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SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ GAMUDA GARDENS

NEWSLETTER

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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**

Principal's News

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Sadly we faced many challenges with COVID, which hindered the excitement and fun we usually have at the end of a school year. School is not an exciting place to be in without the sound of laughter and chatter of our students.

COVID impacted all of our lives, and we pray and trust that the 2021-2022 school year will start smoothly and our students will be able to return to school once again.



REPORTS and AWARDS

Thank you, parents, for collecting your child's folder with the following in them:

- *Annual academic report card
- *School Wide learner Goals report card
- *Vietnamese Report Cards (for Vietnamese students who studied in the International classes)
- *SVIS Report Card (for students who studied in the Integrated program)
- *EFL Report Cards (if applicable)
- *DynEd progress Report Cards
- *DynEd Certificate (if your child completed the next level)
- *Merit Award (if applicable)
- *Global Citizenship Award (if your child exceeds all the SWLG's)
- *School photographs
- *Yearbook

All books, etc., that your child left in their lockers and desk was bundled up and returned to you.

The form teachers also emailed you digital copies of all of the above (except the school photos)

If you did not receive these, they would be available from our office staff during the school holidays.



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NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Please note the next school year starts on the 9th of August, 2021. Class lists will be placed in the foyers for your convenience, to support the students in locating their classes with ease.

All Primary School students will be in Building C

All Secondary - Year 6, 7 and 8 students will be in Building B

All High School - Year 9, IGCSE, AS, and A-level students will be in Building A.

All Year 1 and New Students will be invited to an open house on the 6th of August; more details will follow.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations go to all the students who achieved Merit Awards, especially during this time. We are proud to announce that 114 Year 1 - IG1 students received merit awards for academic excellence. Well done to all our students and your families.

It comes to show that online teaching and learning was successful, and our students and teachers rose to the challenge once again.

CAMBRIDGE RESULTS

We all wait anxiously for our Cambridge results which will be released on the 10th and 12th of August.

I trust that our students will do well, as they are dedicated students who were well-prepared and received a lot of support from our excellent teachers.

We will inform you of the results in the August newsletter .

NCC - International Foundation Program

Next year we are hoping to run the NCC program, a one-year foundation program that gives students entry to some universities. Students completing the IG2 or AS level are eligible to sign up for this program. Please contact the office if you would like more information.

OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY

The office will be open during the school holiday from 8 am to 5 pm.

I trust you and your children will enjoy the summer break away from the computer.

Please, encourage your children to rest, eat well, read, exercise and laugh a lot!

Thank you for all your support during this year, and I hope to see everyone back at school on the 9th of August.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to address your concerns or suggestions on

lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,

Lorraine Els

Principal

Message from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to pass! We have had some rather close calls with Covid and lock down but we have managed to make it to the finish line at last!

Well done to all our students for consistently putting in all the hard work and dedication into their studies, I'm sure that it has certainly paid off with your final report cards. As always there is room to improve and even if you didn't get the result you were hoping for there is always an opportunity to try again in the future.

I look forward to seeing you all well rested and relaxed when you return to school for your next academic year!

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting, please feel free to email me at:

michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Kind regards,

Michael Ogden



Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

We are heading to the end of term 2020 – 2021.

Due to the COVID 19 situation, we apologize for the cancel of Graduation and Awards Ceremony. During online teaching and learning, although students are not able to physically take part in the lessons, our teachers did prepared numerous learning activities such as Online Golden Bell, Poem contest, Book reviews and Educational Program about fighting against COVID. Additionally, our Math, Physics, Chemistry and Biology teachers are happy to support students with revising English vocabulary and topics which are an importance basis for their learning career, helps students with personality, skills and knowledge.

We've made it through a wonderful and memorable school year.

As the last article in school year 2020 – 2021, we would like to send a huge thank for your support and cooperation that contribute to a successful year.

We wish parents and students a wonderful summer holiday.

Please closely follow the 5K rules to stay healthy and fight against COVID 19.

See you in the next academic year 2021 – 2022

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



Message from Secondary Deputy Principal

Dear SIS Gamuda Garden Secondary Parents,

Congratulations to you all for another successful year. I know you share my appreciation for our exceptional team of Secondary teachers. We are pleased that almost all will be returning to SIS in August, ready to welcome our incoming Year 6 students. To those leaving us for the high school, we wish you the best of success. Thank you to Mr. Grant, Ms. Van Rensburg, Mr. Quelin, and the rest of the Heads of Studies, for their leadership and support of both the Secondary staff and its student body. The work has already begun to make 2021-2022 a fantastic school year. Parents, thank you for sharing your children with us, and for the trust you have placed in our staff.

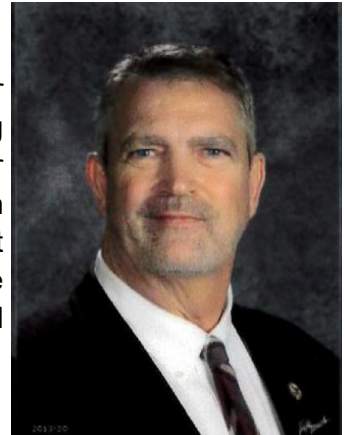
Enjoy the break, and be safe.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to communicate with your child's teachers, or you can email me on mark.hemphill@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Thank you,

Best regards,

Mark Hemphill



Message from KIK & Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parent

Not many would disagree that the 2020 – 2021 academic year has been a challenging one, we have witnessed a seismic shift in how we interact with our students. But I must say how impressed I have been at the way we have all adapted to structural and strategic changes forced upon us.

Students and teachers have risen to the challenge and that has allowed us to continue to offer a quality learning experience, albeit distanced. Sadly, I cannot say that for our KIK students who have unfortunately been unable to attend online learning and are sorely missed. We do however, have much to be thankful for, as the academic year draws to a close I am confident we can all agree on the amazingly resilience our students, teachers and families have shown. I am so proud of our student body and faculty members for all of their hard work and well-earned successes, I would like to thank everyone for their patience, enthusiasm, and continued support. As well as to remind everyone that better days are ahead.

Hopefully, next academic year will come and will run much smoother than the last two. Hopefully we have seen the end of forced school closures and online learning. And, hopefully, we will see a more 'normal' type of school day return. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming back our students on campus and back into their classrooms.

In closing, I want to reiterate our gratitude for your continued support and wish you and your family good health and good spirits. I hope our students and staff have a relaxing break and have a chance to enjoy the summer sun. Thank you again and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and productive summer!

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to email me roy.donnan@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards

Roy Donnan



Message from Head of Studies - Year 6

Dear Parents,

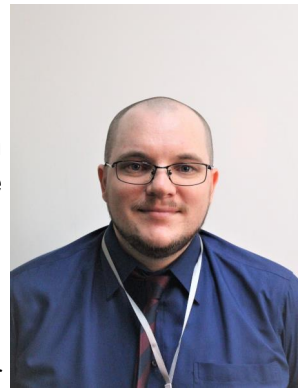
We have arrived at the end of a long year. Despite the challenges of online learning, in addition to the regular challenges of transitioning to middle school, I feel comfortable looking back on the year as a success for the Grade 6s. They have grown as learners, becoming more serious and knowledgeable, and have begun to temper their youthful curiosity with maturity and focus.

There will be new challenges next year as the students move into Grade 7. We will be looking for them to grow more mature still and develop more independence as learners. This year your child has begun a journey to become a mature, independent and active learner who takes ownership of their choices and education. This is not an easy journey, but it is one that will see them become lifelong learners and active, responsible adults.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you again next year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards,
Brett Grant



Message from Head of Studies - Year 7

Dear Parents and Students,

It is that time of the year where we look back and reflect on the year that has passed. What a year it has been. The year 7 class has grown both inside and outside the classroom. I have been impressed with their maturity to the changes during Covid-19 and their ability to adapt to online learning.

Students had the chance to complete Project Based Learning for the first time and the outcomes were impressive. It was a good opportunity for students to work together in groups and apply their critical thinking to a real-world problem. Students had fun taking part in our new STEM program where they had the opportunity to try out the new robotics technology in our STEM lab. Outside the classroom, students participated in inter house sports events showing that they are well rounded students.

I look forward to seeing the progress of the Year 7 class continue into Year 8 where I will continue to be their pastoral leader. I am hoping to form new relationships and build on old ones in the new year.

I wish all students and their families a safe and happy summer ahead. I look forward to seeing students return.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at:

claudine.vanrensborg@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards,
Claudine van Rensburg



Message from Head of Studies Year 8 & 9

Dear Parents,

We have made it through yet another year impaired with Covid-19, but the experience of last year helped us as a school to thrive and be successful.

The Grade 8 and 9 have had a great year. I am especially pleased to see that the reshuffle of some of the classes was a success. The way students were able to make friends with new classmates was great to witness!

While we couldn't finish the season due to the latest outbreak, we've had an amazing 2nd Hanoi Sports League season. It was wonderful to see the increased sense of community as our various sports teams competed. Congratulations to our High School Boys Football team who won the league. I am especially proud of the Girls Basketball Team; it was a pleasure to witness how much you've improved and a joy to spend some time with you!

I wish you all a wonderful summer. To the Grade 8 and 9 students who will join our IGCSE programme next year, enjoy the summer and come back re-energized! To those leaving the SIS family, the very best of luck in your future endeavours!

Best regards,
Gautier Quelin



Message from Head of Studies - IGCSE

Dear Parents and Students,

Cambridge June 2021 Exam Series has finally concluded. I would like to say thank you to all the parents who have given their full support to their children to exceed these challenges.

Our deepest gratitude to their teachers who have been providing their unwavering assistance and guidance to their students.

Please be informed that the Cambridge results will be released on these dates.
AS and A level - 10 August
IGCSE - 12 August

The students' Cambridge login details have been sent to them by their form teachers. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for any queries.

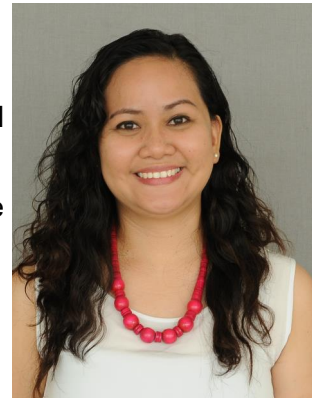
Congratulations to all our Cambridge students! We are proud of your achievements this Academic Year!

Have a great summer break! Stay safe and healthy.

We look forward to seeing you all in August!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at maria.batac@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Maria Batac



Message from Head of Studies - AS-A level

Dear Parents,

You can all be very proud of what your children have accomplished during this very tough time spent online. Being away from friends can be very challenging, but our students have shown a great deal of perseverance. I have seen multiple students use being at home to their advantage and have spent their time wisely to master some additional skills. Some have worked really hard in practicing self discipline. It excites me to see that our students are always willing to grow.

I am very pleased with the level of effort our senior students prepared for the past final exam series. We are all excited to see their final results this coming August.

I would like to make use of this opportunity to thank you for assisting us during the online classes by ensuring that your child had a working computer and internet. Without your help, we could not have delivered these lessons with success.

I wish you all a fantastic holiday and am very excited to see the students back for a brand new school year.

Should you have any issues, feel free to contact me at any time at westley.venter@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards,
Westley Venter

