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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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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents,

As we move into the early stages of the month of December I would like to highlight and bring to your attention some important school news regarding the upcoming semester 1 examinations and the Christmas Charity Fair celebration to be held at SIS@BDNC.

Students are preparing for their semester 1 examinations and the school's Christmas Charity Fair will be celebrated on the 6th of December,2014. Friday afternoon and evening.

Please note.

1. Semester 1 examinations.

Semester 1 examinations for all grades from years 2 to 8 will be held in the last two weeks before the Christmas holidays which begin on the 23/12/23.

Parents are encouraged to check the information already communicated regarding the TOS, Table of Specifications, which outlines the examination subjects, and the units covered that will be in the examinations.

An examination timetable has also been shared.

For further communication or understanding of any of these areas, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

2. Christmas Charity Fair.

SIS@BDNC will celebrate the Christmas Charity Fair on Friday afternoon, evening on the 6/12/24.

Come along to what will be a wonderful school community celebration.

Lots of Christmas-inspired food, music and activities.

I believe even Santa will pay us a visit.

Communication and news about the Christmas Charity Fair will go home soon.

3. Christmas and New Year holidays.

SIS@BDNC will close on the 23/12/24 for the Christmas and New Year school holidays.

School will open again on the 6/01/25.

As December will be a short month for learning at SIS@BDNC, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all in our school community a safe, Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Yours in learning, Mr.Mark



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Some call November the most beautiful month, and here at SIS BDNC, it has also been a very busy one!

This month marked the start of our after-school clubs. Thank you to all the students who signed up and showed their enthusiasm for learning beyond the classroom. Participation in school activities reflects positively on our students' attitudes. These clubs offer an opportunity to develop various skills while having fun. A big thank you to our teachers for their extra planning, time, enthusiasm, and effort in running these clubs—it is greatly appreciated.

During the first week of November, we celebrated Halloween with a variety of exciting activities. Primary learners enjoyed games arranged by secondary students and their teachers. The costume parade and "catwalk" were definite highlights. A heartfelt thank you to every student who participated and to our Student Council for organizing such a memorable event.

On the 20th of November, we celebrated "Teachers' Day." A range of fun activities took place, including a "Guess the Teacher" game featuring baby photos. Our teachers felt truly special and appreciated all the kind messages and well wishes from students and parents alike.

Academically, we are approaching revision week and the Semester 1 Exams, which will run from Friday, the 13th of December, to the 19th of December. We encourage our students to prepare thoroughly and do their best. A special thank you in advance to our parents for their ongoing support during this important time.

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout November. As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and festive holiday season.

Warm regards, Philip van der Walt Head of Studies – Primary







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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Parents and care-givers,

As we move well and truly into "exam season," it is crucial for all students to be well- prepared and proactive in their studies. Here are a few key reminders:

Be informed: Ensure you know what material will be covered in your exams, how it will be examined, and the dates and times for all your assessments.

Plan and prepare early: Start organizing your revision schedule now. Identify challenging areas and seek help from your teachers as soon as possible—don't wait until the last minute.

Review effectively: Know what you need to review and how much time you have to dedicate to each subject. Avoid panicked, last-minute cramming, as it is rarely effective.

Prepare your materials: Check that you have all the necessary stationery, calculators, and mathematical instruments well in advance.

Seek support: Teachers are here to help! Make use of after-school support sessions and take advantage of the upcoming Tutorial Week to ask questions and clarify concepts. For Cambridge students, this is also an ideal opportunity to gauge your level ahead of the formal exams.

On a different note, as I write this, we have just celebrated a wonderful Teachers' Day. I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the many parents who shared their thoughtful gifts and kind words. While this is not why we teach, your gestures of appreciation are deeply valued and cherished.

In addition to exam preparations, we are also approaching the festive season, a time traditionally associated with giving. To mark this, the school will host its annual Christmas Charity Fair on the afternoon of 6 December. Alongside this, we are organizing a drive to collect non-perishable food and clothing for a local orphanage. We kindly urge you to support this initiative and help us bring joy to those less fortunate during this special time of year.

Wishing all our students the very best in their preparations, and I encourage everyone to stay focused while also embracing the spirit of giving this season.

Warm regards,

Lizelle Maclachlan Head of Studies (Secondary)



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INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

All integrated students are trying their best to learn and do the schoolwork in this special month. This month has had a special day where all students want to show their love and appreciation to all their teachers. Students participated in the drawing contest and the writing - poetry contest about their teachers and wished teachers good health and happiness.

Students love their teachers, and they want their teachers to see the best results that they get in their exam next month. We hope that our kids will have the good result in the final semester 1 MOET exam from 2 December to 6 December 2024.

Please see photos of students' activities and learning during the past month.

Ms.Kim Tri.









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STEM UPDATE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our STEM program continues to thrive as students across all year levels immerse themselves in robotics and coding this term.

Using tools like the VEX Kits, Codey Rocky, and UKIT Advanced, students are building and programming robots, developing key skills in teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity.

We are also excited to see strong participation in our after-school Robotics Club, where students take their learning to the next level by working on advanced challenges and innovative designs.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement of our STEM initiatives!

Best regards, Jolin Richardson STEM Coordinator







Thank you

