



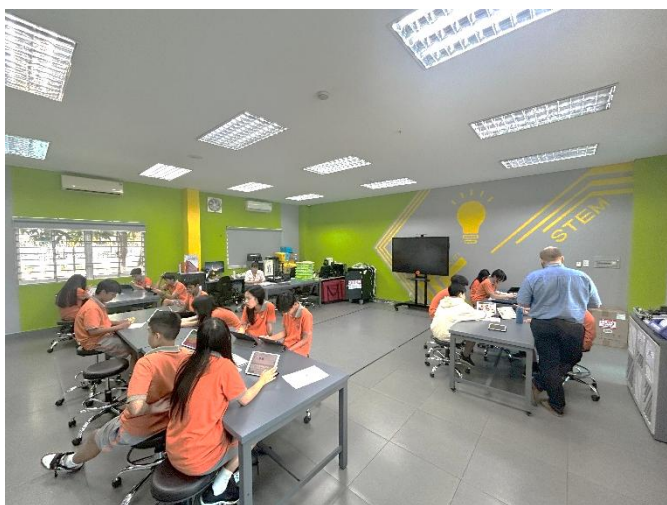
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Dear Parents,

November has been a quieter month as we prepare for our upcoming Semester 1 exams. Teacher's day did bring some excitement, and on behalf of all the staff at SIS I would like to thank our wonderful parents for your gifts and well-wishes to the school and teachers.



Students all wrote a standardized test for English during the week of November 17 – 21. This is good preparation for the upcoming exams and allows teachers the opportunity to identify and work with your son/daughter on areas for improvement. The semester exams will be written from 8 to 11 December, Form teachers will be providing more information on the scope and sequence of each exam, in due course.

We also are looking forward to seeing all parents, family, students and even alumni students at our upcoming Christmas Charity Fair, Saturday 13 December. This event is always a great hit thanks in large part to the generosity and support of you, the parents. The beneficiary of our Charity Fair this year, will be Caritas Vietnam, a globally recognized charitable organization that helps support the less fortunate in Vietnam through a wide range of initiatives.



Christmas Charity Fair
Saturday, 13 December



I wish all students good luck for their upcoming semester exams and look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Charity Fair.

Best regards,
Donovan Ryan Neethling, Med
Principal



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Deputy Principal

As we move toward the upcoming exam period, I want to share a few reminders that can help students feel grounded and confident in the weeks ahead. This is always a busy time, but it becomes far more manageable when students build steady routines rather than relying on last-minute effort. A little structure goes a long way, and families can play a helpful role in reinforcing that rhythm at home.

One of the best starting points is simply creating a study schedule. When students place their revision sessions directly into their calendars, it helps them see the week more clearly and spread out their workload. Breaking subjects into smaller, focused blocks, keeps revision from becoming overwhelming and allows students to track their progress in a realistic way.



Sleep is another area that often gets overlooked. A consistent sleep pattern, especially during exam season, strengthens memory, improves concentration, and helps

students stay calm under pressure. Even small adjustments, such as keeping the same bedtime throughout the week, can make a noticeable difference.

On exam days themselves, beginning the morning with a proper breakfast is essential. Foods that offer a balance of protein and carbohydrates give students the steady energy they need for long periods of concentration. Eggs, yogurt, oats, fruit, or a simple rice-based breakfast all work well.



Finally, active revision makes studying far more effective. Students benefit from quizzing each other, explaining ideas aloud, or working through past papers together. It turns studying into something more engaging and gives them a clearer sense of what they already understand.



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Wishing all our students confidence, clarity, and a steady pace as they prepare for the weeks ahead. Good Luck!

Best regards,
Joshua Lowery

Head of Vietnamese

November has been a joyful month across our school, with students enthusiastically creating handmade greeting cards, drawing portraits of their teachers, and decorating classroom boards to celebrate Vietnamese Teachers' Day on 20 November.



As we move into the second half of the month, students are also turning their attention to revision for the upcoming end-of-semester examinations. To support their learning, the school is conducting individual Parent-Teacher meetings so each child can prepare with

confidence. We wish all students a meaningful revision period and a strong start to their first semester examinations.

Best regards,
Vuong Y Binh

Head of Studies Primary

As December approaches, Primary has been working hard to ensure our students feel confident and prepared for the upcoming semester exams. Teachers have been reviewing key concepts, checking for understanding, and giving students opportunities to apply their learning independently. By using data from our English classroom-based assessments, teachers have been able to identify priority areas and tailor their lessons to make the most of every minute of classroom time.



However, this month has not been dedicated to academics alone — it has also been a time of impressive sporting success! Students from across Primary have taken part in a variety of sports events, demonstrating outstanding

courage, teamwork, and discipline. The U9 football team finished 3rd in the city championship and the U11 football team finished 4th in the city championship. Their commitment and positive attitude have led to some excellent performances, and we are incredibly proud of all those who represented our school.

It has truly been a month of balanced achievement, with students shining both in their studies and on the sports field.



Best Regards,

Billy Hare

Head of Studies - Secondary

November has been a period of both intense focus and exciting experiences for our Secondary and High School students. The middle of the month saw students successfully navigate our recent Exam Week/Control Week, demonstrating their understanding of the material covered so far. We are proud of their hard work and encourage them to use feedback to guide their studies.



A major highlight was the Outward-Bound Trip for our IGCSE 1 and Year 9 students. They participated in challenging team-building activities, developing crucial skills in leadership, resilience, and collaboration in a unique environment. They returned with great memories and strengthened bonds!



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Please note that Semester Exams are fast approaching and are scheduled for the first two weeks of December. Encourage your child to organize their time and begin reviewing materials.

As always, to ensure you stay fully informed about grades, announcements, and key dates, please continue to check Edupage and the KWapp regularly for all updates.

Regards,
Ryan Dalton

Kindergarten Lead Teacher

Theme of the Month: Community Helpers, Transportation & Safety Rules

This month, our Kindergarten learners explored the important roles of community helpers such as shopkeepers, drivers, bakers, and police officers. Through engaging stories, role-play

activities, and creative crafts, children learned how these helpers contribute to our daily lives.

We also focused on transportation and safety rules. Children practiced identifying different types of vehicles and discussed how to stay safe while travelling whether by car, bus, or on foot. These lessons help build awareness and responsibility from an early age.

Highlights of the Month:

Our exciting KIK Excursion to the Post Office was a memorable experience! The children had the opportunity to:

- Observe how postal workers sort and deliver mail.
- Learn about the journey of a letter from sender to recipient.
- Send a special letter home to their parents.
- Practice safety rules during the trip, reinforcing what they learned in class.

This hands-on experience not only deepened their understanding of community helpers but also encouraged communication and care for others.

Thank you, parents, for your continued support in making these learning experiences meaningful and fun!

Best regards,
Le Trang Nhung



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