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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 Message

Dear Parents

It is an honour and pleasure to write to you in this first edition of this year's SIS @ Gamuda Gardens 2024-2025 Newsletter!

Your active participation in our school community is invaluable, and we look forward to your continued support and partnership. The start of the new school year is always exciting, and these past few weeks have been no exception. Our entire school community is getting back into the routines that will help us all succeed this year.

My messaging to our school community thus far has focused on manifesting positive outcomes for ourselves and others by making an extra effort to start each day on the right foot and with a smile. Our days at school should ideally begin and end with warm greetings and sincere good wishes for excellent outcomes. It's important to remember that good study habits and restorative sleep schedules are crucial for consolidating our learning and refreshing us for the challenges of a new day to come.

In addition to manifesting positive outcomes that will help us move from strength to strength, our teaching and learning focus is unwaveringly committed to student success. This year, we continue to emphasize making learning measurable so that school and home can collaborate to support our children where and when they need it most.



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In the first month of learning, this means diagnostics that look back at prior learning and the road ahead to identify gaps in knowledge and skills and plan for timely intervention and support.

In the past month, I have been overjoyed to see our young ones settling in and enjoying the wide range of extra-curricular sports and club opportunities. We have many great athletes, artists, and innovators on campus and seeing them develop a wide range of interests and skills in our after-school programs is wonderful. Moreover, we have some excellent student leaders in our newly expanded Student Council (SSC) who have laid the groundwork for expanding student empowerment through the SSC into the lower-secondary years — kudos to our student leaders and my colleagues who mentor and support them.

I look forward to seeing how they grow and develop the council across the campus and further empower the most important members of our school community!

We had our official opening ceremony on 05 September. Next, Mid-Autumn festival is on 17 September and we hope to help our students understand the values of kindness and empathy and the importance of sharing through meaningful and practical actions during difficult times. I look forward to meeting you as we progress into what promises to be a great year ahead!

Please accept my best wishes to you and your family for a year ahead with good health, growth, and joy for life and learning.

Best regards,

Charles Whalen Rutherford



HOANG NGOC THIEN PHUC
PRESIDENT OF
SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL



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VICE - PRESIDENT OF
SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Updates from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year at our High School division! We're excited to introduce the Inaugural IGCSE Economics class in IG1, sparking enthusiasm among 16 eager students. While the subject seems to be similar to Business studies, Economics focuses on resource allocation and market dynamics. Business studies, on the other hand, covers practical aspects of running a business. Our focused curriculum will nurture critical thinking and practical insights into the global economy, equipping students with essential skills for the future. We're committed to providing a supportive and enriching learning environment, guiding and inspiring our students along the way. We look forward to seeing them thrive in the IGCSE Economics class and emerge as informed, critical thinkers. Cheers to a successful academic year ahead!



In the upcoming weeks, our High School students who have completed their IGCSE and AS exams are eagerly anticipating the release of their exam results from the previous school year. This is an exciting time for students as they await the outcome of their hard work and dedication.

The anticipation and excitement surrounding the release of exam results is palpable. Students have put in countless hours of studying, preparation, and hard work to perform to the best of their abilities. As they wait for the results, they reflect on the effort they have put in and eagerly look forward to seeing the fruits of their labor.

Teachers and school staff also eagerly await the release of exam results, as they have played a crucial role in guiding and supporting students throughout their academic journey. The results will not only reflect the students' achievements but also the dedication and commitment of the educators who have helped them along the way.

The release of exam results is not only a time of anticipation but also a time for celebration. It's an opportunity to acknowledge and recognize the achievements of students who have worked tirelessly to excel in their exams. Whether it's achieving outstanding grades or making significant improvements, each student's success is worth celebrating.

At the same time, the release of exam results can also be a time of reflection and learning. For those who may not have achieved the results they were hoping for, it's an opportunity to assess their performance, identify areas for improvement, and set



for the future. It's a chance to learn from the experience and use it as motivation to strive for greater success in the future.

As the day of the results draws near, students, teachers, and parents alike are filled with a mix of emotions – excitement, nervousness, and hope. The support and encouragement from family and friends play a vital role in helping students navigate through this crucial time.

Regardless of the outcome, it's important for students to remember that exam results do not define their worth or potential. Each individual has unique strengths and abilities that go beyond academic achievements. The results are merely a part of their journey and should be viewed as an opportunity for growth and development.

The release of exam results marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. It's a time for students to reflect on their accomplishments, set new goals, and look ahead to the future with optimism and determination. As they eagerly await the release of their IGCSE and AS exam results, they can take pride in knowing that they have given their best effort and that whatever the outcome may be, they have already achieved success through their hard work and dedication.

Best regards,
Amos Lee.

Updates from Lower Secondary School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

As our students return from their summer break, it's fantastic to see the school alive with energy once again. Week 2 marked the launch of our exciting extra-curricular clubs, offering a variety of activities to engage and inspire students beyond the classroom. We've also started the year with a renewed focus on the Schoolwide Learner Goals, encouraging our students to pursue excellence in all aspects of their education. Adding to the excitement, the house system is already up and running, with students being assigned to one of four houses: the Golden Lions, Black Phoenix, Red Dragons, or Blue Eagles. Throughout the year, they will have the opportunity to earn points for their houses through various challenges and achievements, promoting a spirit of friendly competition and community within our school.



As we look ahead to September, we are excited to announce two significant events on our school calendar. On the 5th of September, we held our Opening Ceremony, a special occasion to officially welcome everyone to the new academic year and celebrate the start of our shared journey.

Later in the month, we will come together to observe the Mid-Autumn Festival, a time to honour cultural traditions and enjoy the sense of community that makes our school unique. Both events promise to be memorable, and we look forward to all our students and staff participating.

Best regards,
Lizl Brent



It takes a
village to
raise a child....



Updates from Kindergarten & Primary school Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

The first couple of weeks of school are over, and your children have slowly but surely adapted to the daily routines of Kindergarten.

This has been especially challenging for our youngest students, who have had to get used to being without their parents. For them, the first weeks back are about gaining trust in the teachers and establishing safety and comfort in the classroom routines.



For our older kindergarten students, the first weeks back have been a chance to get reacquainted with friends and their classrooms.

From day one we encourage our students to live up to our expectations and show the maturity and integrity we expect from them.

It starts with simple things like showing up at school in uniform, prepared and well-rested, being punctual, paying attention during lessons and adhering to the guidelines the teaching staff has explained.

An old proverb rings true when we address the cooperation between parents and teachers for the benefit of the children: "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." Meaning that to provide the children with their academic, social and emotional skills there has to be cooperation and communication between home and school.

We hope that you, as parents, will choose to be part of your children's journey and that we together can create the best opportunities for your children.

In the month to come, we have a couple of exciting events in store for the children. The most exciting will be the Moon Festival, taking place on September 17th. This is a significant celebration for all our students, no matter their age, and we will be dressing up in our finest clothes, and traditional costumes, to enjoy a day of partying and fun traditional activities for the children.

Best regards,

Kim Horup



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

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Updates from Head of Studies - Upper Primary

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to all parents as we embark on another exciting school year! It has been a pleasure reconnecting with familiar faces and extending a heartfelt welcome to all our new grade one students. These initial weeks have been dedicated to reinforcing school rules and expectations to create a safe and happy learning environment for all students. Teachers have shared classroom expectations with their students, who have shown great enthusiasm for learning in their new classrooms. We are thrilled with how well the children have settled in and are eagerly anticipating a fantastic year ahead.

The upcoming month promises to be filled with exciting learning opportunities for the students. Our teachers have carefully planned engaging lessons to introduce new concepts and skills. In addition to classroom learning, students will begin their assessments later this month. To support your child's success, we kindly request your assistance with revising the topics covered in class. We are also eagerly anticipating the Mid-Autumn Festival, where students will enjoy fun games and celebrate this special occasion with their classmates and teachers. We wish all students and parents a wonderful month ahead. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Chantel Lourens



Updates from Head of Studies - Lower Primary

Dear Parents,

It has been a productive first month back at school, after the summer holidays. The first month of school is always a mixture of excitement and adjustment- reconnecting with friends, getting used to new schedules and expectations in and out of the classroom. I am pleased to say that Primary students have both demonstrated this excitement and have taken on board behavioral expectations at school. Going forwards, it would be beneficial for students to be reminded of the expectations regarding homework. Homework reinforces the learning achieved in the classroom. I would like to politely ask for assistance from parents to encourage and remind students to complete their homework on time and to the best of their ability. Parents can find details of homework set in the student handbook. I believe that by teachers and parents working together, every student will have the best opportunity to succeed.

Students will have many opportunities to participate in activities and events, over the course of the year. There will be class excursions, sports competitions, a Christmas fair-to name just a few! I am also particularly looking forward to the official opening ceremony where students are treated to a range of performances to mark this occasion. A particular highlight will be live music from student band! I am sure we will have a fun and productive year.

Best regards,

Vince Flynn



Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Lower Secondary

Dear Parents,

My name is Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh, and I am the Head of Vietnamese Studies – Secondary School.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all parents and our beloved students.

After an exciting summer break, our students are full of energy and ready for the new academic year. I would like to warmly welcome both parents and students to School year 2024 - 2025.

For our incoming students, the initial phase of the year will require them to spend significant time getting acquainted with their teachers, classmates, subjects, and new learning methods.

For returning students, after the summer break, it is essential that they quickly re-establish their study habits and daily routines at school. Additionally, they should set clear academic goals from the start of the year and develop appropriate plans to achieve the best possible results.

In August, we organized a Review Week to kick off the new school year with a variety of activities, including introductions, getting to know each other, and collaborative games. These activities were integrated into all lessons to provide students with the opportunity to interact with new teachers and classmates, gain an understanding of each subject, review school rules, and set their academic goals.

Moving into September, we have planned several events to complement classroom learning, such as organizing the Opening Ceremony to join in the nationwide celebration of the new academic year. The form teachers will send out study plans and class activities biweekly to keep you informed of the details.

We kindly ask for your continued support and close collaboration with the school and form teachers to help your children quickly adapt to the new environment and familiarize themselves with the pace and intensity of their new academic level.

If you have any concerns or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the form teacher or the school office for guidance.

I will continue to accompany the students in all activities and wish them a joyful, safe, and productive school year.

Best regards!

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Primary

Dear Parents,

Welcoming the New School Year

The 2024–2025 school year has officially begun, marking the start of a journey filled with knowledge, exciting experiences, and the love, care, and encouragement of teachers and parents, all eagerly awaiting our students.



In the joyful atmosphere of the first day of school, students were warmly welcomed by our teachers and staff. The happy smiles upon reuniting, and the polite, endearing greetings from the students, created unforgettable moments on this special day.

The first lessons kicked off swiftly, featuring a variety of engaging activities such as math competitions, world exploration challenges, and hands-on experiences with robots, etc. The students actively and enthusiastically participated in all these learning activities.

With the spirit of this first day, we are confident that the 2024–2025 school year will bring numerous successes and exciting learning opportunities for all students.

Highlights of September Activities

- Opening Ceremony for the 2024–2025 School Year: Held on September 5, 2024.

Best regards,

Tran Thi Thuy Van



READY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



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FULL OF EXCITEMENT*



WONDERFUL RECESS

Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Kindergarten

Dear Parents and Students,

It is with great joy and happiness that we welcome you to KinderWorld International Kindergarten at Gamuda Gardens for the 2024-2025 school year!

As the first month of the new school year comes to a close, any initial uncertainty and challenges seem to have faded away, giving way to trust and shared happiness between teachers and students. Our dedicated teachers have shown love, care, and guidance, and the children have responded with trust, joy, and smiles.

August has passed by quickly, and we invite you to take a look at the various activities your children have been engaged in at school, including water play, experiential learning, and academic activities.



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CIRCLE TIME - MS. MEGAN



*OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES -
NURSERY CLASS*



"THE GREAT BIG TURNIP" - ROLE-PLAY



STEM ACTIVITY

The theme for August for our kindergarten students revolved around classic fairy tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Great Big Turnip, Jack and the Beanstalk, and The Little Red Hen. Meanwhile, our nursery and younger kindergarten students in K1 classes have been immersed in familiar tunes like Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Mary Had a Little Lamb. In addition, the teachers have been working on establishing routines for mealtimes, naps, and study sessions, as well as teaching basic hygiene practices. In just three weeks, the children have made significant progress and are gradually settling into their routines.

We hope that together we can build a friendly, open environment filled with laughter, while also maintaining an important level of professionalism. We look forward to making each day at school a joyful experience. In the upcoming month, we have an exciting and memorable event lined up: the Mid-Autumn Festival for our students. Additionally, they will join the nationwide excitement of "Opening Ceremony," which will take place on September 5th. We warmly invite all parents to join in and celebrate these events with your children.

As we step into the new school year, on behalf of the school's leadership team, I would like to extend my best wishes for health, happiness, and success to all parents. To our dear students, I wish you a school year filled with good health, joy, and the collective effort to build a happy and successful school year for 2024-2025! We are always happy to listen and share with you through email: thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn.

Best regards,

Vu Thi Thuy



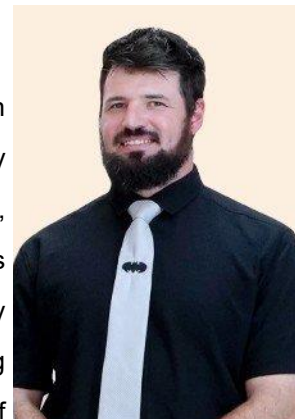
SWIMMING TIME

Updates from Head of Studies - Sports

Dear Parents,

Club Activities in Full Gear

The launch of Term 1 clubs has seen students diving into their interests with energy and passion. Whether it's academic clubs, arts, or special interest groups, there's something for everyone. Students are not only honing their skills but also building lasting friendships and learning the importance of teamwork and leadership.



Sports Teams Preparing for the Hanoi Sports League

Our sports teams are in rigorous training, preparing to represent our school in the upcoming Hanoi Sports League. Here's a quick update on how our teams are shaping up:

Football: The football team has been putting in extra hours on the field, working on strategies, stamina, and coordination. The players are determined to make a strong impression in the league.

Badminton: Our badminton players are fine-tuning their techniques and working on agility and precision. The team is showing great promise and is gearing up for intense competition.

Basketball: The basketball team is focusing on both offense and defense, with drills and practice games sharpening their skills. The teamwork and spirit among the players are commendable.

Gaelic Football: A unique addition to our sports lineup, the Gaelic football team is mastering this exciting sport with dedication. The players are quickly adapting to its fast pace and unique rules.

Volleyball: Our volleyball team is working hard on their serves, spikes, and blocks. The camaraderie and energy within the team are strong, and they are aiming high for the league.

Best regards,

Hendrik Prinsloo



Gaelic Football Club



Badminton Club



Chess Club



Mathematics Tutoring