



NEWSLETTER

October 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2!

The school calendar reflects a very busy Term ahead.

Please communicate with your child's classroom teacher or the school office staff if you need further information on any areas concerning student learning.

School celebrations.

All school celebrations and special events will continue to be communicated via the school newsletter and by teachers in their weekly newsletters.

Changes will be updated by emails to parents.

OBV.

Term 2 OBV dates for classes have been set and communicated to both students and parents.

Please contact the school office if you need further information or have any questions.

Student records.

Please make sure your student information documentation is continually up to date.

Any changes to email addresses or other student information need to be shared with the school office staff.

Covid-19 social distancing procedures.

All processes and procedures in place will continue in Term 2, 2020.

Parents will be notified by email if there are any changes.

Temperature checks, mask wearing and health and safety procedures will continue.

SA1 examinations.

Semester 1 examinations for Grades 1 to 12 will take place at the end of Term 2, 2020.

The TOS has been shared with parents for these examinations with unit and content expectations and examination dates.

Please contact your child's form teacher if you need further information.

Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews.

End of Semester Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews will be sent home and take place early in Term 3, 2021.

A busy and no doubt productive Term ahead for all students and staff.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal

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Dear Parents,

With the first term behind us we look forward to an exciting Term 2. For example, all classes are now going to the new STEM Lab each week to learn about coding and robotics. They are all quite happy and engaged with the opportunity. The several different programs children will study are:

Year Levels	Robotics & Coding Program
Kindergarten to Year 1	mTiny [https://www.makeblock.com/mtiny]
Years 2 to 5	Codey Rocky [https://www.makeblock.com/steam-kits/codey-rocky]
Years 6 to 9	UB Tech Advanced [https://www.ubtechedu.com/global/pro_view-1.html]
IGCSE to A Level	UB Tech Explore [https://www.ubtrobot.com/products/explorer-kit?ls=en]

Along with the robotics and coding kits students will use a variety of apps in the class set of iPads to extend their learning further into areas of science, technology, engineering, art & design, and mathematics. We are hopeful that COVID restrictions will lessen soon and we will be able to invite you to campus to see and experience some of what your children are learning in this new venture.

On a different topic, please be reminded that semester exams will begin the second week of December. Student have been studying English, math, and science according to the Table of Specifications (check with their teacher for more information).

At the end of the semester they will have an opportunity to demonstrate their progress and proficiency via exams. These will count for 70% of their semester mark and so should be taken seriously. A schedule of exam days and times will be sent home soon. However, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the office and set an appointment to come in for a chat.

Thank you for your continued support of SIS.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden, Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach)



Dear Parents,

Term 2 is an exciting time for our students, as we look ahead to the holiday season. Some of our KIK students' favourite learning themes are explored, including Occupations, Transportation, and Christmas.

We had such a wonderful time celebrating Halloween on 30 October! It was so nice to see students and staff dressed in Halloween Costumes or House Team T-shirts!

I am so proud of our Year 6 Integrated students and their OBV experience. They showed flexibility and resilience with their quick return home due to a big storm in Quy Nhon. The staff and instructors ensured the safety and care of the students. They also took care of the quality of the experience despite having to travel back to SIS @ Saigon South to complete their course. Well done!

We are very much looking forward to Teachers' Day on 20 November 2020. It is a special time to show appreciation for the great work all our Teachers provide to our students.

Every year our students and staff greatly look forward to our Christmas Charity Fair that will take place in December. More information will be shared in the coming month.

Caroline Atkinson – Deputy Principal



Halloween's activities "Trick or Treat"

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Dear Parents,

October has been a busy and productive month in high school with many events to prepare for. The IGCSE 1 students and all the other new students have adjusted to being in high school and are learning to cope with the heavier workload.

With relaxed COVID-19 restrictions we are happy to once again have assemblies and flag-raising on Wednesdays and Mondays. The students will once again have the opportunity to present a school-wide learner goals or school virtue during assemblies.

The U/19 Volleyball teams have also had their first match against AISVN since the start of the pandemic. All students did a great job on and off the court by being respectful of the COVID-19 restrictions at AISVN. The girls' team also won their match.

We have elected our first Student Council members and we look forward to seeing them lead the students to improve the school and develop their leadership skills.

One of our high school students, Ms. Dang Hoang Lan Anh, has already proposed a school-wide collection of clothes and money to donate to the flood victims in Central Vietnam. With the help from management she came up with a plan to motivate her fellow students to support those in need showing excellent leadership skills. As always, we are proud of our students' for introducing new initiatives and thereby becoming active and responsible citizens.

The school is decorated in Halloween colours and high school is no exception. Form classes decorated their bulletin boards depicting the history of Halloween, the artwork of our talented students, scary movies, pumpkins and ghosts.

A few students are currently preparing for and writing the Cambridge re-sit examinations. We trust that the students who chose to re-write their exams will work hard to achieve the best possible grades and we wish them all the best during this time.

At the same time, we are also preparing for the upcoming SA1 exams which will take place in week 8 and 9.

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High school)



Halloween's Decoration

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2! Everyone has done such a wonderful job of settling in and learning the rules and routines for their new classes. As you know, all students from Prep through Year 5 have their own RAZ-kids accounts to help practice and improve their reading skills at home. We hope that you and your child are enjoying reading together at home each day.

Students from KIK through Primary are learning to identify story elements such as characters, setting, and plot. You can help your child to master these concepts more quickly by talking to them about the stories they have read. Your child should be able to identify the author as the person who writes the words to the story, and illustrator as the person who draws the pictures. Discuss descriptive words and their meaning with your child. We recommend reading with your child every night for at least 20 minutes.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)

Dear Parents,

The STUCO (Student Council) Academic Year 2020-2021 launched as a representative body for students at SIS @ Saigon South. We have Teacher Advisory Team and twelve members comprising of students across Year 6 to High School. They are a wonderfully eager and enthusiastic bunch and we anticipate a great start.

Left to Right:

Front Row: Mr. Roscoe, Hoang Khanh, Hoang Quan, Minh Hieu, Justin, Si Huyn

Back Row: Ms. Victoria, Ms. Duyen, Khanh Tu, My Khanh, Lan Anh, Diem Hang, Anh Thu, Viet Hoa, Ms. Caroline, Ms. Nhung.

Le Trang Nhung – Student Council



Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, because of COVID 19 restrictions, all sport tournaments and season matches were cancelled for Season 1 (September-November) of SISAC competitive sports.

Luckily, social distancing restrictions have relaxed, so Singapore International School is now allowing friendly matches with other schools. Our Season 1 Sports Teams (U19 Volleyball, U19 Table Tennis, U15 Basketball, U13 Basketball and U11 Football) have been continuing to train and will play their first (and only) friendly matches of the year during Term 2.

All players must have permission forms signed by parents and returned to school in order to join the team and before playing in a match at another school. Hopefully in the future, SISAC will allow season matches and tournaments for Seasons 2 and 3. In the meantime, all of our teams will continue to train to be ready for competition.

Upcoming Match Schedule:

- U11 Boys Football Thursday October 22 3:30PM @ SIS
- U19 Boys + Girls Volleyball Monday October 26th 4:00PM @ AISVN (Nha Be)
- U15 Boys Basketball Tuesday November 3rd 4:00PM @ AISVN (Nha Be)
- U13 Boys + Girls Basketball Thursday October 29th 4:00PM @ AISVN (Nha Be)
- U19 Boys/Girls Table Tennis Friday October 30th 3:30PM @SIS

If you are interested in joining a Season 2 Sport Team please sign up outside the Hall or see Mr. Quinn for more information.

Season 2 Sports (November-January)	U9	U11	U13	U15	U19
Basketball- Boys and Girls					
Football- Boys and Girls					
Table Tennis- Mixed					
Badminton- Mixed					

Quinn Donovan – PE Teacher