



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU

# NEWSLETTER

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## Lockdown Update

As you may already know, schools throughout Vietnam are closed for the foreseeable future. There are however important assessments continuing throughout the curriculum.

As a result of exams being suspended, it is necessary for teachers across the curriculum to gather work for assessment online in order to conclude the marking for Semester 2.

We very much appreciate the co-operation and participation of students and parents in this difficult time. We would like to remind all students that it is important that they participate and submit work during the online classes as this will affect the final end of year marks.

Obviously, we are all hoping for a quick resolution to the current situation and a return to normal. Thank you for all of your help and support during this time.

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The current disruption in our school system across Vietnam due to the Covid 19 pandemic, have many of us on the back foot. Though online teaching is not ideal, we are making the best we can to continue to provide quality education to all our students from Years 1 to iGCSE 2.

Our iGCSE 2 students are currently sitting for their final international exam for Cambridge and we wish them the very best. We know it is tough during this period but we have faith for good results for our students. We are positive that the virtues instilled in our students like determination, resilience, flexibility and others will carry them through.

We wish our students the very best in their quest for great achievements for SA 2 final results.

### Student of the Term for Term 3:



Student of the Term Awards were handed out to those who have proved to be conscientious and working hard at our School-wide Learner Goal which is Active and Responsible Citizens.

The winners for Term 3 proudly display their certificates which they can use later in life for university entrance applications as well as part of their work application package. Congratulations to them all and well done!

### Math Violympic

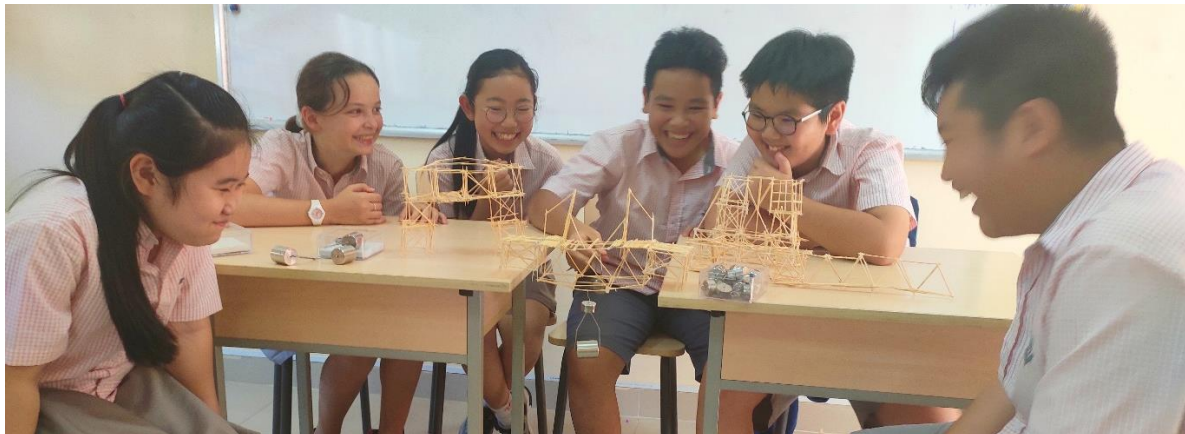
FPT Corporation organizes the Mathematics Violympic programme for high school students.

Participating in the contest are students from different grades according to school units nationwide. The students of Vietnam Singapore International School were very excited to participate in many rounds. With the determination to win and a passion for mathematics, Pham Phuc An Khang from 2nd grade Dual Language has achieved honorable achievements. He excelled in **the top 10 provincial Mathematics in English and Vietnamese Math in this contest.**

In addition, he also won a **Silver Medal in the Mathematics Contest Without Borders.** On April 19, 2021, the school was very happy to honor his name with noble awards. Wishing An Khang great health, lots of fun and high achievements in his further education. We are all proud of your achievements.



### 5L STEM – prior to lockdown



Just before the lockdown, as a further investigation into our science unit on materials and their properties, the Y5L class designed, built, and tested the strength of their own bridges made only of toothpicks. See photo above.

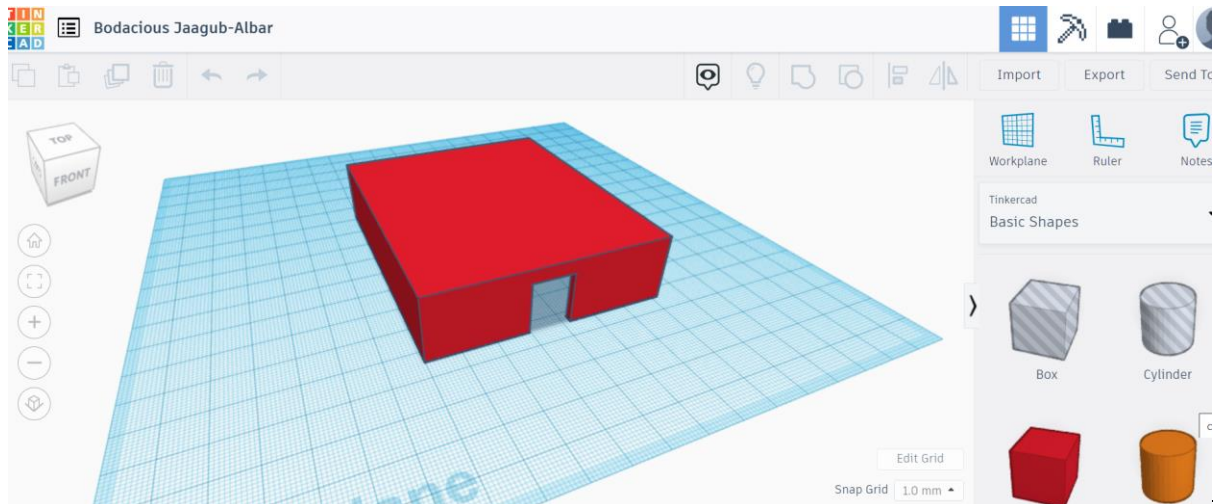
### Health and Fitness on Lockdown



Students are currently spending a great deal of time in online classes. It is therefore very important that they take breaks throughout the day and exercise and get some fresh air. As part of this health awareness effort, Mr Carlos, the Physical Education teacher, is working with all his classes to do exercise classes on the Teams platform.

Please remember it is important for the students to take regular breaks and get some exercise in the day in order to stay fit, healthy and happy!

## STEM Lessons Online



STEM lessons online are concentrating on 3D modelling, design and printing. 3D printing technology is an integral part of prototyping, product design and engineering. In the last few years, 3D printing has now expanded into the 3D printing of buildings using construction machines and cement.

The secondary students have in the last 2 weeks been learning how they can create 3D digital models. This is a rapidly developing area of technology which promises to revolutionize both the design and fabrication of products in manufacturing and construction in the next few years.



It is important for all students to attend all online classes. Homework must be completed and due dates to be respected. Online classroom behaviour needs to be of high standards in order to afford all students the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability, ask questions for clarification and to be supportive where needed to their class mates.

We thank our parents for having organized supervision for their children at home and also the necessary further motivation from home.