



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,*

It is hard to believe that the year has drawn to a close, so much has happened during the 2018-2019 school year SIS @ Gamuda gardens.



## CONCERT

Our students made use of every free minute they had to practice for their concert performance, which took place at the National Convention Center, Pham Hung, Me Tri, Nam Tu Liem, Ha Noi.

You will agree with me, our students were amazing and every student who took part in their concert performance, did so with pride and joy.

A huge congratulations go to the students who achieved the awards.

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and effort during this school year, we are proud of all our students.

## CHILDREN'S DAY

The students all received a lovely alarm clock from Kinderworld to celebrate Children's Day on Friday 31 May. The teachers are also arranging excursions for their classes to celebrate this day. We want you to know that your child is appreciated and valued at SIS @ Gamuda Gardens.

## REPORT CARDS AND YEARBOOKS

The report cards and yearbooks were distributed on the last day of the school term. Please check that your child hands you their report card. If they do not, feel free to contact our office. Students who did not attend the last day of school can collect their report cards during the holidays as our offices. The office hours are from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12pm on Saturdays.





*Congratulations goes to Vincent, Cong Minh and YeHoon for receiving their Principal Awards*



*Students received their certificates for excellent results*



*Congratulations to our SVIS students*

### **OBV**

Our students enjoyed their adventures during their OBV excursions. They were forced to move out of their comfort zones and participate in many team activities. Students return exhausted and excited, some girls in IGCSE1 comment on how much they enjoyed this and couldn't wait to do this again.

Next year we are planning to run the OBV during cooler weather, so if your child did not attend this year, please encourage them to, as this is a wonderful time of bonding, team building and learning of many valuable skills.

### **HOMEWORK CLUB**

Any student in Primary School who is not picked up, when they have finished classes or clubs will continue to go to the Homework club. Any student still at school after 5pm will be in the office in Block A, please note: no supervision after this time is offered and your child could be unsupervised.

### **CLASSES FOR 2019-2020**

Next year we will be mixing our classes, the reason being, is for our students to bond and work with other students in their year level. The HOS and HOV together with the teachers will decide which students should be in which class. Please note: No classes are streamed according to ability. Please support us in this matter as we would like our students learning from one another.

### **LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

We ended the school week with a week filled with fun activities, such as watching a movie, playing board games, teaming up with the buddy classes to make Agamographs, designing airplanes, signing yearbooks and rocket building and launching activities.

### **PAPERLESS**

As you may have noticed, we try to avoid printing any document, as much as we can. Please note that we email many important letters and documents home, so if you change your email address, please inform the Office staff immediately thereof.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

I'd like to congratulate our merit award winners on their excellent academic achievement. 91 students received merit awards for Semester 2. Please find the merit awardees names attached to this newsletter.



The Semester 2 Merit Award recipients are:

LỚP 1A	
1	Ngô Trung Lam
2	Nguyễn Bảo Châu
3	Nguyễn Hà An
4	Nguyễn Minh Hà
5	Nguyễn Thái Bảo Nam
6	Phạm Hoàng Thiên Ân
7	Trần Thy Vân
LỚP 1B	
8	Nguyễn Bảo Lâm
9	Tạ Đăng Minh
10	Vũ Nguyên Khôi
11	Vũ Quang Bách
LỚP 1L	
12	Byun Ji Hyeok
13	Chun Jae In
14	Huang Mi-Ya
15	Phạm Bảo Long
16	Suh Bo Kyeong
17	Trịnh An Nhiên
18	Buechner Henry
19	Bùi Đại Dương
LỚP 2A	
20	Trịnh Thanh Thủy
21	Nguyễn Linh Chi
22	Hoàng Cẩm Vân Hà
LỚP 2B	
23	Nguyễn Đức Minh
24	Phạm Nguyễn Gia Linh
25	Nguyễn Đăng Bảo Đan
26	Britney Leow Diệp Y

YEAR 2L	
27	Byun Ji Hoo
28	Hwang Hee Jun
29	Jeon Min Kyu
30	Ko Gyeong Rok
31	Park Si Ha
32	Trần Bùi Huyền Anh
LỚP 3A	
33	Vũ Thành An
34	Ngô Tĩnh Liên
35	Nguyễn Trí Dũng
36	Song Hanna Mai Anh
37	Trần Tùng Linh
38	Trịnh Hà Nhi
39	Đoàn Khánh Hà
LỚP 3L	
40	Hwang Seung Jun
41	Kim In Kyung
42	Kwon Ju Eun
43	Lý Gia Minh
LỚP 4A	
44	Đoàn Gia Bách
45	Lê Hà Ngọc Linh
46	Nguyễn Thanh Lâm
LỚP 4L	
47	Lim Jee Hyun
48	Trần Đăng Phong Anh
49	Trần Minh Trí
50	Lee Hyun Seon

YEAR 5A	
51	Trần Phúc An
LỚP 5B	
52	Phan Hồ An
LỚP 5L	
53	Kwon Tae Gyu
54	Lee Gawon
LỚP 6A	
55	Nguyễn Thị Huyền Châu
LỚP 6B	
56	Lê Khánh Chi
57	Nguyễn Đăng Bảo Hoàng
58	Nguyễn Minh Như Phương
59	Phạm Thái Trà My
LỚP 6LA	
60	Kim Ji An
LỚP 6LB	
61	Dương Triều An
62	Ngô Bảo Anh
63	Phan Nguyễn Diệu Anh
64	Sun Tian Xiang
65	Vincent Le Delater
LỚP 7A	
66	Lê Việt
67	Nguyễn Hoàng Khôi Nguyên
68	Phạm Thái Mỹ Linh
YEAR 7B	
69	Ngô Linh Trang



LỚP 7LA	
70	Lee Hye Won
71	Trần Quang Thái
72	Vũ Thị Huyền Anh
73	Gabriela Patricia Rico Tejada
74	Lê Nguyễn Tường Anh
LỚP 7LB	
75	Matthew Myburgh

LỚP 8B	
76	Nguyễn Bảo Linh
LỚP 8LA	
77	Dương Hoàng Tú
78	Lê Trung Nguyên
79	Nguyễn Bảo Trâm
LỚP 8LB	
80	Nguyễn Hà Nhật Minh
81	Phạm Thảo Hiền
LỚP 9A	
82	Nguyễn Thị Huyền Trân

IGCSE 1A	
83	Hoàng Gia Huân
IGCSE 1C	
84	Lee Da Hyeon
85	Nguyễn Thanh Duy
86	Nguyễn Thiên Dương
IGCSE 1D	
87	Đặng Phương Lan
88	Kim Ji Woo
89	Nguyen Minh Ngoc
90	Nguyễn Phan Hà Anh
91	Nguyễn Trường Phúc

## SUMMER SCHOOL

We are running a Summer school this year and will be an exciting time for our students to learn through learning and without any pressure.

## SOCCER ACADEMY

A soccer academy will also be taking place at Gamuda Gardens during the holiday. Many of our students will be attending, this will be a great opportunity for our soccer enthusiasts to learn new skills.

## IPSLE

A reminder the iPSLE examinations for our year 6 students starts on Monday 1 July. I wish all our participants all the best and look forward to receiving their results.

## HAPPY SUMMER BREAK

I'd like to wish all our students, staff and you our parents a wonderful summer break. Let your children relax, read and enjoy the break, we want them to return re-energized and excited to start their next academic level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns you would like to address.

I am available on [lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Regards,

**Lorraine Els**



## Message from Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

As the school year draws to a close, hopefully we are all looking forward to a restful July holiday. For our senior students that will be coming back to Singapore International School next year it is important that your subject choices have been made and the school informed. We are very happy to be offering English Literature here at our school next year for our IGCSE 1, AS Level and A Level classes. This exciting subject enables learners to look for deeper understanding in writing and allows them to explore relevant contexts and themes in English Literature.

If you are unsure about any of your subjects or would like to know what career fields they lead into, please feel free to set up an appointment with me. I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. As always I am happy to discuss university choices and our study pathways here at our school. If you would like to make an appointment, please email me or contact the front office.

Please spend this holiday relaxing and recharging for our next school year, there will be many more exciting and interesting things to come in 2019-2020!

Regards,  
**Michael Ogden**



## Message from Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students:

The Primary School has been busy with Semester 2 exams. I am excited to see the amazing academic growth of our students this year.

Students are currently enjoying their swim lessons in the pool. Our PE staff and the swim instructors are doing a great job of teaching your child the basics of swimming and water safety. Thank you for encouraging your child's participation in PE lessons.

A big thank you to our SIS families! Students of all nationalities have been enjoying the recently opened Donation Lending Library in the Primary library. We have over 80 Korean titles, 12 English titles and 8 Vietnamese titles in this section of the library, and the students are *excited!* *We continue to welcome your book donations.*

Parents please send library books back to school. If a book has been lost, please contact the school for the replacement cost.

It is already June, and this means the close of the school year. The Gamuda Gardens End-of-Year Concert was a huge success. A big thank you to the families who attended the performances. Students and their teachers worked very hard and it showed!

As we are in the enrollment process for next year, please contact me if you have any questions about what program would best suit your child. I am happy to talk to you about the curriculum and structure of the programs we offer at Gamuda Gardens.

I wish students and their families a restful and safe summer break.

Kind Regards,  
**Julie Schaefer**



**Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents and our beloved students,

The 2018-2019 school year has passed quickly! Thanks to the dedication of both international and Vietnamese teachers, for their hard work - SVIS primary and secondary students have achieved wonderful results.

On behalf of the SVIS Primary and Secondary School Board, I am glad to report on the Study Results of students as follows:



**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND BEHAVIORS**

- ◇ Primary School: (158 students):
  - ⇒ 100% students achieved Pass and High Achievement in all categories of Academic Achievement, Capability and Behavior.
  - ⇒ 10 students achieved outstanding results.
- ◇ Secondary School: (172 Students):
  - ⇒ Academic Achievement: 47.1% of Excellent; 42.4% of Good and 10.5% of Average
  - ⇒ Behavior: 95.9% Excellent and 4.1% Good.
  - ⇒ 10 students achieved outstanding results. They achieved a GPA of 9.3 or higher.

Below is the list of students who achieved outstanding in end of year results

No.	PRIMARY		SECONDARY		
	Student's Full name	Year	Student's full name	Year	GPA
1	Tran Thy Van	1A	Le Khanh Chi	6B	9,7
2	Vu Nguyen Khoi	1B	Pham Thai Tra My		9,6
3	Hoang Cam Van Ha	2A	Nguyen Minh Nhu Phuong		9,6
4	Pham Nguyen Gia Linh	2B	Nguyen Thi Huyen Tran	9A	9,6
5	Doan Khanh Ha	3A	Nguyen Thi Yen Ngoc	6B	9,5
6	Le Ha Ngoc Linh	4A	Nguyen Dang Bao Hoang	6B	9,4
7	Doan Duc Thanh	5A	Nguyen Phuong Y	8B	9,4
8	Tran Phuc An		Ngo Linh Trang	7B	9,4
9	Vo Nguyen An Vy	5B	Tran Kieu Trang	8A	9,4
10	Han Ya Xian		Nguyen Bao Linh	8B	9,3

**OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Besides academic activities, SVIS students also participated in sports, excursions and other charity events. This year is the very first year that Outward Bound Vietnam was introduced to Year 4 - GAC students, all of them were excited to participate in the OBV events.

Regarding Humanitarian Acts, our SVIS students at Gamuda Gardens, together with students from other Singapore International Schools from North to South enthusiastically supported Operation Smile and Blue Dragon Foundation throughout the school year. Additionally, aiming to celebrate 72 years of Remembrance Day for Martyrs and Wounded Soldiers on July 27, SVIS Head of Studies organized a campaign where 100% of our teachers and students participating in and collected 42.131.000VND and 63 boxes of Ginseng tea to donate to The Center for Disabled War Veteran in Ha Nam.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all parents, who always support and cooperated with the school and ensure all our students are happy and strive for success by studying and practicing to expand their knowledge, understanding, sense of responsibility and sympathy for family and community!

I wish you and all of our students a happy and healthy and summer vacation.

Regards,

Duong Thanh Nghi



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### Message from KIK Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and our beloved students,

Time flies so fast, one more school year has passed which leaves us with mixed emotions. KIK teachers and I are happy to watch our children grown bigger, older and became more confident. May and June are the months that has been exciting with many interesting and fun activities taking place. It was joyful to watch our children play in the cool blue water of the pool this term! The students of K2 class were very excited to do experiments on rain to figure out why we have rain and study about water sources: to understand the important role it plays in our lives. The younger students studied things about the Summer, and Prep's students were able to learn about Hanoi, where we live, what are the special things in Hanoi and about Hanoi's cuisine



May and June were busy months but full of joy and excitement for both students and teachers. Nursery Nemo's children had fun and played at TiniWorld Time City, while K1 classmates were immersed in nature, into the world of insects when all the K1 went to the Vietnam Museum of Nature. K2 students had a chance to see the war aircrafts, or the model of the historical battle in the Vietnam Military History Museum. In addition, the Prep class members were also extremely excited to visit the Aquarium World with giant fish, dancing mermaids or watching the performance of penguins.

May and June has passed with a lot of memorable events, we can't forget to mention the Children's Day, June 1 st . The children were very excited when they went to see the water puppet show at the Vietnam Water Puppet Theater. The most interesting is to have fun playing with the clowns blowing the spectacular soap bubbles, or receiving art balloons from the skillful hands of artisans like flowers, spiders, bats, butterflies and bees. In addition, on June 1, each child also received a gift from the company, a lovely alarm clock with the school logo printed on it.

I am extremely proud of our children, who were confident and excellent to perform as professional dancers at National Convention Center during our end of year concert. Thank you, all the parents who attended the End of Year Concert and the Graduation ceremony on June 16.

I wish both parents and students will have a safe and exciting summer break. Hopefully, we continue to receive your support during the next school year.

Regards,  
**Vu Thi Thuy**



*Our students enjoyed their swimming lessons during the hot summer days*



*K2 students went to Vietnam Military History Museum*



*Our students made use of every opportunity to perfect their concert performance.*





*Our students enjoyed the agamograph challenge*



*Buddy classes worked together to create amazing agamographs*



*Creativing innovative students creating their rockets to look good and perform well*

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

Dear Primary School Parents and Students,



The Singapore and Vietnamese end-of-year exams produced many impressive results with students showing high levels of commitment and scholarship. Our teachers have worked diligently throughout the year in preparing students for their exams and with so many excellent results, our school year commencing August 3rd is looking bright already.

Holidays are next on the calendar and it is important to remember that holidays are still a valuable time for learning. Life's treasured lessons emerge during quality time spent together as a family. As parents, please make an effort to talk about life and growing up, how things have changed since your childhood days, and the differences we see in the world today; discuss current news and events and what's happening with the local community and help to broaden your children's minds. Develop your children's thinking with alternative ways to fill in their days e.g. arrange outings to the cinema, a sleep over with friends, or find some new books to read or colour in together, write a diary of holiday events, visit new and unusual places, organize and do something they have never done before like make slime or a craft activity available from the internet; let them help plan the family holiday, or build something like a cubby house or a construction model. Play strategy games with them like Nim, UNO, Chinese checkers, Monopoly, Reversi, etc. to improve their problem solving and thinking skills and importantly, encourage your children to spend less time on the computer.

With so many productive opportunities, holidays can be a busy and exciting time.

Have a great time during July with your family.

Regards,

**Dr. Noel Geoghegan**

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

Dear Parents and Students,



As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for all of your effort and support this year. I truly hope that everyone got the results their hard work deserved in the semester exams. I would like to congratulate all of our students on a fantastic year with lots of success stories. I wish you all have an amazing summer holiday. To those students that are coming back to us next year, I wish you a great holiday and hope that you come back refreshed and ready to go again. To those who are leaving us, good luck in the future.

Kind Regards

**Sean Stokes**





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

Dear Parents and Students,

We have come to the end of another exciting year here at SIS. It has been my pleasure joining SIS and I look forward to many more years.

The students worked very hard to complete all of their examinations and we are very pleased with their efforts. After we finished the exams, the students put a lot of effort into the rehearsals for the End of Year Concert. I really hope you enjoyed the show as much as I did!



I was impressed with their amazing performances and how hard they were working on their choreography and dance moves. I was really impressed, I'm sure you were too!

Next year, I will be changing positions within the school and I will be the new Head of Studies for the Primary school. I look forward to working closely with Ms Schaefer and helping the staff and students grow.

Sincerely,  
**Paul McKenney**

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

Dear Parents and Students,

Exams are all finished! It is finally time for the students and teachers to relax a little bit. The IGCSE 1 students also had their semester exams in May as well. For many of the subjects, they sat a full Cambridge exam maybe for the first time. The hard-work the students have put into their studies will show on their report cards.



I am so proud of all of the students for taking these exams seriously as they should and being respectful of other students while they are in an examination. The results for these Cambridge exams will be released August 13th this year. Good luck to all of our students!

I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing summer, so that the students can come back energized for another year of hard work. I would like to extend a special congratulations to our GAC and A Level graduates. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Regards,  
**Erin Roetker**



*Students had such fun creating their own rockets and setting them off*



*We are proud of the excellent, creative and vibrant Art work done by our art students.*



*Greeting cards were made from some of the excellent Art pieces. They are still available for sale from our office. Proceeds are donated to charity*



More pictures of our students on stage in End of Year Concert 2019.

