



NEWSLETTER

August 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new 2020-21 Academic year.

This is the first Newsletter for the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the following information.

1. Student information.

Parents are requested to make sure all student information is kept up to date. Please notify the school office if there are any changes.

2. School arrival and departure times.

As previously advised the new starting time at SIS@SS is 8.25am.

Lessons will conclude:

➔ International K to Year 4 & High school at 3:15pm

➔ International Year 5 to 8 & All Integrated students at 4:00pm.

Students need to be picked up by 4.30pm unless involved in after school ECAs or sporting activities and events.

3. School refurbishment updates.

We are very excited to announce the completion of the following school refurbishment improvements. Science Lab, new STEM room, new school entrance signage, multi -purpose court, canteen cooling and school painting improvements. Photos will be included in this edition of the Newsletter.

4. New staff members.

A warm SIS@SS welcome to the following new staff members.

- Ms. Jessica Saayman: Year 5 International Teacher from South Africa.
- Mr. Billy Hare: Year 3 International Teacher from the UK.
- Mr. Matthew Ward: EFL Teacher from the UK.
- Mr. Malcom Gouws: English Teacher from South Africa.
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Hoai Phi Year 6 Integrated Teacher

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5. OBV.

Students from grades 4 to 12 will participate in the OBV program this year. Dates will be shared soon with students and parents.

6. Coronavirus health and safety procedures.

A huge bravo to all in the SIS@SS school community with your cooperation with the health and safety procedures during the current corona virus pandemic. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Please contact your child's teacher or school office if you need and further information.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal

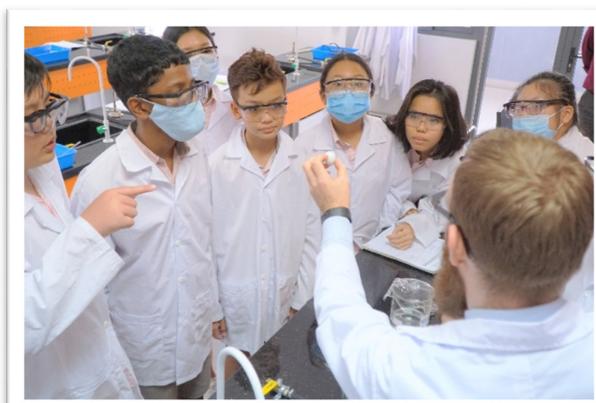


STEM

The brand new STEM Robotics Room has now been finished! At present we have a number of UBtech robotics kits, with materials from Makeblock as well as a 3D printer and interactive screen on the way.

The UBtech kits will be used to teach secondary students about micro electronics, engineering and coding. Knowledge and understanding of these subjects is now in high demand and are important parts of the modern economy. Primary students will use Makeblock materials to do the same.

While STEM activities in the past were successful we look forward to providing scheduled lessons and providing greater depth with a more interactive, engaged, hands-on experiences.



DynEd



Starting this semester, the EPP program has been replaced by DynEd. DynEd is an English language program which allows students to study outside the classroom at home on a computer or tablet device. The students' proficiency and progress can be easily monitored as well.

The adoption of this programme is intended to offer students more opportunities to improve their English. DynEd has been used successfully to deliver English language teaching in many countries and is an excellent way to prepare students for further and higher education.

In order to access the programme, students need to download the app onto a PC or tablet. The app works on Windows, IOS and Android (currently there is no OSX version for Apple computers). It is recommended that students use a large screen device for studying rather than a mobile phone.

The app can be downloaded from the Dyned website at:

<https://mobile.dyned.com/index.php/solutions/pro>

Make sure to select Vietnam from the download options as this connects to the Asia servers.

Once you have downloaded and installed the app your child can logon using the details provided by their DynEd teacher. They will then be able to study at home, and you will be able to follow their progress.

