



## 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



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### Principal News

Dear Parents and Students,

We have already come to the end of Term 3 and straight after the break we will commence examinations for IGCSE 2, AS and A Level students. Semester 2 examinations will commence in week 4 from May 21 for students from Year 1 – IGCSE 1. After examinations are completed students will then be very busy preparing for our End of Year Concert and Awards Evening which always turns out to be a spectacular evening with incredibly impressive performances by our classes.



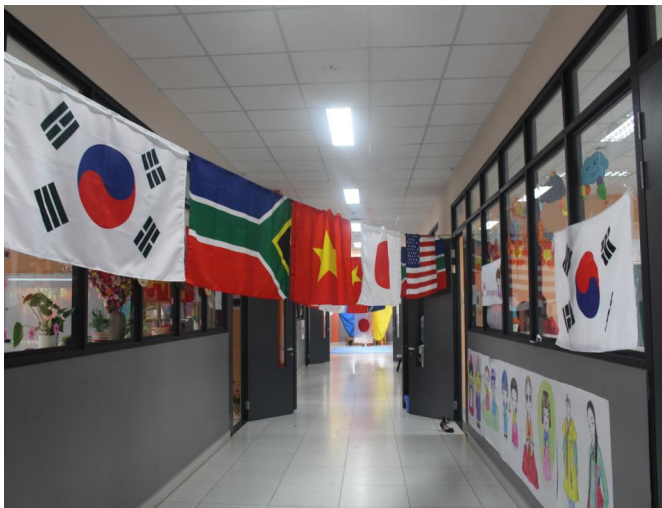
As we approach the examinations period I would like to remind parents and students about the importance of attendance at school. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future

While most students attend school consistently, there are a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.



Primary Fashion Show on International Day 23/04/2018



Primary Tour on International Day 23/04/2018



Primary Tour to Japan

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent.

Research shows that if your child has record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future. If your child is away, you need to let the School know the reason. It is widely recognized that attendance problems are best managed by early identification and intervention.

If you are having problems getting your child to school for some reason a set routine can help:

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about the school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

If you are having problems with your child coming to school, you should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Attendance Rate	Approximate school days/ weeks missed per year	Approximate total time missed during High School
99% - 100%	0 – 2 days	
95% - <99%	3-10 days or 1 to 2 weeks	1 term
90% - <95%	11-20 days or 2 to 4 weeks	1 or 2 terms
85% - <90%	21-30 days or 4 to 6 weeks	½ to ¾ of a year
<85%	>30 days or 6 weeks	More than 1 year

### Swimming

The annual swimming programme will commence on May 7 for students from Year 3 – 9. Participation is expected for assessment purposes. If students cannot attend for medical reasons, they must provide a medical certificate.

Learning to swim is a great way for students to stay healthy. Importantly, swimming lessons provide necessary skills for keeping safe in the water. Sadly, each year many young people around the





Primary Tour to Viet Nam



Primary Tour to South Africa



Primary Tour to the USA

world drown and many of those drowning could have been prevented if the person knew how to swim. Please encourage your child to take this opportunity to learn how to swim or to improve their stroke correction.

### New School Initiatives for 2018 - 2019

#### **STEM Implementation**

KinderWorld executives have been considering and researching the introduction STEM for some time.

Senior Managers and key School Leaders attended the recent Google STEM conference in Singapore to learn about STEM implementation from successful schools in the region. Following this visit, a plan has been formulated.

A range of STEM initiatives will be phased in to KIK and SIS over the coming academic year. These will include STEM Corners and STEM linked themes in kindergarten classrooms to guide learning activities. STEM clubs will be introduced at our schools and we will also hold special STEM Days during the school year. In addition, teachers will provide STEM classroom learning activities that are multidisciplinary and designed to promote critical thinking and build problem solving skills.

KinderWorld is collaborating with our US partner, TinkRworks, to provide training for Expat and Vietnamese teachers.

Search here to find out more about TinkRworks:

[http://d94c37xelgcb.cloudfront.net/summer-2017/170206+TinkRcamp+2017+Brochure\\_vFINAL.pdf](http://d94c37xelgcb.cloudfront.net/summer-2017/170206+TinkRcamp+2017+Brochure_vFINAL.pdf) .

#### **Date Claimers:**

#### **KinderWorld International Kindergarten Students Run and Fun Fair 2018**

Date : Saturday, 5 May 2018  
Time : 8.00 am – 10.00 am: Students Run  
8.00 am – 1:00 pm: Fun Fair  
Location : SIS @ Gamuda Gardens

#### **Cambridge Exams Commence**

- IGCSE Exams : May 2 – May 30, 2018
- AS Level Exams: May 8 – June 12, 2018
- A Level Exams : May 8 – June 12, 2018

#### **Semester 2 Exams**

- May 21 – 1 June, 2018

Regards,  
**Shane Blood**



*Korean Moms at International Day*



*Primary Tour to Russia*



*Primary Tour to Denmark*

### **Message from Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to start by giving a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our recent International Day events at school on April 23 and 24. Thanks to the great contributions of our students, teachers and parents the two days were a great success in exposing our students to various countries of the world and bringing our school community together to celebrate different cultures and have some fun at the end of the term. I would also like to give a special thank you to the Korean Moms group for all the work they put into the event and the wonderful food and games they brought for us all to enjoy during the International Festival.



With May and Term 4 beginning it is now time for the school to focus on the final exams, which have already begun for IGCSE 2 and A Level students and will begin in several weeks for all Year 1-9 students. As the exams approach, I would like to echo other articles in this newsletter by emphasizing the importance of students getting enough sleep (at least 8 hours a night) and eating a healthy diet including a balanced breakfast during the exams.

Thanks for your time and best of luck to all of our students on the exams!

Regards,  
**John Shoulders**

### **Message from Guidance Officer**

Dear Parents and Students,

During the third term myself and Mr. Grant have started a teacher recommendation based peer lead tutoring group. This tutoring program aims to not only help students that are in need of academic support but also serves as a platform to our stronger students to demonstrate some higher order thinking skills and abilities. Peer tutoring is a great way for the tutors to show universities that they are interested in the school community and are able to go outside of their comfort zone to help those in need. We will be continuing to expand the peer lead tutoring group into the fourth term.







*Primary Tour to France*



*Primary Tour to Argentina*



*Primary Tour to Malaysia*

Lastly, I would like to give a big thank you to all the parents that made it out to the last coffee with the counselor. If you were unable to attend the session but would still like some information on how to help your children deal with stress during the exam period, please email the office for a copy of the presentation.

Regards,  
**Michael Ogden**

### **Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents and Students,

In Ha Noi, April is the transition month between spring and summer when we often experience both cold and hot weather, so students are very susceptible to illnesses such as the flu and the measles. The SVIS Board of Management always cares about students and closely instructs teachers to talk to students about preventing seasonal diseases according to instruction of Hoang Mai Department of Education and Training so that our students can stay healthy to focus on their studies.



Year 9 students have successfully completed the Semester II exams as per school and DoET's plan. Primary and year 6 - 8 students are focusing on studying and revising for Semester II exams with the dedicated support from their teachers.

#### **Semester II Exam Schedule:**

- **Primary** : 07 May – 14 May 2018
- **Year 6,7,8** : 07 May – 18 May 2018

Parents are encouraged not to schedule holidays during exam time. Please remind your children to stay focused on this period of revision to perform well in their Semester II exams.

If there is anything that you don't understand, please do not hesitate to come and ask questions of your teachers. They are always more than happy to support you and highly appreciate your fondness for learning.

#### **Humanitarian activity: Gratitude for the veterans at Duy Tien-Ha Nam War Invalids Nursing Center**

Aiming to honour the 71th anniversary of Viet Nam's War Invalids and Martyrs day (July 27), SVIS Board of Management has organized this meaningful activity for all students and teachers to implement the task of school year 2017-2018 of Hanoi Department





Canada Booth at International Festival



Ireland Booth at International Festival



Mexico Booth at International Festival

of Education and Training. This is SVIS's annual humanitarian activity to educate students on virtues and raise patriotism, national pride and the spirit of mutual affection for our veterans. Previously we raised 20 million VND in the 2015-2016 school year and 33 million VND in the 2016-2017 school year.

We will be very grateful to the parents who encourage your children to actively participate in raising money for Duy Tien- Ha Nam War Invalids Nursing Center in May 2018. We are expecting to visit and give gifts to the veterans in mid-June, 2018 before the summer vacation of the students.

I wish you all a meaningful and restful Term break, Liberation Day and Labor Day with your beloved family!

I am happy to listen to and share with you at:  
[nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Regards,  
**Duong Thanh Nghi**

### Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents and Students,

With the completion of term 3, we look forward to the all-important term 4 and end-of-year exams...but first, a big thank you to everyone for supporting school events that rounded out term 3 including the Primary School Sports Day and International Day World Tour. Even though term 3 was long and demanding, students maintained their focus on study and good behavior and finished with lots of fun and excitement during the April activities.

Term 4 will focus on preparation for end-of-year exams with the first exam on Monday 21 May. Parents and students are encouraged to discuss subjects, textbooks and topics that have been covered for exams. Talking together often reveals not only how much has been learnt but also a student's level of confidence. Spending time talking about and reviewing what has been learnt at school can provide valuable insight into children's development. If a child speaks







*The USA Booth at International Festival*



*Columbia Booth at International Festival*



*France Booth at International Festival*

openly and confidently about school work, it can be an indication that he/she is coping well. If there are signs of shyness, reluctance or hesitation, it could mean a lack of both confidence and understanding.

The more “quality time” parents spend assuring children that you genuinely are interested in their school work, the more you help towards their ultimate success. Let your children know that you are interested in their school activities and what they are learning; not only at exam time but all year long. It is time well spent when you discuss what your child thinks about school lessons. You might be surprised how much you find out if you talk together regularly. Regular home discussions provide a foundation for emotional security and affirmation about growing up respectfully and valuing learning. A collective family respect for learning, now and in the future is an important part of helping your child develop as a successful student and into a competent, well-adjusted adult.

Thank you for so many parents who come to school and spend time talking with our teachers. Talking with your children’s teachers is an important part of high-quality international education and your effort to come and see us is always much appreciated.

All the best for term 4.

Regards,  
**Dr. Noel Geoghegan**

**Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)**

Dear Parents and Students,

We are at the end of Term 3 and the hot summer days are almost upon us. It has been quite a long term but one that has been enjoyable for both teachers and students as we prepare for the exam pressure that comes in Term 4.

With that in mind, may I remind you of some key middle school exam dates in Term 4:



- English Speaking: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- English Writing: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- English Grammar and Comprehension: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May
- Mathematics (International only): Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May
- Science (International only): Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May
- English Listening: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May



*Performance of our student at International Day Show*



*Performance of Ms. Tho - SVIS Music Teacher  
at International Day Show*



*Performance of Mr. Daniel - SIS Teacher  
at International Day Show*

Please try to support your children at this time of year. Revision timetables help a lot in keeping them focused and ensuring that ample time is spent preparing at home. Students should also be getting lots of sleep and rest as well as eating healthily to ensure that both their bodies and brains are in a position to achieve exam success.

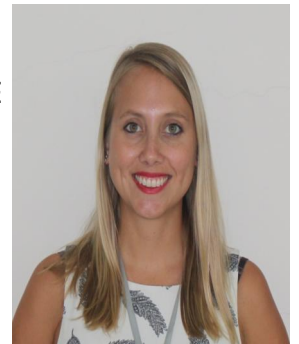
I wish everybody has a great April holiday and that we all come back to school refreshed and ready to go.

Regards,  
**Sean Stokes**

### **Message from Head of Studies (High School)**

Dear Parents and Students,

Finally exams have begun. The IGCSE ICT and Art students have already started this month with practical exams and when we return from break the rest of the IGCSE exams will be in full swing. AS and A Level exams will begin a bit later starting on Tuesday, May 8th. Coursework has been submitted for all students at this point and now everyone should just be focusing on preparing for exams.



In order to do this, students need to get plenty of sleep space instead of staying up late studying. They also need to eat breakfast each day so that they are energized and not distracted by how hungry they are. They will need those calories in the morning to get their brains working properly. Please support your student in this process so that they will be in best possible position to achieve success on these important exams.

GAC level 3 is underway and we look forward to seeing how these students will perform in this last push before graduation. Good luck to the GAC students and to all of the Cambridge students this next month!

Regards,  
**Erin Roetker**