



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ GAMUDA GARDENS

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 — SY 2023—2024

## 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,

We have completed Term 1 of the 2023 -2024 Academic Year. We have had a positive start to the school year. I have seen some noted improvements with the uniform and also student behavior in general. We are constantly looking for improvements to strengthen our academic programs and staff are working hard to do this.

I would like to announce that we have received some amazing news. Nguyen Dieu Anh from last years A-Level cohort has been named the Top Student in Vietnam for A-Level Biology. We would like



to congratulate Dieu Anh and her family, while also thanking all of the teachers that contributed to her success during her time at SIS.

We have Parent Teacher Conferences on October 25 & 26. This is an important opportunity to establish effective partnerships and open up channels of communication between parents and teachers. Next term we will be preparing for our Semester 1 Exams we want parents to be aware now if there are improvements required. We will have translators present to support with this event. If for any reason you are unable to attend the selected days please contact the school and arrange another time to meet with the teachers.

There are a number of Health concerns we need to be weary of at the moment. There have been reported cases of Pink Eye at both the school and in the wider community. If your child has any symptoms with irritation or redness in the eyes please keep them home from school and seek medical advice. We are also asking students to regularly wash their hands and minimize contact with other students. Thank you for your support with this.

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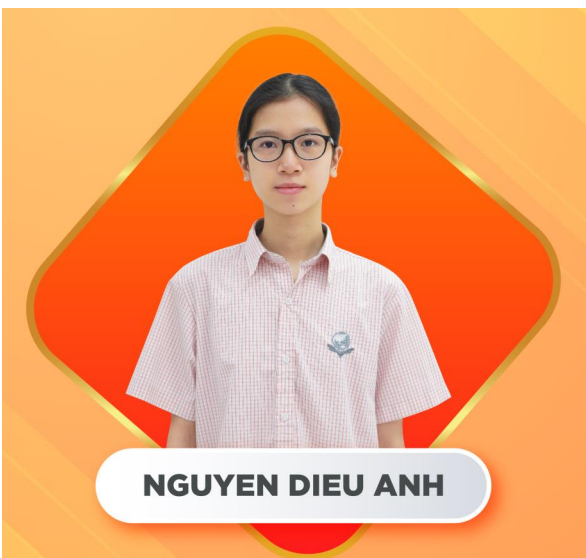
After the Holidays we will be commencing our Outward Bound Vietnam program. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn and develop through adventure based activities and personal development programs. The skills taught at OBV will help to prepare our students for the challenges of life.

We have had a number of Universities visit the school over the last few weeks. This is a great opportunity for our students to see potential study opportunities and for students to identify what target grades they will require to get into University. This will then help with focus and motivation. I keep telling our AS & A Level grades they are professional students. They need to dedicate their time to learning both at home and school. They need to develop both intrinsic motivation and independent learning skills.

Please have a safe holiday and enjoy the time you get to spend with your children. They will need important rest to return for Term 2. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Teacher Conferences.

Take Care.

Christopher Bradley  
Principal



**NGUYEN DIEU ANH**

*TOP IN VIETNAM  
CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL  
A LEVEL BIOLOGY*



*UNIVERSITY  
FAIR*



*OPENING CEREMONY*









## Message from Head of Studies - Cambridge

Dear Parents,

Our Cambridge Examinations November 2023 series starts on Monday, 09 October, and ends on Wednesday, 15 November. Most exams will be on the first and second week of the exam periods. Please note that we have several exams happening during the Term 1 Break. If your child has an exam(s) during those days, please refer to the Term 1 Break exam guidelines we sent earlier via email. The exam timetable is attached to the email, too.

For our students to succeed, we request the parents to partake in this process as they need our support mentally, emotionally, and physically. They are to do as many past papers as possible, mark their work, identify and correct mistakes, and ask for assistance from their teachers. Plan out a schedule between exams and regular school homework, as it could be very stressful for them. Enough sleep, regular exercise, and healthy food intake would help them get into these challenging days. They have been diligently revising and seeking guidance from their teachers to prepare for the examinations. Over the last weeks, teachers have provided extra time and meaningful feedback. Teachers tutor them during study hall periods and offer an after-school club as part of the revision program of the school.

We truly appreciate everyone's time and support as we look forward to receiving successful exam results for our students' future.

Thank you. We wish our students the best of luck.

For any queries, please feel free to contact me at [maria.batac@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:maria.batac@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn).

Regards,

*Maria Batac*



## MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL & SWIMMING GALA FOR HIGH SCHOOL



## Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Secondary

Dear Parents,

The first days of the school year have passed with tremendous effort from the entire team of educators, staff, and students of Singapore International School. During this time, many educational and recreational activities have been organized for the students. Among them, the Mid-Autumn Festival stands out, which took place on September 29th, featuring various booths hosting traditional and enjoyable games. Furthermore, classrooms have been decorated with vibrant colors and artwork to welcome this joyful event.

Educational activities have been commencing with excitement as well. New students have acclimated themselves to the atmosphere, spirit, and learning methods in this new environment.

In October, we celebrate Vietnamese Women's Day on October 20th. Students will be guided by teachers to create meaningful cards and well wishes for the beloved women in their lives.

During the first two weeks of October, the Integrated program will conduct mid-term assessments for the first semester. Teachers have compiled and printed review materials and schedules for the exams. Assessments will take place directly in the classroom, with some subjects utilizing project-based evaluations. Before the exams, subject teachers will organize review sessions to consolidate the knowledge students have acquired and provide practice on fundamental exercises for all students. We kindly request parents to encourage their children to complete the review materials and revise their knowledge to achieve the best academic results.

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

Best regards!

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



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## Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Primary

Dear Parents and Students,

September has marked vibrant weeks of learning, along with enjoyable and enriching activities for our students.

### Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival has been a delightful gift from our teachers and staff to students, offering plenty of engaging and meaningful activities. Our students have relished musical performances from various countries, participated in lantern parades, and delighted in the Lion Dance performances. However, the highlight, was the opportunity to engage in traditional games such as "Ô Ăn Quan", Tug-of-war, Dragon and snake dances, Blind Man's Bluff, Jumping rope, Cheraw dance, and Lantern making, etc. With the aim of preserving traditional cultural values for the younger generation and creating cherished childhood memories for our students, the Mid-Autumn Festival has become one of the eagerly awaited annual events for our students.

### Mid-Term Assessment for Semester 1

The Mid-Term Assessment for Semester 1 will take place in the first week of October. This is the moment when teachers and parents join to assess the efforts and progress of our students in the first half of Semester 1.

Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 will follow the guidelines of Circular 27/2020/TT-BGDĐT, while Grade 5 will adhere to Circular 30/2014/TT-BGDĐT and 22/2016/TT-BGDĐT. Specifically, students in Grade 4 and 5 will have additional assessments in Mathematics and Vietnamese during the mid-term of Semester I. The revision content and assessment schedule for the mid-term of Semester have been shared with Parents via email. In class, our teachers will conduct review sessions for our students. We kindly ask Parents to support and encourage their children in their revision and preparation for these assessments.

### Upcoming Activities:

- Excursion.
- Final round of the "Beloved School" project.

Best regards!

Tran Thi Thuy Van



STEM LESSON







## Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies - KIK

Dear Parents and Students!

Time has flown by so quickly. It feels like just yesterday when our school leadership team and teachers were eagerly and nervously welcoming all of our students in the early days of the school year, and now we are already preparing to conclude the first term of this academic journey.

The most memorable and joyful event of September was undoubtedly the Mid-Autumn Festival. The entire school was filled with excitement, from our teachers dressed beautifully in Áo dài to our students in their traditional costumes. Unforgettable moments included the lively Lion Dance performances and the endless laughter that echoed through the air. Furthermore, our students had the chance to participate in a Mid-Autumn Festival fair with numerous exciting booths. Our dedicated teachers also prepared traditional mid-autumn feasts, and together with the children, they made the most adorable mooncakes. This incredibly meaningful activity highlighted the values of sharing and love. We would like to express our gratitude to all parents who contributed to the delightful buffet for our students.

Outdoor experiential activities have also left a good impression in our hearts. Our little ones in K1 spent their time at tiNiWorld Times City, exploring the world around them through games and, most importantly, learning valuable life lessons such as playing together, listening, and sharing. Our Prep students were full of excitement as they immersed themselves in the vibrant and colorful atmosphere of the Mid-Autumn Festival at Era House while engaging in various enriching activities. The K2 students embarked on an adventure to the Dinosaur Park at Royal City, discovering the world of dinosaurs together.

We are always eager to listen and share with you. Please feel free to reach out to us via email at [thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn](mailto:thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn).

Best regards,

Vu Thi Thuy



## MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL



