children to prepare them with good health for this exam.

Examination Tips for students:

- Conduct a thorough revision of the contents in the Revision Outline. Please ask your teachers any content that you are unclear or need more information on.
- Do not stay up too late. Keep a timely schedule. Do not play too much with gadgets.
- Have all your school stationaries prepared and ready for use to avoid borrowing from your friends during exam time.
- Calmly read exam papers and write answers. Focus on easy questions first, and complete the difficult ones later.
- Present your answers in a clear and coherent manner, avoiding erasing too much. Use ruler and ink pen to make corrections and write correct answers underneath.
- Before sumitting your papers read thoroughly through answers and ensure you have made any needed corrections.



Senior Boys Basketball Team



Halloween Door Decoration



Year 1L students dressed up for Halloween

There is one special day in November which is Teacher's Day. It is a special day when people show their gratitude to teachers – those who silently contribute to education. We would like to thank you sincerely – parents and students – for your beautiful flowers and cards full of nice words and wishes, on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of Vietnamese Teacher's Day!

Once again, we wish Parents good health, happiness and success! We wish all students good results for the upcoming Semester 1 exams. I am happy to reply any questions via my email address nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Regards
Duong Thanh Nghi

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Primary School Parents and Students,

With the Christmas holiday break coming, it is time to make arrangements at home for reviewing school work covered in Terms 1 and 2 in preparation for semester exams starting after the holidays in early January 2018. Please help to allocate time and effort over the coming weekends and week days to review school work completed so far this year.



Throughout the year, our school emphasizes and celebrates a range of human virtues. These virtues are taught to help students develop good character and positive social skills. The virtues include honesty, integrity, cooperation, responsibility, teamwork and diligence. The virtues are emphasized as part of the basic fabric of our school community. As parents, we also have an obligation to teach our children good character. All parents are asked to speak with children to reinforce constantly, the value of "living virtues" daily – for your children's and everybody's sake.

I asked Year 3 recently, "Why did the banana go to the doctor?" and no-one knew. The answer is, of course, "...Because it wasn't peeling well." A good laugh together is a good way to consolidate the learning partnership. If we make learning fun, children will want to learn more. As we head towards the Christmas Charity Fair and holiday season, I hope we can all make time for celebrating fun, learning, sharing and caring together. A belief that learning can be fun pays huge dividends for all our school community.

Thank you again for your support in encouraging students to do their best.

Regards
Dr. Noel Geoghegan



Mr. Ratzon presenting Nguyen Minh Thao with her 'Top in Vietnam' award for AS Level Mathematics



SIS playing football with Olympia School



Primary students playing basketball

Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

It has been another busy month at school and teachers are working hard to prepare our middle school students for their upcoming semester exams. I have been getting around to different classes and have seen some of the great work that students are producing in lessons. This is great to see and I hope it continues.

It is particularly good to see so many middle school classes getting involved in school events – particularly the clothing charity drive to Ha Giang. There were excellent contributions from all classes, but the winners were 8C, who thanks to Mr Grant's enthusiasm, contributed around 400 items.

Sports clubs have continued to excel and it was great to see a Year 8 team win the lunchtime football tournament against some strong teams from the high school. In December we have a five-a-side football tournament at Hanoi Academy and hopefully the team will compete well again.

Also in December, we have our Christmas Charity Fair which will raise money for Operation Smile – an amazing charity that raises money for children with facial deformities. Our students are really taking their kindness and generosity to a new level this year and it will be great to see this continue.

Kind Regards

Mr Sean Stokes



Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to thank you for the terrific Teacher's Day we had at SIS. The Senior Student Council organized a cupcake sale along with giving each teacher a thank you note and a cupcake. The Korean Moms Community also brought in a lovely gift for each teacher at our school. Plus, there were many other individual gifts, flowers and cards going around. The SIS community sure know how to make the teachers feel special. We are very grateful.

There are only a few short weeks before we break for Christmas and once we come back in January the semester 1 exams will be in full force starting on day one. Please make sure your student is not absent from January 2nd - January 10th. This means over the holidays, students should be revising and studying as to not forget the material they learned before break.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Regards,
Erin Roetker

