

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU NEWSLETTER

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End of Term Fun

We have finally arrived at the end of an extraordinary year of lockdowns and online learning. Fortunately now, we are able to celebrate the end of the semester together on campus. Although some restrictions remain in place, we have resumed most of our on campus end of year celebrations.

The efforts of the students, staff and families have been monumental this year. We would like to thank you all for your efforts this year and we look forward to a new academic year in 2023 without the lockdowns and online learning.

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Science Project Year 7 - Mr John

The Year 7 International students created clay models of plant and animal cells. While studying the Model of Cell Unit, the Year 7L students were assigned to design and create clay models of plants and animal cells. Ms. Ivy found the cardboard boxes that the class needed, and the science lab already had the clay for the students.

Everyone in the Year 7L class worked extremely hard on the projects. The students were very creative and worked well as a team. It took a week to finish the project. The Year 7L students were very happy with their finished projects.



Children's Day

The students were given two main choices for Children's Day. The first was to build a rubber-band-powered vehicle and the second was to create a wacky vehicle. Integrated and International students were combined in each respective year group. My group (4L and 4G) chose to build a rubber-band-powered vehicle. This was not as simple as it looked as it required turning a stretched rubber band into the physical movement of the car. They had a lot of fun trying a number of solutions and then, came up with a neat rip-curl solution that successfully moved the vehicle about one meter in distance. Other students took part in drawing activities, and everyone had fun.



IGCSE2 Graduating Class



Jenny

I have been at SIS for 4 years, but it feels like just a blink. My IGCSE years were filled with joy and challenges which helped me to grow as a person. My teachers continuously pushed my limits. I learned life lessons that I will forever remember. The seventh grade me would not believe how much I have grown.

There were moments here when I failed and made mistakes, but I would not be the person I am today without them. SIS was a place for me to try and fail, and then get up again and do better. Getting a second chance to redo everything is rare and I am lucky enough to have had many of them here. The lessons I learnt here will follow me for the rest of my life.

Mai

I studied at SIS for 12 years, which helped me become who I am. The school was small, and the teachers were closer to the students at first, but it started to change over time. Many teachers have come and gone, but each will always be a part of SIS and hold a place in my memory.

Every time I look back in the yearbook, all the memories rush back. For instance, the laughter and quarrels with my friends or even the teachers, the schoolyard where different activities occurred to help connect everyone, etc. These little things have combined to form SIS, a school that I will always love.

Titi

This school has taught me a lot of things about educational topics, but it's also taught me a lot of life lessons and responsibilities that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I will miss all of the support I have had from my teachers since they helped me get through everything. I will also miss my friends that I have known for a long time and

hope to keep in touch with. 12 years of being in this school is over and it's really sad-denning but I am relieved to know I can still visit the school and ask for help from the teachers anytime.

Mary

I will miss my precious friends so much, who have always been by my side when I needed encouragement to try my best for a better future. I will also miss the teachers and the staff at SIS VT, who are hard-working and always want the best for us and want to see us go to a good university so we can find a good job.

From my experience as a student at SIS, I have gone through many memorable events, both good and bad. The good events included the teachers and my best friends helping me and giving me advice in my studies, also encouraging me not to give up so I have gained a lot of knowledge. The bad events helped me to learn a lesson that the future is mine, I make the decisions myself and don't let others interfere, also competitions in the class are good but try not to be competitive.

Khanh

A lot of things have happened since I moved to this school. Thanks to that, I have gained a lot, not only about knowledge, but also about life skills. I have made many friends who have helped me a lot in the nearly 3 years I have studied here. They have encouraged me and I have a lot of memories when of hanging out together. I also want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the teachers who taught me and closely followed my growth process. I would not have found my potential and strengths without them. They have all worked hard to teach us and want us to have a solid foundation for our future plans. For every event that happened at this school, good or bad, I will always be grateful and remember, as there would be no present or future me without these things.

Raina

I was able to make many memories with foreign friends while attending this school, and since all classes are conducted in English, it was good for my English skills. Although it was very difficult to adjust at first, I have no regrets. I really enjoy the events at SIS such as sports day and Tet day. I learnt a lot while attending this school, and I think it will have a big impact on my dreams in the future.

Sam

I have been in this school for 9 years. I had made lots of friends and lost some of them now and then. However, after struggling for years, I have finally found my best friends who actually care and accept who I truly am. Losing them when I move to another school is definitely going to be challenging. In addition, the anti-bully policies implemented by the school help create a perfect academic environment.

Thu

This is my 5th year and also my last year studying here. I just realized how fast it was for 5 years to pass with valuable experiences that I have gone through with my friends, teachers, and myself. I truly had a meaningful time here which taught me to become more independent, more mature, and stronger and made me who I am today. I was a very lazy kid who spent most of my time playing and messing around with my friends and ended up getting bad grades at the end of the year. However, time changed where I had a chance to meet more people, and this is where my new journey started. I began to worry about my future, work harder to earn good grades (not only for myself, but for my parents and the teachers to be proud of me), and to be able to recognize who's truly good or for me. Sadly, we had almost one and a half years studying

online which meant we were not able to meet up and create memories together, but this is when you truly know how kind your friends are, when they tried their best to wake you up every morning and make excuses for your late attendance or bad internet connection. I know this is only two thirds of my academic journey and I still have a long ride to go. Sorry for being stubborn all the time and not being mature enough to understand your care, dedication, kindness. Thank you for everything! Live happily and stay positive.

Kayla

I have been at this school for nearly 6 years. I was very happy to with my teachers and friends. Although sometimes it was a bit difficult, at the same time it was a lot of fun. Everyone has taught me many new lessons that are useful for everyday life. What I like most were the times when my class played games together and united to work. Thank you to the teachers for being with me and enduring my bad habits and supporting me for a long time. Moreover, the school has given me many good friends who always give me the best and help me all the time.

Jason

I have been at SIS @Vung Tau for more than 5 years now and what an incredible journey it has been! I could not have asked for a better group of friends than this group. We laughed, we explored, we created tons of memories and we grew together as a family! Everyone, including my peers and my teachers, have helped me to develop and make my future brighter. With all of your help, you have made me absorb lots of knowledge, on and off the campus, not only as a student with a good academic performance, but also as a good human being, learning to respect and listen to people. Words could not express how thankful I am for what you have done for me and I actually appreciate it! Thank you teachers for all the support and encouragement over the past few years! I personally hope to work with you more in the future. Once again, thanks a million for your hard work!

Minh Anh

Even though I have only been in this school for less than 2 years, this has been the best time of my life. I can't imagine that I could make so many friends that play an important role in my life. But it couldn't happen without all of the teachers' guidance in the effort of shaping us into helpful and noble citizens of the world. I am so thankful to be under your roof as you always bring to us meaningful and interesting lessons. I will miss all the fun and hard times that we went through, it has been my most valuable experience that I could not have bought with money. I hope that no matter where we go in the future, we will strive for the best and be resilient.

Jin

Having studied here for almost my whole life, since I was 5, I have seen a lot of teachers come and go. Though they all have had their fair share of time working at this school, every single teacher that has stepped in my classroom has taught me countless valuable lessons and have shaped me into who I am today. I am very grateful to those who have helped me on my journey, guiding me into the real world, students and teachers alike. I will miss every aspect of this school when I leave, and the beautiful memories I made that I would cherish for the rest of my life. A little over a decade here has passed by in an instance, and looking back, I do have some regrets. Now, the road ahead will be much more difficult, though I will not give up, it will surely make me appreciate how easy it was back here.

Tony

SIS VT has taught me so much more than just book knowledge. I have been studying here for 11 years, this school has become my second home and has shaped me to who I am. I would never forget all the life lessons that were taught and experienced here, and I will bring them in to my future. Since I have been studying here most of my life, I will miss all the friends that I have made here, all the classes we sat together, all the trouble we got into together. SIS has created such a wonderful environment for students, by having a lot of activities and events. I would love to thank all the teachers and students in SIS because without them I would not be who I am today, and I would not have reached my full potential. When I just started at SIS, I would always think to myself, it will be so long until I reach IGCSE, and I could not even believe that the day would come. With just a blink of an eye, we are already graduating. Thank you teachers for your dedication and patience. We enjoyed every second of your classes. We love the way you teach, the knowledge you share. I really appreciate all the care and love you put into all your lessons.

Kind regards,
IGCSE2

Visit to our local orphanage Mr Victor

It's been almost 2.5 years since we last visited our local community orphanage. Covid has not only impacted us here at SIS VT but the children at the orphanage were not allowed any visitors or any interaction outside their walls.

However, as soon as we were given the green light to visit, students and staff at SIS VT campaigned for donations for 3 weeks. Our parents and their families did not disappoint in their generosity. There was overwhelming support and we managed to collect plenty of food and clothing.

On Monday, our IGCSE students helped deliver the donations to the children. It took the bus 2 trips to load and drop off all the food and clothing. The IGCSE students handed out the drinks and snacks to the children who were delighted to see visitors and collect their goodies.

This was definitely not possible without the generosity of our parents. We hope SIS VT will continue to be a pillar of the community and always provide for the children at the orphanage.

6G Maths – Ms Dung



"Apply mathematical knowledge to make robot models (application of solid geometry knowledge), heavy-load-bearing bridge models (application of triangle knowledge), and Solar System models (Mathematics and Science). Students are excited about creating products and verifying what they have learned. Attached are some illustrations."

See the world in 3D! - Ms Germila 3G

3G went 3D with their "Do It Yourself" 3D glasses. The activity is a game changer for students who currently learn about cities around the world. The students were able to have a virtual tour of different cities, from New York to London to Moscow and cities around Asia using the 3D glasses they made. They were shown 3-D images of their favorite landmarks and famous places to visit. It greatly improved the quality of the 'conversation' the teacher had with students and most importantly, the students had a lot of fun making it, learning and exploring.



Integrated Graduation



The school year 2021 - 2022 is one of the special years for teachers and students of SVIS at Singapore International School in Vung Tau: more than half of the year, teachers and students have only looked at and talked to one another through computer screens. When we have been happy to go to school, we have had to study and fight against the Covid-19 pandemic at the same time. Once again we have won and brought complete joy to the end of the school year.

Looking back on the journey of the school year, teachers and students can't help being emotional about the efforts and achievements made in the past school year. Despite the difficulties and hardships, both teachers and students always strive to teach and learn to bring the best results. Faces beaming with joy stepped onto the stage to

receive certificates of merit, gifts and meaningful rewards. The students who got excellent results through the IOE, Violympic exams, etc. from the city to the National level and academic achievements were dancing and cheering. How worthy and happy they were! Farewell to the school year, teachers only hope that you always keep your innocence, have a loving and beloved heart, grow up and be useful people in the future.

Another school year has gone so that a new school year will come, a new journey will begin to give us belief in a bright future. Say goodbye to the 2021-2022 school year and welcome the 2022-2023 school year with many new successes!





Tina Nguyen – IGCSE Alum

It is 2022, two years after my IGCSE graduation. Going back to school last week was a very nostalgic moment. Going through every corner of the school brings back every single memory that I've been through during my five years studying at SIS.

I remember every single extra class and star jumps from Mr. Victor, all those pressure writing exams from Mr. Joshua, every single science experiment with Mr. Mark, fun but complicated math classes with Mr. Seamus, those chill business classes with Mr. Reuben, and being in Mr. Joshua's form class created the best bond between each of us.

Every single piece of knowledge and memory are kept in my treasure box of memories which I cannot return to anymore. However, they became the strongest base for me to grow better every day.

Currently, I'm studying in Singapore at LaSalle College of Arts, life in another country is very different from where I've been. I took a gap year to prepare but when I got to another country there are still so many challenges going on including housing, flights, paperwork and new school life that I have to sort it out all by myself at the age of 17. There were so many challenges that made my eyes swell from crying. The heavy workload kept me away from sleeping but to be honest my prior knowledge from SIS helped a lot in my studies and my life.

Last but not least, I sincerely appreciate every single teacher that helped me to grow higher and better to be a new Tina like today.



Minh Hoang – IGCSE Alum

When I started writing this essay, I just visited my teachers, friends and staff at my old darling school "SIS Vung Tau". I really felt emotional and happy as there were many memories relating to the pressure, new experiences of studying, participating in school events like the Science Fair, preparing for class activities and working on exams. Because of that, I will always be thankful to my studying routines I built while I was at SIS from which helped me improve my studying techniques. This all contributed to helping me overcome my first year assignments on my own while studying for my undergraduate program at RMIT University.

To be honest, after graduating from IGCSE, my parents decided I should study abroad either in Australia, Singapore or in an America university in Singapore. But when Covid 19 came in 2020, all of my plans were ended and I could only stay at which made me quit studying at the Buffalo University in Singapore. Everything came crashing so fast and I just felt empty and I could not think or have any idea of what I should do next. Nevertheless, "at the end of the tunnel, there will be a light", I became more active in playing sports so as to be healthier. I also watched more global news and also read more books, newspapers and even magazines to increase my self-knowledge. Not only that, some of my old best friends from my IGCSE class (like Giang, Stephen, Kevin,...) also advised me to study Foundation course through the Internet which saved me time and still allowed me to catch up so as to apply to RMIT in October

2021. Actually, studying online required me to be responsible and self-conscious to study, review lessons before classes, consult with teachers and also do homework.

I am finally studying at RMIT University in Ho Chi Minh city now. I'm just in semester 3 which means I am still a first year student.

Last but not least, I just want to inspire to younger students who are studying at SIS Vung Tau that:

"Anyone can be successful if they keep trying and don't give up"

KIK is on an excursion! – Ms Dede



On 17th of June, KIK students went on a school trip to the Eco Farm in Ba Ria. They spent all day as little farmers; feeding the animals, planting seeds and learning more about farming. They had a lot of fun!

SIS-VT Overall Champion for campus-wide Spelling Bee Competition

SIS Vung Tau has made history by sweeping the championship in the recently concluded 1st campus-wide Spelling Bee Competition. Our champion spellers bested other contestants from six other SIS campuses and showed not just smartness but also grace under pressure. In the primary level, Aletheia Isis Lauderer (Y3L) landed on the first place and not too far behind is one of our own, too, Pham Hoang Vinh Thuy (Y4G) came second place. For the secondary level, Pham Hoang Xuan An (Y6L) was declared overall co-champion with the contestant from SIS Da Nang as well! We are so proud of how our students stepped-up to the challenge with dedication and patience. SIS Vung Tau is simply the home of Spelling Bee champs! We hope our next contestants will carry on with this winning streak!



Graduation

The 2021-2022 graduation was held on the 30th June. In attendance was Mr Peter Baker – Director of Education of Kinder World International Group and Ms Pham Minh Hong Deputy Director of Operations.

Due to continuing COVID restrictions, we were unable to open the event up to all parents and students. A selection of students from KIK to IGCSE2 won awards and performed songs for the attendees.

Mr Peter Baker presented certificates to students for a variety of awards including our final graduating IGCSE2 students. Professional photographers and videographers were present to record the event, and these recordings will be made available to parents soon.

Next year we hope to hold a completely unrestricted event for all to attend.





Congratulations to all our Award winners, winners of STEM Competitions, Spelling Bee Winners and all the winners who have returned to school after the lockdowns and sat for their final exams!

Wishing you all a great and safe holiday and looking forward to welcoming back our students for the new academic year. School reopens on Monday 8 August.