

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new year at SIS Vung Tau. After a very challenging year last year, we sincerely hope that this year will be less disrupted. The school has a number of new facilities and programmes this year such as a new STEM room, STEM curriculum, a new online English language learning support programme called DynEd. We are very much looking forward to this year and hope it will be as successful as our previous years.

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A very warm welcome to students, parents and Staff to our new Academic Year. Though we had a bit of a delayed start, we are now fully operational and looking forward to the challenges of the new year. All students have received their textbooks, stationery and Student Handbooks.

Students in Primary, Secondary and High School may log on to Edupage to check their homework, timetables and grades achieved. Parents also have received their log on details to check on student progress on Edupage.

With the introduction of DynEd, we hope to achieve even greater results from our students. It is highly recommended that each student spend about 20 minutes per day doing online work on DynEd.

Wishing you a great and wonderful year ahead and look forward to your unselfish support as always.

Dudley Schroeder

Principal

STEM Room

The brand new STEM room has now been finished and students now have regular timetabled classes in the STEM room



The new STEM room has brand new facilities and a new STEM curriculum for the whole school. All primary and secondary students will have at least one session of STEM on their timetable each week.

Students will be studying robotics and CREST award science using brand new facilities. These new facilities include MicroBlock robot kits and a 3D printer and the UBTech robot kits for secondary school students. We already have a large number of Arduino electronics kits which students will use to do electronic prototyping.

The new robot kits will be used to teach students about micro electronics, engineering and programming. Knowledge and understanding of these subjects is now in high demand though out the world and are important parts of the modern economy.

Last year's STEM days were very successful, but this is now a step up as this is now part of the timetable for all classes. We hope by the end of the year all the students on the campus will be experts in this kind of technology and ready to build a high tech future.



Breaking News – iGCSE Exam Results:

Congratulations to our students and teachers on the extremely wonderful overall results in the June 2020 iGCSE results. Well done all! Acknowledgement herewith in summary:

A* = 25	B = 19	D = 3
A = 21	C = 10	E = 1

We are still one of the top performing schools in Vietnam.

COVID Update

It is great to see students back at school and hopefully, this year, students will be able to attend classes at school with no disruption. Social distancing is in place for lunch times and home times. Gatherings such as School Assemblies are currently suspended.

In the event of the school having to go to Online teaching (Virtual Classrooms), the timetable will be implemented in full for all classes from Year 1 up.



New Teachers

We have the pleasure of welcoming a number of new staff to our campus this year.

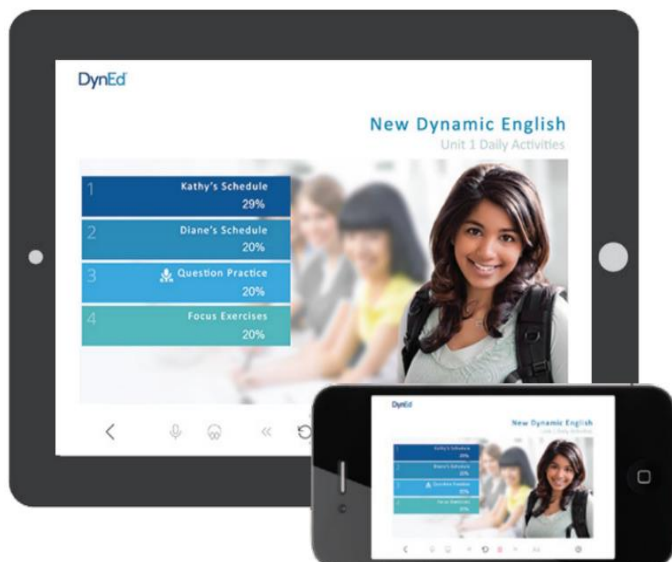
From left to right Mr William (Mr Bill) Blackford - teaching Year 5 International, Miss Maricel Ulidan - teaching Primary Y1 International, Mr Steven Fletcher - teaching in the Secondary programme, Mr Aaron Solloway - teaching in the Secondary programme and Mr Carlos Marques - teaching Health and Physical Education.



A kind reminder:

Please ensure that you have provided the school with your correct, updated and current email address in order to receive communication from school, teachers and also to communicate with us via email.

Due to the Covid-19 situation, we are becoming more reliant on email communication. The use of social media platforms like Zalo, Facebook Messenger and others to officially communicate with staff, is very much discouraged. We would like to keep confidentiality guaranteed for all parents.



Dyned

Starting this semester, the EPP program has been replaced by DynEd. DynEd is an English language program which can be studied online. This will allow students to study outside the classroom at home on a computer or tablet device. The students' progress and level can also be very easily checked online.

The adoption of this programme is intended to offer students more opportunities to improve their English both in class and at home. DynEd has been used successfully to deliver English language teaching in many

countries and is an excellent way to prepare students for further and higher education.

In order to access the programme, students need to download the app onto a PC or tablet. The app works on Windows, IOS and Android (currently there is no OSX version for Apple computers). It is recommended that students use a large screen device for studying rather than a mobile phone.

The app can be downloaded from the Dyned website at:

<https://mobile.dyned.com/index.php/solutions/pro>

Please make sure you select Vietnam from the download options as this connects to the Asia servers.

Once you have downloaded and installed the app the students can logon using the details provided by their DynEd tutor. They will then be able to continue to study at home and you will be able to monitor their progress.



Important Information:

School website: www.vungtau.sis.edu.vn

Edupage website: <https://sis.edupage.org/>

School Phone Number: (84) 254 7301 777

Academic Calendar on Edupage and School website

School Start Time: 8H20 daily

School Terms Academic Year 2020 - 2021:

Term 1 - Starts Mon 17 August to Wed 14 October

Term 2 – Starts Mon 19 Oct to Tues 22 December

Term 3 – Starts Tues 5 January to Friday 2 April

Term 4 – Starts Mon 12 April to Friday 2 July

Tet Holidays and School Break: 8 to 19 Feb 2021