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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.

## Principal's News

Dear Parents and Students

### TEACHERS' DAY

Thank you, parents, for the wonderful flowers, gifts and notes of appreciation to all of our teachers and admin staff. We are overwhelmed by your generosity, kindness and support. This was most appreciated, thank you so much again!



### OBV (Outward Bound Vietnam)

Our Year 4 and 5 students enjoyed a fun-filled, two-day OBV event held at SIS Gamuda Gardens. The students were so excited to be able to have a sleepover in the school's multi-purpose hall. It was an absolute joy to watch them participate in team events and enjoy the many brainstorming activities. The excitement on their faces and the energy levels were high. These events allowed students to get to know their classmates better and many great friendships were formed. I want to thank the OBV team for the organization and long hours spent working with our students; they too camped out in our multi-purpose hall. Needless to say, the staff and students were all exhausted after the two full days of events.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 18 December at SIS Gamuda Gardens. All classes will be involved in setting up a stall or activity. Unfortunately due to COVID, no external vendors or parents are permitted to take part in the activities. The proceeds will be donated to Caritas Vietnam. Caritas Vietnam supports the poor who are marginalized and lacking basic human living conditions.

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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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Our beautiful teachers in their Ao Dai on Teachers' day



Teacher's day celebration was enjoyed by both students and staff

### Their area of operation is:

- Aid
- Support people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy patients and people with disabilities to integrate into the community
- Study Promotion
- Support the poor for temporary residence
- Community development
- Sustainable agriculture

### EXAMINATIONS

The SVIS examinations started on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November and will finish on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

The SIS examinations start on the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. IGCSE - A-levels examinations start on the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

Parents as your children are sitting these examinations, please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast, spends time revising their work in the afternoon and goes to bed early to be refreshed and ready for their examinations the next day.

### REPORT CARDS

The report cards can be collected from the school during our parent-teacher conferences on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of January. More details will be forthcoming.

Once again parents, thank you so much for your continued support. Please do drop me a line should you wish to discuss anything or have some great suggestions to make.

I am available at [lorraineels@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:lorraineels@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Warm Regards

**Lorraine Els**



Our first SVIS assembly



Our wonderful students' performances were inspiring



More performances by our beautiful SVIS students during the SVIS assembly



Students are engaged in team activities and encouraged to develop their critical thinking skills.

### Message from Secondary and High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

With the semester one exam season around the corner, it's important that we encourage our students to stay healthy so that they can achieve top results. Exams can be a particularly stressful time for our students and some simple precautions can help them ease the stress they might feel and ultimately let them get better grades.

Encourage your children to get to bed at an appropriate hour, make sure that they are not missing any meals and snack on healthy food when they are studying. Alongside this making sure that they are drinking enough water and taking regular breaks can all help to retain knowledge while studying!

Lastly, It's also important that we encourage our students to take an active role in their studying, a great way to solidify knowledge is to actively teach it to another person. So if your child wants to show you what they are learning in some of their subjects please allow them to teach you!

As always if I can be of any help please feel free to email me at: [michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Regards  
Michael Ogden



### Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and Students,

A couple of weeks in Term 2 have passed with many activities: students got impressive grades in the mid-term examination, participated in the November Assembly with Teacher's Day theme, spent one week on useful reading competition. I believe that all SVIS students did have a lot of fun at school.

There are some highlights in the upcoming weeks: "When drinking water, remember its source" theme in December and Christmas fair. Most importantly, students are going to have Semester 1 Examination for Integrated classes from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. Therefore, all students should stay healthy, eat nutritious food and have a proper revising plan to achieve good grades.

Parents might remind your child to have adequate breaks, assist them with revision; and especially you should not let your child go on a vacation or be absent from school to make sure they can attend all the examinations.

Should you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me through my email address: [anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Kind Regards,  
Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh





*Sleepover at school - What fun!*



*OBV team events encourage students to work well together*



*Students received participation certificate from the OBV team*

### Message from Head of Studies - Year 8

Dear Parents and Students,

As we approached the last few weeks of Semester 1, I would like to thank the students for their hard-work and dedication as well as the parents for their support. The next few weeks are going to be challenging, but as always examinations are a great opportunity for students to display the knowledge and skills they have acquired in the last few months. Best of luck!



I would also like to mention the Hanoi Sports League. The League was created a couple of years ago and 7 schools across Hanoi are now taking part in football and basketball games. Sport is a great way to develop a sense of community among the school and increase friendliness as well as teaching qualities such as tolerance, determination and perseverance. You may want to follow our teams' progress by following the Hanoi Sports League page on Facebook.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Kind regards,  
**Brett Grant**

### Message from Head of Studies - Year 7

Dear Parents and Students,

As we come to the end of a busy Semester 1, I encourage students to take full advantage of the support that the school provides to help them succeed in their upcoming examinations. Peer tutoring is available to students and all teachers provide a series of revision lessons during class time to ensure that students have every opportunity to perform well.



Once exams have concluded, we have planned some fun activities for our students to take part in before they go off and enjoy their Christmas break. Our Annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday the 18th of December. This is always a joyous day where students can learn about entrepreneurship and have fun with friends. On the 21st and 22nd of December students will have the opportunity to take part in the Term 2 Inter-House sports day. I look forward to seeing if anyone can take the lead from the Red Dragons.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Best Regards,  
**Claudine van Rensburg**





OBV challenges were encouraging and exciting



OBV was such fun

### Message from Head of Studies - ICGSE

Dear Parents and Students,

The Cambridge November 2020 examination series has ended. Well done to all the candidates!

Students should have started revising for the upcoming Semester 1 Examinations on 9 to 16 December. Last month, I have sent a copy of the Table of Specifications for the exams. Please assist your child in revising at home.



Here are some study tips to prepare for the examination.

- Revise the content 1 to 2 months before the scheduled exam date
- Make a timetable as to the subjects that you need to study for a specific time and date
- Organize your study area
- Re-do past assessments
- Create a study group
- Have some exercise
- Eat nutritious foods
- Drink plenty of water
- Take enough rest and sleep
- Be on time on the day of your exam

Good luck!

Should you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me through my email address

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Best Regards,  
**Maria Batac**



Our students created a mind map of all the wonderful things they accomplished during the OBV excursion