



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 & Caregivers,

Thank you to all of those who supported and participated in the Christmas Charity Fair. This was an amazing community event and was a great opportunity to support Caritas Vietnam with the important work they do in supporting people experiencing disadvantage. This also helps our students to become Active and Responsible Citizens. There are some amazing photos we will share on the Facebook page. Thank you also, to the talented performers, the students and teachers for their energy and hard work, to our parent helpers you were amazing, and all the support staff, who set up this event and helped with the clean-up, Thank you!



Our school has recently received 50 new Dell computers for our ICT labs in Blocks A & B. This is a welcomed resource for our students and will help to improve the capability of our students and further support their learning. We will look to provide new computers for C Block in future years.

We have recently had our WASC school accreditation visit. While we have not received the final report this was a good experience and we have received some important feedback in relation to school improvement.

Our Year 4, 6, & 8 students recently participated in the International Schools Assessment (ISA) in November. This is an external assessment that schools from all over the world use to measure how their students are performing in specific academic areas of Math, Reading and Writing (narrative & persuasive). This is a way we can validate our programs and also identify areas of strength and improvement. In brief, our students performed strongly in Math and persuasive writing. Student performance was mixed with the narrative or creative writing task but overall was around the average range.

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We also experienced mixed results with Reading most of the International classes coming out in the average range and the integrated slightly below. These results and previous data have helped us to identify that reading will be a major focus. We are finalizing our SIS Gamuda Gardens, School Wide Reading program and will begin to provide our teachers with professional development in January, 2023.

Thank you again, it is a pleasure to serve this school community.

Christopher Bradley,

School Principal

Singapore International School Gamuda Gardens.



Santa Claus is coming to town



Santa's little Helpers



It tastes like Christmas



Jingle Bell Rock!



Ginger Bread House



Christmas Cakes



SIS Student Band



Christmas Time!



SIS Staff got in the Christmas spirit



SIS Business students know how to negotiate

Message from High School Deputy Principal

SIS@ Gamuda Gardens organized a subject selection day for all parents and students in Year 8 Integrated, Year 8 International, Year 9 Integrated, and IGCSE 2 on Saturday morning, 3 December 2022. The event was planned with the aim to provide parents and students with more information on the various Cambridge subjects on offer for IGCSE and AS level studies.

This year, the school has offered 4 new Cambridge IGCSE subjects for students to choose on top of the present range of subjects. They are Additional Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. These subjects offer students a deeper study into the content and will prepare them for a stronger foundation to manage the demands for these disciplines at the AS and A levels' standard. They will find it easier to cope with the AS and A level programme with these subjects completed at IGCSE level.

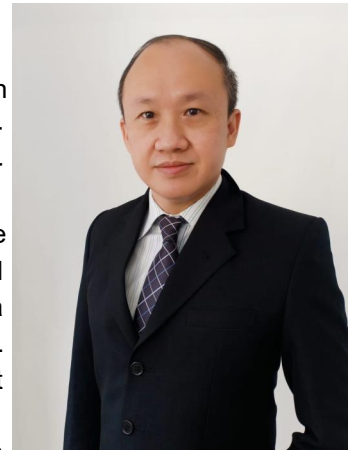
At the AS-level, we have also offered a new subject previously not available. AS English (9093) offers students with the opportunity to study English language and its use in communication. Students will be encouraged to respond critically to a wide variety of texts in a range of forms, styles, and contexts, and to promote skills of communication, reading, research and analysis. This subject is also available at A level standard once students have completed it at AS level. The school hopes to provide our students with the opportunity to study English in their final 2 years of High School so that they can use it for admission to universities worldwide.

The event also featured an exhibition where parents and students can find out more about the requirements for each subject through face-to-face consultation with teachers. Our teachers and Heads of Studies (HOS) were present at the exhibition to explain to parents and students of the requirements, benefits, and pathway for each of the subjects on offer. The event was well received by parents and students. As such, the school will be organizing another session this term in early January 2023 after the Christmas break for parents and students who would like to find out more about the pathway for the various subject combinations. Please stay tune for more information on the next session. Wishing you a merry Christmas and happy holidays.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in contact with me at the following email address:

amos.lee@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Amos Lee



- If you have chosen AS Level, please select 3 or 4 subjects from the boxes below. You cannot choose more than 1 subject from the same row.

1. AS-Level Biology	<input type="checkbox"/>	AS-Level Art and Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	AS-Level Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. AS-Level Sociology	<input type="checkbox"/>	AS-Level Physics	<input type="checkbox"/>	AS-Level Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. AS-Level English Language or AS-Level Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	AS-Level Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. AS-Level Business Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	AS-Level Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. AS-Level Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/>	AS-Level Economics	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Cambridge AS Level Subject Selection Form

Cambridge IGCSE Subject Selection Form

Electives:		
Group	Please choose only ONE subject only in each group:	Write down the chosen subject in each group:
1	Coordinated Science or Physics*	ONE subject only:
2	Global Perspectives or Chinese Second Language or Chinese Foreign Language or Additional Mathematics	ONE subject only:
3	ICT or Computer Science or Chemistry*	ONE subject only:
4	Business Studies or Art and Design or Biology*	ONE subject only:

NB*: Please **DO NOT** choose any of these science subjects if you have chosen Coordinated Science for Group 1. Thank you.



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Message from Secondary Deputy Principal

The time of year has come around when we now turn our full attention to the assessment of learning. While SIS has a comprehensive Continuous Based Assessment policy for each subject comprising of teacher generated tasks, unit tests and projects, the summative end of semester examinations give us the final data teachers need to assess our children’s academic strengths and performance. Exams can be stressful for students at any grade level, especially for the final Cambridge ‘A’ Level students in May and June, as they determine a student’s next move into higher education. The Singapore exams, for Grade 2-9 in Semester 1 and for Grades 1 – 9 in Semester 2, are set for the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. Not all students excel in examinations, especially under pressure, but our assessment policy ensures that as students progress through the grade levels, their revision skills and ability to prepare for the Cambridge exams have been well defined. Continuous Based Assessments also provide students with opportunities to develop their strengths in the subjects that may lead to informed decisions when subject choices are made in Grade 8.



The Singapore examinations are written by a team of teachers drawn from across all SIS campuses and after vetting by school principals, are distributed to all SIS campuses for administering according to strict examination procedures, not unlike the administration of Cambridge International examinations. SIS teachers follow examination guidelines to ensure that exams are administered correctly and marked according to marking schemes to ensure consistency across campuses. Having observed teachers throughout Primary and Secondary this academic year, it is praiseworthy to note the level of dedication of our teachers in the classroom to ensure each child’s needs are met. With Textbook units nearing completion, teachers will assiduously begin their revision work in class to ensure each child is well prepared and understands the requirements to sit their grade level examinations. At SIS we wish every child success in the holistic and demanding education we provide, at each level of their learning journey, especially as we approach the end of the first semester.

Charles Howgill.



Teachers and Students interact with the Smart Board.



Message from Head of Studies - Cambridge

Dear Parents,

Developing Critical Thinkers and Confident Communicators are two of the five Schoolwide Learning Goals (SWLG) of the Singapore International School @ Gamuda Gardens that the Mathematics Department focused on during the Mathematics Week Celebration held on 14 – 18 November. It was a fun, challenging, and amazing week for the students and teachers who participated in various events.

The Middle School and High School students solved daily non-routine challenging questions posted on campus. Students answered the riddles for the day, filled in the entry forms, and put them in the drop box for a chance to win. After a week, we picked winners from both categories. Students also participated in the Rubik's cube competition. A student who decoded the 4 x 4 cube in the shortest amount of time wins the game.

During the mid-week, the Year 6 to A-levels had a special assembly. The year 6 to 9 students joined in the Scavenger Hunt (Math Trail) and the Sudoku Brainteaser, while the IGCSE 1 to A-Level students took part in The Battle of Math Wizards. Participants in the Scavenger Hunt are to search for objects around the campus related to the mathematical items, take photos, and create a collage (math symbol). The Battle of Math wizards was run for the cream of the crop working on problems in a short period of time. Teachers indeed took part in the celebration. They engaged in the Teacher's Online Combat to work out puzzles and brainteasers. All players for each event competed according to their house colors.

Moreover, the students displayed their Mini-Math Dictionary and Revision Guide projects on campus. These projects are group work where students must identify relevant Math vocabulary from their textbooks, search for its English meanings, and translate them into their first languages. They are to provide examples through images and symbols. The most interesting and fun part of this project is the process. Students are learning while working towards the final product. Their teachers are enormously proud of the outcome as the output was well-organized and well-designed. Apart from that, students had the chance to discover and appreciate the Mathematicians born in November. Their biographies were presented over a video clip to demonstrate their achievements and contributions to the mathematics world.

I am pleased to announce the winners during Mathematics Week. They received a certificate of recognition, an SWLG certificate, a medal, school coupons, and additional points for their houses. Congratulations again!

For any queries relating to Cambridge exams, please feel free to contact me at:

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Regards,

Maria Batac



WINNERS DURING MATHEMATICS WEEK

Rubik's Cube Competition

- Hoang Ngoc Thien Phuc - IGCSE 2A

Teacher's Online Combat

- Ms. Junilyn Deo

Battle of Math Wizards

- Bui Anh Quan - IGCSE 1B
- Vincent Le Delater - IGCSE 2C
- Pham Thai My Linh - AS B
- Nguyen Quoc Hai - AL B

Sudoku Brainteaser

- Nguyen Phuong Anh - 6B
- Tran Phuong Anh - 6B
- Vu Gia Han - 6A
- Ha Thi Ngoc Mai - 6A

Scavenger Hunt

- Dinh Bao Chau - 6C
- Kim JunHyeong - 7LB
- Tran Nguyen Minh - 8A
- Vu Thanh An - 7A
- Kwon NaHee - 8LA
- Nguyen Ngoc Minh Chau - 6C

Daily Math Challenge

Middle School

- Pham Dinh Chi - 6B
- Dao Ba Minh - 6B
- Le The Quang - 6LA
- Nguyen Minh Nhat - 8B
- Nguyen Quoc Hieu - 6C

Daily Math Challenge

High School

- Nguyen Phuong Linh - IGCSE 1A
- Phung Ngoc Bao Anh - IGCSE 1B
- Marcelo Ricardo Hernandez - IGCSE 1B
- Nguyen Minh Nguyen - IGCSE 2B
- Pedro Torrinha Ferrao Fialho - IGCSE 2C



SIS Math Week!



Math Dictionaries



Mathletics Final!



Problem Solving



Team Work!

Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Secondary

Dear Parents,

November has passed so quickly with a lot of emotions left for both teachers and students at the school. All SIS students had the opportunity to participate in Maths Week challenges, where many awards were presented to students with outstanding achievements and efforts.

In addition, the students in the Student Council organized interesting activities to attract the participation of teachers, staff and students to show gratitude and honor to the teachers in the 40th anniversary celebration of Vietnamese Teachers' Day on 20 November. Many interesting titles and awards were given to the best teachers and classes.

Besides extracurricular activities, events to develop soft skills for students, learning activities also took place extremely excitingly. Most grades have entered the review period in the last week of the month to get ready for the final exam.

December is an extremely important month of term 1 because even though the study period is only 2 weeks before students enter the usual Christmas and New Year holidays, they will simultaneously take the final end of semester 1's exam for both of International and Integrated programme. The student's exam schedule has been notified to Parents and students through the letter summarizing the learning situation. Particularly for the Integrated programme, the form teachers have sent review content to both students and Parents.

We hope Parents cooperate well with the school and the teachers in the revision and at the same time ensure to remind the student to go to bed on time so that they have the best health in both physical and mental health. During the period from December 5 to the end of December 14, please do not take your children on vacation or participating in inappropriate entertainment activities so that they can participate and complete their exam.

If you have any issues to discuss, please contact me via email: anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards!

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Primary

Dear Parents and Students!

Celebrating Vietnamese Teachers' Day

November - a month full of warmth and loving affection from students for teachers as well as staffs in the school, who always care and teach them. Under the management of the school's Student Council, the students enthusiastically responded to activities to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Vietnamese Teachers' Day, November 20, 1982 - November 20, 2022.

With their creativity, the students decorated the school yard, trees and paths with their own hands. They meticulously designed their own beautiful cards with congratulation and deep gratitude. In the morning, the teachers and staff were really touched and surprised when they saw the school yard was decorated with more colors, on the gray pin board filled with students' notes with gratitude. "The biggest and deepest recognition for the teacher is none other than the recognition of the students." The students really colored the teachers' day, helping them to be happy with their profession.

The students also gave teachers and staff another surprise with games and talented musical performances on stage. The children's singing and confident management are the priceless gifts. Through the activity, the students have been educated in gratitude as well as promoting their great independence, confidence and creativity.

On behalf of the teachers and staff in the school, I would like to express my sincerest and deepest thanks to Parents and students for always accompanying, trusting and giving love for us.

Test and assessment at the end of semester 1

December is the time when students need to focus to complete the first semester program, as well as, take the final assessment of the first semester. Teachers sent the test schedule and the content of the final revision of the first semester to Parents via email at the end of November. With the effort and determination, teachers and students will surely benefit a lot of success in learning and training.

Best regards!
Tran Thi Thuy Van



Students prepare the cards and presents by their own hands to show the deep gratitude to their teachers!

Message from KIK

Dear Parents and Students!

It was a pleasure to see you and your children again in this Newsletter.

First, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the parents who have sent their sincere affection to all our Teachers on Vietnamese Teachers' Day November 20, 1982 - November 20, 2022. Both teachers and children had meaningful activities.

Term 2 have gone more than half of the way and has left a good impression in each of us. Halloween took place with many interesting activities. Children dress up as their favorite characters such as Spiderman, Batman, Witch, Monster, skeleton or Princess Elsa, Cinderella. In addition, the children also had the opportunity to ask for candy from the Principal - Mr. Christopher . Moreover, they also participated in collective activities such as Fashion Show, or experienced through play-rooms with many activities.

Dear Parents!

A deep gratitude that the whole school would like to send deep thanks to all the Parents who have accompanied and supported us to make the Christmas Charity Fair a great success. We are also pleased to announce that our dear students are rushing to prepare for a Christmas performance on December 15, 2022. All parents are cordially invited to welcome!

All concerns, questions as well as your valuable comments please be sent to email:

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Best regards!

Vu Thi Thuy



TALENTED KIK STUDENTS & STAFF



SIS & KIK Activities

