

# 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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 9 Integrated Final Vietnamese Exams
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Talent Show
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – ISA tests for Years 3, 5 and 7
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6-8 Integrated Final Vietnamese Exams
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1-5 Integrated Final Vietnamese Exams
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 – Semester 2 Exams International and Integrated classes
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Graduation and Awards Ceremonies
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – end of School Year 2020-2021

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

Welcome back everyone after what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable April holiday. We at SIS, BDNC, are prepared for a busy term 4. We have important learning and lessons leading up to Semester 2 exams starting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Also, we have been allowed to recommence excursions and field trips, and I am hopeful that teachers will make use of this opportunity to take student learning to alternative, outdoor locations.

Late April will also see the writing of ISA tests in English and Mathematics for our Year 3, 5 and 7 students.

Our normal End of Year Concert has been changed to a “Graduation and Awards Ceremony” and is scheduled for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, to take place at school in our Multi-Purpose Hall – more details on this will follow soon.

Parents often ask what they can do to support their children’s English language learning. The first step is to do your best to keep informed of your child’s progress in the English language. It is very important that you also continue to support the development of your child’s first language(s). One way to do this is to go over a textbook or story/picture book readings with your child and discuss the material in your home language. You may also want to get books in your language that cover the same themes and ideas that your child is studying in school. You can also take a visit to an English bookstore and let your child pick out a book based on his/her interests. Make the trip to the bookstore a special family time, and you’ll be surprised how much they cherish their new book. There are also many free online resource for parents such as [www.britishcouncil.org/parents](http://www.britishcouncil.org/parents).

Once again, thank you for entrusting your child to us at SIS@BDNC. It is truly a privilege.

Thank you!  
Mark Watling  
Principal

### PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Greetings all,

The students in the primary school have been working hard to finish off units and begin preparing for their end of year exams. The teachers are also working hard, ensuring that students reach their full potential for the end of the year.

This term, we have said goodbye to our wonderful English teacher, Ms Freda. Ms Freda worked closely with our Year 2 and Year 4 integrated classes and she will be sorely missed. We welcome Ms Emily from England to work with these class until the end of this academic year.

Finally, classes have begun preparing for the End of Year Concert. Ms Lilit is once again working with all classes to bring out their best for each performance.

Until next time,

Mr. Tom Dowden  
Head of Studies-Primary School

### HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

March was a month that just seemed to disappear! After a very welcome end of term break, students in high school have been working hard to complete their course work ahead of Semester exams, which will take place at the end of May. Our IGCSE 2 students are starting their exams next week after many years of preparation. We wish them all the best.

We have welcomed some easing of CoVid restrictions and look forward to being able to run some more assemblies and even some out of school activities soon.

I am also pleased to report also that a large number of students have completed their levels in DynEd and will be presented with their certificates at future assemblies – watch out for the photos! I am very proud that these students have shown commitment and determination to succeed. Please remember that for Year 6 – 9, students should be completing Dyned homework at home as part of their English homework AT LEAST 4 times per week for 20 – 30 minutes at a time. For those who do this regularly, I can honestly say that I have witnessed the difference made to the fluency of their spoken English in the students that I teach.

Ms. Caroline Mead  
Deputy Principal

### INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

This month, we had the mid – exam. Our students did their best to do the exam. Base on this result, teachers will have a plan to support more with the students to get them ready for the final exam is coming. From 19 April 2021 to 26 April 2021, year 9's students will do the final exam. We wish our kids would have the best result for them to get to high school.

Ms. Kim Tri  
HoV

**STAFF UPDATE**

**PE:** Mr. Peter Harwood commenced PE teacher role effective 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and will remain until the end of Term 4.

**Chinese:** We have managed to secure the services of Ms. Lou Yu as our new Chinese teacher. Starting date will hopefully be around the middle of May 2021.

**English:** Ms. Freda Matseka has unfortunately had to leave us due to health concerns. We thank her for her time at SIS, BDNC, and for the valuable work she did with our Year 2 and 4 Integrated students. Ms. Emily Miller replaced Ms. Freda starting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**REMINDER - PICK UP OF CHILDREN AT 5PM**

We wish to remind parents that children must be picked up by no later than 5pm. All school staff finish work at 5pm and children still at school have to be supervised by the security staff. They are not trained to supervise small children and nor is it part of their official job description. It is also not fair on children to have to wait so long to be picked up. Please support us in picking up your children before 5pm.

Pre-school children are encouraged to go home immediately after their last class or their club. This prevents them from becoming over-tired and helps them to study throughout the week. Again, it is highly unfair to expect small children to need to wait patiently for any extended period of time before being picked up.

**REMINDER - CELL PHONE POLICY**

SIS@BDNC has a no cell phone policy for our students. We believe it is important for students to learn to communicate and play with each other during their break times. As such, children are allowed to bring cell phones to school and, in the case of high school, even use them as a learning tool but they are not permitted to play games, visit social media websites, call or send messages during school hours. Parents can support us by reminding children of the policy and by not calling your child before 4.30pm.

**SEMESTER 2 FINAL EXAMS 2020-2021 SCHEDULE**

Date /Day		Subject	Level	Duration	Time
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (MONDAY) 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (WEDNESDAY)	Chinese Testing will be done in class this week	<b>English Paper 1 - Speaking</b> (International and Integrated students)	Y 1-9	5 minutes per student	Done during class time
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (MONDAY)		<b>English Paper 4 – Listening</b> (International and Integrated students)	Y1-9	20-30 minutes	Done during class time
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (THURSDAY)	Vietnamese testing for International students will also occur this week.	<b>English language Paper 2 - Writing</b> (International and Integrated students)	1) Y1-2 2) Y3-5 3) Y6 4) Y7-9	1) 60 min 2) 70 min 3) 70 min 4) 105 min	1) Done during class time 2) Done during class time 3) 0845-0955 4) 0835-1020
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (FRIDAY)		<b>English Paper 3 – Language &amp; Comprehension</b> (International and Integrated students)	1) Y1-4 2) Y5-6 3) Y7-9	1) 90 min 2) 110 min 3) 120 min	1) 0835-1020 2) 0840-1030 3) 0830-1030
31 May 2021 (MONDAY)		<b>Mathematics Paper 1</b> (Year 1-8 International students only)	1) Y1-3 2) Y4 3) Y5-6 4) Y7-8	1) 90 min 2) 105 min 3) 50 min 4) 60 min	1) 0840-1030 2) 0830-1015 2) 0900-0950 3) 0900-1000
31 May 2021 (MONDAY)		<b>Mathematics Paper 2</b> (Year 5-8 International students only)	1) Y5-6 2) Y7-8	1) 80 min 2) 75 min	1) 1035-1055 2) 1035-1050
1 June 2021 (TUESDAY)		<b>Science</b> (Year 1-8 International students only)	1) Y1-2 2) Y3-4 3) Y5-8	1) 45 min 2) 75 min 3) 105 min	1) 0845-0845 2) 0845-1010 3) 0830-1015