



# NEWSLETTER

Dear parents,

As we approach the end of our 2017/18 academic year I would like to use this space in our newsletter to highlight the following school events and initiatives as we move forward into the month of June.

On behalf of all staff I would like to congratulate all students for their hard work and excellence in the recent SA2 examinations and those high school students completing their Cambridge examinations. Exams will continue for the next few weeks, for our GAC students. We wish them ever success. In reflection, it is important to note that pleasing student results are a personal reward for hard work and commitment to student learning. Once again, well done to all students, we are very proud of your achievements.

A reminder to all parents that School reports will go home in the last week of school. Communication will be shared through emails and student handbooks as a reminder to all parents. We are well and truly in the midst of concert fever. Classes are busily preparing their items for the concert. Our school is alive with excitement in anticipation of this popular school celebration. Parents are to be thanked for their cooperation and assistance with all costume requests, and for supporting teachers in the many organizational needs for the concert.

Please contact your child's classroom teacher or TA if any clarification or further explanation is needed. It should be a positive school community celebration for all. The virtues program for term 4 continues, with the theme of creativity being taught and celebrated. This will really be reinforced and experienced come concert time.

Looks like a rewarding and exciting month of June ahead.

Yours in learning,  
**Mark Priddis – Principal**



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Dear Parents,

A few notes regarding upcoming events:

### **Exams**

Cambridge Exams for high school students are currently underway, to be completed June 7. Semester 2 Exams (Years 1-9) are taking place from May 21 through May 30. During exams please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, eats properly, and also important is to have a bit of fun. Enjoyable activities reduce the stress of studying, and lower levels of stress can lead to higher performance. It is also much better for overall health..

### **End of Year Concert**

The annual End of Year Concert will take place Sunday, June 24, at the Ho Chi Minh City Opera House. The Junior Concert will include students in Kinder to Year 3 while Senior Concert is for Year 4 and up. The theme is "Lights, Camera, Action!". Each class has selected a story/book and paired it with a song. Some classes have already begun practicing, while others will do so after exams. Feel free to ask your child to tell you about their performance. As the concert approaches more information will be sent home.

Thank you again for your continued support. If you have questions or concerns about anything and would like to have a chat, please feel free to contact the office and make an appointment.

Respectfully,

**Robert Madden - Deputy Principal**



Excursion for Integrated Students



Dear Students and Parents,

The 2017 – 2018 Academic Year is coming to a close on June 29, and as we look back over the year our students have made some excellent progress making their teachers and parents proud.

Year 1 Integrated students were shy when they stepped into the class on the first day, but now they can read and comprehend both Vietnamese and in English. They have fun as they come to school with smiles on their faces and a drive for learning.

Year 5 Integrated students are thrilled to have completed their Primary Program and happy to be promoted Year 6.

During this time, all classes are busy preparing for their End of Year Concert performances. Judging by their rehearsals and colorful costumes the End of Year Concert is shaping up to be a very impressive event and one which will be filled of fond memories for our students

I wish all students will achieve their wishes in the future.

**Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh**  
**Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies**



Students rehearsing before School Concert



Kindergarten Students





Dear Parents,

With SA2 exams are taking place for Year 1-9 students, stress and anxiety can sometimes be running high. Here are a few tips to help you succeed!

- ✓ Create a quiet, relaxing, organized study space!
- ✓ Start your revision early— start preparing at least 2 weeks for each exam.
- ✓ Revise for 45 minutes at a time.....and take 10 minute breaks.
- ✓ Start with the most challenging subjects or the ones you like least!
- ✓ Organize study groups with your friends
- ✓ Look after yourself ~ eat well, drink plenty of water and get 8 hours of sleep.
- ✓ Snack on “brain food” like fruit, nuts, berries or yogurt that can help your concentration and memory.
- ✓ Take it seriously and cut contact: no phone calls, no texts, no Snapchat, no Facebook...

Don't Expect Success – Prepare For It!

**Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1 – Y5)**



Cambridge Exam Room



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