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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

Term 3 is finished already, which means the final examinations lie ahead of us. The Cambridge examinations start as early as April, 21 and will continue to mid-June. The Semester 2 examinations for Year 1 - IG1 will start on the 26th of May and finish on the 3rd of June. Please check the TOS's for details. Even though COVID our students have managed to stay focused and are producing excellent work, congratulations to them and you for your continued support.



ART Exhibition

Our IG1 students exhibited their stunning ART work in both the school foyer and classroom. We are very proud of the excellent work produced by these creative students, which is inspired by our young Art teacher. Well done to Ms Jodie and her students.

STUDENTS Year 7 - A-levels

We hope for our secondary and high school students to return to school full time from the start of the 4th and last term of the school year. Students must maintain their distance and during lunchtime abide by the COVID rules set, only 4 students per table and no student is permitted to share their lunch. We look forward to having our students at school all day and look forward to welcoming back our Primary school students.

YEARBOOK Front Cover Competition

Our students were given the opportunity to participate in the competition; to design the front cover of the Yearbook. I am very excited to see what our students submit.

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MATHLETICS

Our Secondary Year 6 to IG1 International classes participated in the online Mathletics competition that was held worldwide on the 23rd and 24th of March. 27 students achieved Bronze Certificates, the following students were identified as our top 10 students. Well done to all our students who participated!

Phuong Chi Nguyen - 7LB
Vishawjeet Datt - 6LA
Ba Quoc Huy Nguyen - 8LA
Anh Quan Bui - 8LB
JaeHyun Lim - 7LA
Ngoc Khanh Nguyen - IGCSE1B
Ba Nghia Hoang - 8LB
Thi Ngoc Mai Nguyen - 7LA
Trieu An Duong - IGCSE1D
Duy Nguyen Trinh - 8LB

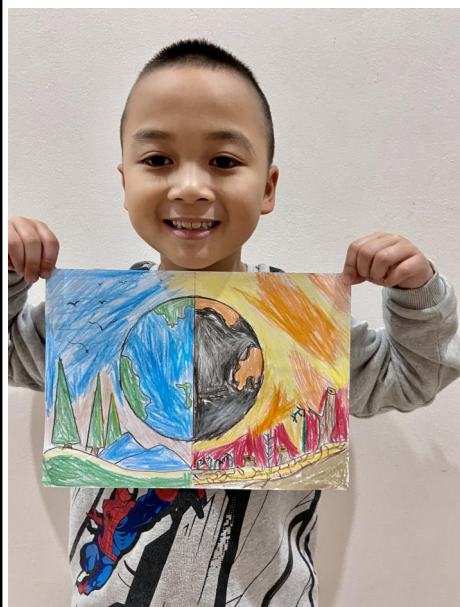
CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS

The High School students IG2 - A-levels completed their mock examinations and are preparing for their finals which start as early as the 21st of April. Our deputy head has been meeting with parents to discuss academic concerns and work with parents to support students who are finding their course material challenging. Please support your child and the school to ensure academic success.

EARTHDAY

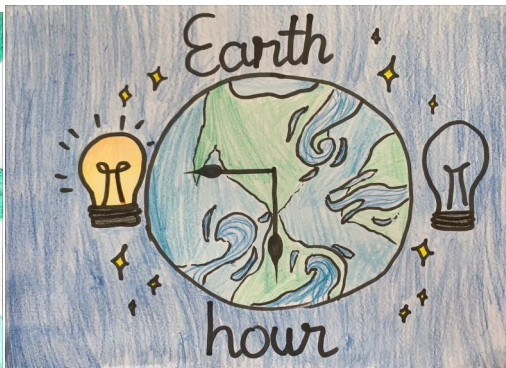
Our students produced wonderful earthday posters and celebrated Vietnam earth hour on the 26th of March. Please find attached to this newsletter the Earthday video our Primary school put together. A special thanks go to Ms Van and Mr Howgill for their inspiration.

Our Top 21 Posters





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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our Year 7 - A-levels will have their individual and group photographs taken on the 27th and 28th of April. Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform on, their hair is neat and their shoes are clean. (white or black shoes). Please note our uniform shop at school is open during breaks.

END OF TERM ACTIVITIES

We finished the term on a high note, the Secondary and High School students enjoyed the inter-house egg-dropping competition and were eager to participate in the soccer tournament. Our students enjoyed the fun activities very much and were in high spirits when they left on Friday to start their week of relaxation.

We would love to have had our Primary school students back at school to enjoy these outdoor activities, however, the Primary school students got to do some fun Easter activities online, they participated in an Easter Egg Hat and Basket competition. Some excellent items were submitted, we are so proud of our students.

I hope you and your family enjoy King Hung's anniversary and you get to spend some quality time with your children. Our fourth and final term of the year will commence on the **18th of April**.

As always if you have any concerns or positive comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at: Lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.



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Message from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Our students have been working very diligently all year long and have managed to successfully navigate their mock exams. The mock exams prepare them for the finals and hopefully show us if there are any gaps in their knowledge before the finals. The Cambridge Exam season starts in the last week of April and continues into the first week of June. It's very important that all our high school students use this time wisely to reflect on their learning and focus on any areas that need improvement. Singapore International School will continue to follow all health and safety guidelines in order to protect all our staff and students, especially during the exam seasons. I know that all our students will do brilliantly for their finals!



As always if there is anything I can help with please feel free to send me an email at the following address:
michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Michael Ogden

Message from Head of Studies - AS-A level

Dear Parents,

The mock examinations are completed. The next month will be all about preparing the students for the finals in May and June. Please support your child by providing him/her with a good study environment. Some other useful study tips are: re-do past assessments, create a study group, have some exercise, eat nutritious foods, drink plenty of water, and take enough rest and sleep.



If you have any questions about the upcoming exam season, please contact the subject teacher or let me know at
nils.hartevelde@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Regards,
Nils Hartevelde

Message from Head of Studies - English

Dear Year 6 Parents,

It's that time of year where we welcome back the warmer weather and say good-bye to yet another term.

Term 3 seems to have gone by without a hitch and the Year 6 students have shown their resilience by continuing to study online. I admire their determination in making a success of their studies despite the difficulties of online learning.

On the 26th of March, students celebrated Earth Hour and did their bit for the environment by designing posters with the theme: Save Our Planet. I'm looking forward to seeing some creative pieces designed by our Year 6's.

Lastly, I will be on maternity leave, starting in Term 4 and thus won't be back to see the Year 6's finish their academic year. However, I will be leaving them in the capable hands of Mr. Michael Christensen.

As always, remember to contact myself or your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Best regards,

Lizl Brent



Message from Head of Studies - Humanities

Dear Parents,

We are now racing towards the end of Term 3 and will soon move into the final phase of instruction and assessment, culminating in the Semester 2 exams. It's important that students work with their teachers to identify areas for improvement and work to consolidate their content knowledge and improve their exam-taking skills.

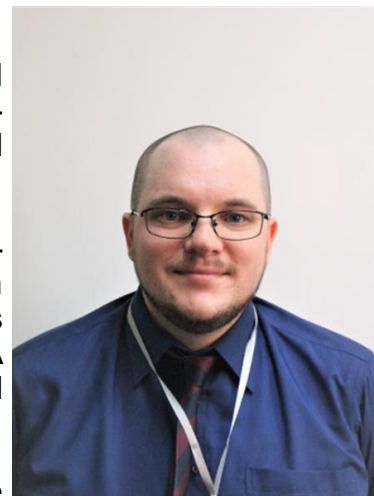
English language skills are an important factor in achieving a good grade in international subjects. To build their language skills students need to fully engage with their lessons as practice is key to developing strong foundational English. Students can also self-study through the DynEd program and access the library in Building A for reading materials. The more students practice the more their language skills will improve.

If your child has any questions or concerns about their work, please encourage them to speak with their subject teacher or pastoral leader. Students who take an active role in their education will perform better and we are happy to support them.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Best regards,

Brett Grant



Message from KIK & Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of Term 3. This term the primary school has continued online learning and the students keep amazing us with their reliance and dedication to online classes. We want to make sure that, as well as continuing to learn academically, our students are also developing socially, emotionally and physically. Teachers are putting in regular breaks and movement into their lessons to help students when they become fatigued with online learning. Here are some tips that can also be incorporated at home:

- **Stay Active:** Regular physical activity is good for mental health and well-being, a little bit of physical activity or outdoor time after school will help to get your child moving and away from the computer
- **Keep to a routine:** a regular schedule can help give children a better sense of calm and control over their day
- **Check in:** check in during your child's school day to see how they're feeling and if they are keeping up with their work

Kind regards,

Sharon Beazley



Message from Head of Studies - Specialist Subjects

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The year 8's are fast approaching the end of the academic school year. At this point, all students have decided on their subject choices for the new year. If any of these choices change, please email me to request a change before the end of June.

We are excited and hopeful that we can host some events and activities during the last week of Term 3 and during Term 4. Students will participate in inter house events such as sports days and project-based learning. I look forward to seeing students having some fun away from their computer screens.

Please continue to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Claudine van Rensburg



Message from Head of Studies - Mathematics

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate our IGCSE 2 students for finishing the Mock Examinations held from 21st March to 1st April.

It has been a tough time. However, it should have given the students the chance to experience what Cambridge exams would look like that will be happening next month.

Let us provide our students the extra assistance to manage stress and pressure as the Cambridge exams are fast approaching. Students must create their study timetable; eat healthy food; have enough rest and some exercise.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you need support to prepare for the exams.

Congratulations to our Year 6 to IGCSE 1 students for participating in World Math Day held on the 23rd of March. Students have competed with other students around the world. We are glad that they had the opportunity to join this online event while having fun.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at

maria.batac@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Maria Batac



Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Secondary

Dear Parents,

We have kick-started the first week of March with the celebration of Women's Day. During those lessons, students had a chance to create beautiful cards and wished to our beloved women.

Also in March, our secondary students finished the midterm exams whose subjects follow the Ministry of Education & Training program. Based on these results, teachers will develop a plan to improve the knowledge for students whose test results are not as expected. Please collaborate with school and teachers to support your children in the next exams.

At the beginning of April, students will have a short break after term 3. We wish you and your children a healthy and happy holiday so that after the holiday your children will be ready mentally and physically for term 4 which brings us the final assessments for all the student's hard work throughout the whole year.

Best regards,

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Primary

Dear Parents,

March is a busy and productive month for Primary school students. Year 4 và 5 students participated in online Maths - Vietnamese exams with no difficulty. Based on these results, teachers will have build a plan to improve students' work. Students took part in many fun activities for Women's Day like making cards for beloved ones and posters for Earth Hour event. We can admire many amazing pieces from our talented students.

In April, apart from teaching, we will host many events like Easter Day, Cold Foods Festival before term 3 (12 – 15/4/2022). After the holiday, students are focus on preparing for the final exams of semester 2 in May.

On behalf of our school, I appreciate your continued support. We wish you and your children a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

Best regards,

Nguyen Thu Huong

