



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ GAMUDA GARDENS

NEWSLETTER

March 2025

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,

March is an important month in our school calendar. It marks the end of the third term and signifies our focus on the final stretch of the second semester. As assessment season approaches, this is a critical time for all students, particularly those in high school exam preparation classes, as they start gearing up for the final push toward their year-end goals.

March was also full of vibrant activities and memorable milestones across the school.

A highlight of the academic year was the Model United Nations (MUN) Conference, which took place from March 6 to 8 at UNIS. We were excited to see a strong turnout of delegates from our school participating in this student-led event. Special thanks go to our outstanding MUN student leaders — Ms. Phuc Linh Nguyen, Mr. Khoi Nguyen, and Mr. Shreyan Pathak — along with all the delegates and staff directors. Their dedication and hard work were evident in both the internal and external MUN conferences this year.

The change of season has also marked many sporting events on campus.

Earlier this month, we hosted an engaging and well-attended Chess Tournament, challenging students' strategic thinking and mental discipline. It was a fantastic showcase of intellect and sportsmanship.

On March 17, we enjoyed our Secondary Sports Day, a much-loved tradition that allowed all our secondary students to relax from the standard routine, get active, and engage in friendly competition.



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Physical activity is essential to student wellness, and the day was filled with energy and school spirit.

On March 22, we welcomed the entire school community and guests to the Fitness Fiesta, an exciting two-hour event with fun-filled activities for all ages and fitness levels. The event was much fun, fostering community spirit and celebrating a healthy lifestyle. Thanks to all who made the morning possible!

We also marked International Women's Day with a beautiful student-led assembly organized by our Student Council. In addition to the assembly, students and staff shared kind messages and flowers—a touching way to celebrate and honour the contributions of women in our community and beyond.

Another highlight was the SIS Talent Show, which wrapped up this past month. It was an incredible celebration of student creativity and courage, and we're already looking forward to the next showcase of our community's many and varied talents.

For our high school students, March also meant the conclusion of mock exams for IGCSE 22 through A-Level classes. This significant milestone offers students a whole exam experience under test conditions. These mocks are crucial for identifying strengths and areas for refinement as they head into the final stretch before their official exams.

Looking ahead to Term 4 and the upcoming term break, we wish all of our students and families rest, joy, and good health. Let's recharge and finish this academic year strong!

Study Tour 2025 to Korea and Singapore

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organizing the following Study Tour Programmes:

Study Tour to Singapore for students from Year 4 to Year 6.

Study Tour to Korea for students from Year 5 to Year 9.

Both programme will be held from Sunday, July 6, 2025 to Saturday, July 12, 2025.

Information of the programmes and registration have been disseminated to parents via email. In case of questions, please contact Ms. Le Do Dieu Linh, Programme Coordinator at: (84-24) 7304 0777 ext 06023 or Email: linh.ledodieu@kinderworldgroup.com

Best regards,

Charles Whalen Rutherford

SIS CHESS TOURNAMENT





STUDY TOUR TO KOREA 2025



STUDY TOUR TO SINGAPORE 2025



MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) UNISMUN CONFERENCE



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Updates from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

For the last two weeks, our IGCSE 2, AS and A level students have been busy with their mock exams. More than 10 Cambridge subjects were tested over the course of the two weeks giving our students a preview of the actual Cambridge exams which will start as early as April for the theory papers. The speaking and listening exams started early in March.



Throughout the two weeks, students took the exams under similar Cambridge exam conditions such as giving them the full duration of the papers and, in some cases, having to take multiple papers within the same day. We reckon that students need to be mentally ready to cope with the demands of the actual Cambridge exams where the possibility of having to sit for two papers within the same day is very much a reality.

More importantly, the mock exams provided our students with much-needed practice and assessment for them to be ready for the upcoming Cambridge International exams. Teachers can evaluate their students' weaknesses in the subject more accurately and provide them with the much-needed intervention.

In the upcoming weeks our teachers will be administering a final assessment (pre-Cambridge test) in class to help them prepare for the written Cambridge International exams. We strive our utmost to give our students adequate practice and revision to help them improve their performance across all Cambridge subjects.

Best regards,

Amos Lee



Updates from Lower Secondary School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

March was another eventful month at SIS, filled with achievements and celebrations! We were delighted to announce the winners of our February Spelling Bee - Nguyen Tuan Linh (7LB) for the International programme and Nguyen Duc Tri (6A) for the Integrated programme. Congratulations to both!

We also celebrated International Women's Day with a heartfelt message from our Student Council, recognising the important role of women in our community.

Year 7LA and 7LB had an exciting outdoor experience at OBV, fostering teamwork and resilience.

Additionally, our accreditation board, WASC, visited the school, interviewing students and commending them for their confidence and eloquence.

Looking ahead, excitement is building for our much-anticipated End-of-Year Concert, where students will take the stage to celebrate the theme "Folk Dances Around the World." Letters have gone home with details, and we would like to thank all parents for their support in helping us prepare for what promises to be a fantastic event. We can't wait to see our students showcase their talents in this vibrant celebration of culture and creativity!

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, there's much to look forward to at SIS! School will break up on April 4th, giving students a well-deserved break before returning refreshed on April 14th. Upon their return, preparations for the final semester exams will begin in earnest. I encourage all students to come back with a focused mindset, ready to engage in their studies and finish the year strong.

Best regards,

Lizl Brent



*NGUYEN DUC TRI 6A (LEFT)
LOWER SECONDARY INTEGRATED WINNER
- NGUYEN TUAN LINH 7LB (RIGHT)
LOWER SECONDARY INTERNATIONAL WINNER*



*YEAR 7 INTERNATIONAL
OBV EXPERIENCE - BINH DINH PROVINCE*



Updates from Kindergarten & Primary school Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of March, this newsletter also marks the conclusion of Term Three.

The students in our KIK programme have demonstrated commendable dedication, enthusiasm, and curiosity throughout the term. They have actively engaged in various meaningful learning experiences and participated with great energy and excitement in our whole-school Sports Day celebration.



During the past month, our young learners have explored the fascinating world of plants, flowers, and vegetables. This topic has enhanced their understanding of nature and encouraged thoughtful conversations about healthy eating and the importance of caring for our environment to ensure access to clean, nutritious food.

Hà Nội offers many engaging and educational outdoor experiences, and our students thoroughly enjoyed opportunities to explore nature hands-on. Our garden at SIS Gamuda also served as a valuable learning space, where the children gained practical experience and developed a sense of responsibility and wonder through their interactions with the natural world.

Our Fitness Fiesta, held on a Saturday, brought together students from Nursery to High School for a joyful and spirited celebration. It was a wonderful occasion that allowed our youngest learners to feel part of the wider school community — an important and uplifting experience, especially as they are usually separated from their older peers. Their participation was marked by great enthusiasm, teamwork, and a strong sense of pride.

We sincerely thank all parents who joined us on the weekend to support this special event. Your presence and encouragement contributed significantly to its success.

Lastly, but by no means least, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation on behalf of all the female staff at KIK for the beautiful flowers presented on International Women's Day. Your kind gesture made the day truly meaningful and memorable for us.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Horup



KIK STUDENTS ENJOYED FITNESS FIESTA 2025

Updates from Head of Studies - Lower Primary

Dear parents,

During March Primary students worked hard on their classroom assessments. It has been amazing to see the progress they have made, particularly on their reading and writing skills. Thank you to parents who have supported their children to continue to develop and focus.

While students demonstrated lots of dedication and hard work in March, a lot of

fun was had too! SIS Gamuda Gardens hosted a Fitness Fiesta. It was great to see so many students and their families participating in the various sporting activities. We even had great weather for it too!

Speaking of the weather, this is a good time to remind students that as the temperatures rise, they should be wearing the correct summer uniform or PE kit on PE days. Should students have after school sporting clubs on non-PE days, they should wear summer uniform and bring PE kit to change into after school.

Looking forward, students will have a well needed half term holiday in April. I wish students and their families a restful break.

Kind regards,
Vincent Flynn



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



FITNESS FIESTA 2025

Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Lower Secondary

Dear Parents,

In March, the Secondary Integrated programme successfully completed the midterm assessments for Semester 2. Throughout the revision and examination process, I have witnessed tremendous effort and dedication from both students and teachers in striving for outstanding achievements. The exam results have reflected the hard work and diligence of our students, demonstrating their commitment to academic excellence.



Following the assessments, teachers and students have shifted their focus to enhancing teaching quality through innovative lesson demonstrations. These lessons, designed with modern teaching methodologies, have transformed the learning experience into an engaging, dynamic, and creative process for both teachers and students. We are incredibly proud of the outstanding performance of our educators and students and would like to congratulate them on successfully fulfilling the annual professional development goals for the 2024–2025 academic year.

March also marked the completion of one of the most anticipated programmes of the year—the week-long OBV Life Skills Course, held outside of Hanoi. Though brief, this programme created countless unforgettable memories for all participating students. Teachers have also observed significant personal growth among students, noting their increased responsibility, confidence, and adaptability. Upon returning to school, students eagerly shared their experiences with friends and are already looking forward to next year's adventure.

April will pass quickly as students prepare for the final assessments before Grade 9 students enter the Lower Secondary Graduation review process. At the same time, students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 are working diligently to achieve their academic goals and gear up for the final exams scheduled for May.

For Grade 9 students, the final Semester 2 exams will take place earlier than those for other grade levels to align with the graduation review timeline set by Hoang Mai District. These exams are scheduled from April 14th to April 18th, immediately after the Term 3 break. We kindly ask parents to consider this schedule when planning family trips or activities, ensuring that students have sufficient time for revision and are well-prepared for their exams.

We will continue to provide important updates and share final exam review materials in our weekly newsletters.

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

Warm regards,
Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



*STUDENTS YEAR 7 INTEGRATED
OBV EXPERIENCE - BINH DINH PROVINCE*



Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Primary

Dear Parents and Beloved Students,

The Journey of SIS Talents Shining Bright

The SIS Got Talent 2025 competition has officially come to a close, leaving behind countless emotions and unforgettable moments. More than just an entertainment platform, this event provided meaningful opportunities for students to confidently showcase their talents and nurture their passions.



This year's competition witnessed an incredible variety of performances, ranging from instrumental music, singing, dancing, and modern choreography to martial arts demonstrations. Each act reflected the students' creativity, dedication, and, most importantly, their confidence in expressing their personalities and abilities on stage. The Organizing Committee extends heartfelt congratulations to all students for their outstanding performances.

Although the competition has ended, our young talents will continue to shine on their future journeys. We firmly believe that each student possesses unique strengths, and we look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in upcoming exciting events.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all students, teachers, and parents who contributed to making this event truly meaningful!

When Every Lesson Becomes a Journey of Discovery

At Singapore International School, every school day is not just about acquiring knowledge but also about engaging in exciting experiences. Innovative teaching methods, interactive activities, and real-world applications turn each lesson into an enriching journey of discovery.

We invite parents to enjoy a creative math chant performed by our Year 5 students and take a glimpse into their vibrant and engaging learning experiences.

Best regards,

Tran Thi Thuy Van

*PHAN DANG MINH - CLASS 2L
WINNER OF SIS GOT TALENT 2025*



*SIS GOT TALENT 2025'S
PERFORMANCES*





*SIS GOT TALENT 2025'S
PERFORMANCES*



*A CREATIVE MATH CHANT
PERFORMED BY OUR YEAR 5 STUDENTS*



*THE PATH-FINDING
CHALLENGE*



THE WORD FLOWER



*LEARNING MATH THROUGH
HISTORICAL EVENTS*

Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Kindergarten

Dear Parents and Beloved Students,

At KIK @ Gamuda Gardens, our students had a fantastic week filled with exciting experiences in celebration of the birthday of the famous children's book author, Dr. Seuss. Each day, they embarked on magical adventures through the pages of beloved books such as *Green Eggs and Ham*, *I'm Not Going to Get Up Today*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *Fox in Socks*, and *The Lorax*.



The children had a wonderful time bringing the character "The Cat in the Hat" to life through arts and crafts activities, using their creativity to design their own versions of this iconic character. They also became little chefs, cooking and enjoying their own version of *Green Eggs and Ham*, turning it into a fun and delicious experience! The most exciting activity for many students, however, was wearing pajamas to school, which made the celebration even more enjoyable.

A huge congratulations to the five Prep students who delivered a truly impressive and emotional performance, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. They were outstanding, confident, and truly shone on stage, securing third place in the SIS Got Talent competition!

Looking ahead to April, we have many more exciting activities planned, including making *Banh Troi* and *Bánh Chay* to celebrate the Han Thuc Festival and fun Easter-themed events such as the Egg Rescue Challenge and Easter Egg Hunt.

We look forward to sharing more wonderful moments with our students in the coming month!

Best regards,

Vu Thi Thuy



DR. SEUSS'S WEEK ACTIVITIES



PREP STUDENTS' PERFORMANCE AT SIS GOT TALENT 2025



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Updates from Head of Studies - PE, Clubs and Extracurriculars

Dear Parents,

This month, we had an exciting and action-packed Secondary Cross Country event and Sports Day.

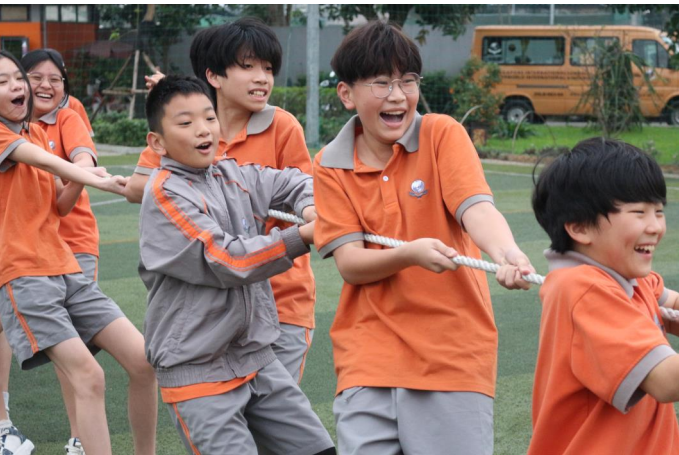
Our students demonstrated incredible enthusiasm and endurance as they took part in the 3km and 5km races. Many participants showed outstanding perseverance, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. The Primary and High School Cross Country/ Sports Days, has been taken place during the final week of Term 3. We were so eager to see the same level of enthusiasm and participation from these students as well!

Additionally, we celebrated a very successful Fitness Fiesta, where we had the opportunity to showcase a variety of sports disciplines including football, basketball, badminton, volleyball, and pickleball. It was a fantastic chance for our community to see the skills and talents of our students in action.

Our team is committed to continually improving our students' abilities and encouraging them to reach their full potential on the sports field. During HPE lessons, we place a strong emphasis on not only developing physical skills but also fostering qualities like teamwork, leadership, and perseverance.

As we look ahead to Term 4, we're excited to see what new challenges and opportunities will arise in the world of school sports. We remain dedicated to supporting our students and nurturing their passion for sports and fitness.

Best regards,
Hendrik Prinsloo



*SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
AND SPORTS DAY*



HPE LESSONS - WARM UP

