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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- Academic Achievers
- Confident communicators
- Critical Thinkers
- Technologically literate students
- Active and Responsible citizens



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SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGON SOUTH

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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.

Dear Parents and Students,

The last month of school is always eventful, and this year has been no exception. The biggest event was no doubt our end-of-year concerts – a three hour extravaganza organized around the theme of 'Decades'. Classes, led by their form teachers, spent many weeks rehearsing and their hard work certainly paid off. It was a fantastic evening of entertainment and a wonderful celebration of our school community. I would particularly like to thank our concert coordinators Ms. Jilda Manson (Deputy Principal) and Miss Jessica Walkinshaw (Music Teacher) who made the concerts such a success. I would also like to thank all of our teachers who also contributed to making the concerts so successful. It was also a night of awards and I would like to congratulate all of our students who received awards in recognition of their academic, sporting or social contribution to our community.

21st Leaders Convention

From the 2 – 5 June, five students attended the 21st Student Leaders Convention at the Hwa Chong Institute in Singapore. The theme for this year's convention was "Diverse Backgrounds, One Integrated Humanity". "Diverse Backgrounds" refers to the varying origins that different individuals or groups come from. The background of a person includes one's race, religion, nationality etc. There are various factors which contribute to why people may face inequalities in areas such as wealth and education. "One Integrated Humanity" refers to individuals in society being unified.

Over five days, Tran My Hien, Michael Ong Ee Wei, Hoang Minh Thu, Nguyen Minh Nghia and Nguyen Hoang Minh Khoa worked with students from other countries to discuss how such an ideology is feasible. The students were able to share ideas and solutions to the inequality and disparity that our world faces today.

The conference was of exceptional quality, providing opportunities for students to reach new heights and for teachers to spend quality professional development with colleagues in other countries.

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SIS Student Leaders 2015



Swimming Carnival



Graduating students 2014-2015

2014/2015 Senior Graduation Dinner

On Wednesday 8 July, our senior students celebrated their graduation at the Lotte Legends Hotel. This was a very special event to honor the graduation of our two graduating classes; GAC and A Levels. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our graduating students and with them all the best for their future. I can rest assured that they are well prepared for their coming years of University.

Graduating Students for 2014/2015:

A Levels

Vongthanosone Nguyen Nhat Duc

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GAC

Le Nu Gia Huy
Vo Quoc Vu
Tran Ngoc Trang Dai
Nguyen Pham Dai Viet Tin Quoc
Luong Vien Phat
Chen Gia Khang
Nguyen Xuan Mai
Jung Kyoung Soo
Nguyen Ngoc Minh Quan
Tony Hai Anton

Swimming Carnival

On the 1 - 3 of July the school held an Intra School Swimming Carnival where our students competed fiercely in their Houses displaying great team spirit and enthusiasm. It is always wonderful to see our students in high spirits supporting each other. A big thank you to Ms. Siobhan for organizing the event and our dedicated teachers who assisted.

Report Collection

Semester 2 reports will be available for parents to collect from the school office from the 9 – 10 of July. There will be no official parent teacher interviews as these were held during Term 1 and Term 3 this year. However, if parents would like to request an interview with their child's teacher they can do so by contacting the schools administration staff and they will kindly arrange a suitable time with your child's teacher.

Finally, to all of our students and parents, I wish you a safe, happy and restful holiday and all the best next year at SIS @ Saigon South.

Shane Blood - Principal



Name : Vongthanusone Nguyen Nhat Duc Class : A Level
School : Singapore International School @ Saigon South HCMC

5 years at SIS, plans to study Property Economics at University of Technology (Sydney, Australia)



Name : Nguyen Xuan Mai Class : GAC
School : Singapore International School @ Saigon South HCMC

2 years at SIS, plans to study Business Information Systems at RMIT University (Vietnam)



Name : Vo Quoc Vu Class : GAC
School : Singapore International School @ Saigon South HCMC

7 years at SIS, plans to study Information Technology at RMIT University (Vietnam) followed by further study in Florida (USA)

Dear Parents and Students,

New Enrolments

The past month has been very busy with placement tests and enrolment interviews. This is a great time to welcome new parents and students to our school for the next academic year. We have had many enquiries and enrolments for the K1, K2 and Year 1 Integrated classes as well as K1, K2 and Prep International.

IGCSE Entry tests

The Year 8 International and Year 9 Integrated students have taken Mathematics and English Entry tests for the IGCSE program. IGCSE is a two year international qualification that is recognized all over the world. After IGCSE, the students can either study the two year AS/A level program or complete the one year GAC (Global Assessment Certificate) program.

The students achieved great results and it is a credit to our program and teachers here at Saigon South. Congratulations to the following students who have received excellent results in the IGCSE Entry tests. The student with the highest result for each component has been marked with an (*).

Nguyen Ngoc Bich (Sophie)-Year 8 Int'l: Writing*; Use of English; Maths.

Phan Ngoc Linh Chi-Year 8 Int'l: Writing; Use of English.

Vo Tri Thanh-Year 8 Int'l: Listening; Use of English; Maths.

Nguyen Le Quoc Anh-Year 8 Int'l: Listening*; Reading; Maths*.

Ng Shuet Yee (Sabrina)-Year 8 Int'l: Listening; Reading.

Vu Hoang Phuong Anh (Violet)-Year 8 Int'l: Listening; Reading*.

Nguyen Ba Khoi-Year 8 Int'l: Listening; Use of English.

Nguyen Vo Anh Phuong/Loli-Year 8 Int'l: Listening.

Nguyen Anh Khoi-Year 9 Int'l: Writing.

Tran Gia Minh-Year 9 Int'l: Listening; Reading; Use of English*.

Nguyen Do Anh Thu-Year 9 Int'l: Listening.

End-of-Year:

This time of the year is very busy as students finish their exams, prepare for the concerts and enjoy final class excursions and activities. I'd like to offer warm congratulations to the Year 5 and 9 Integrated students who graduated at the ceremony on June 30. As well, the Prep, GAC and A level students were presented at the End-of-Year concert. The GAC and A level students also had the opportunity for a special presentation and dinner on 8 July. Warm wishes and the best of luck for their future studies.

Janelle Baker - Deputy Principal

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Name : Tran Ngoc Trang Dai Class : GAC
School : Singapore International School @ Saigon South HCMC

**7 years at SIS, plans to move to Florida (USA)
for further study in 2016**



Name : Jung Kyoung Soo Class : GAC
School : Singapore International School @ Saigon South HCMC

**7 years at SIS, plans to study Information
Technology at RMIT followed by further study
in Australia**



Get a brand new book

Dear Parents and students,

Summer is a perfect chance for students of all ages to strengthen their academic skills and avoid losing what they have learned. Half an hour to an hour set aside daily can drastically help students for the upcoming school year.

Think of your summer vacation as a teachable moment. Have them keep a diary of the activities they are doing, and perhaps e-mail friends and relatives about what they are doing.

Have your child go online to sites such as MapQuest to help research your vacation destination, as well as sites you will see on your trip. Even if you aren't leaving HCMC, have your child do some research and download some pictures of places that he or she would like to see.

Visit the English section in a bookstore. Kids always love to get a brand new book!

Though it may not seem fun, working on just three to four math problems per day over the holidays can prevent students from losing some important skills.

Sharla Scott - Head of Studies(Y4-Y9)

Dear Parents and Students,

Good Luck to our graduating A Level & GAC students

In our last newsletter for the Academic year we wish to acknowledge all the hard work that has been done by students and staff of the senior high school. We welcomed the IGCSE 1 students from Years 8 & 9 who have become a happy and lively group of students. Sadly as is the case with all schools around the world, we must say goodbye to our final year students who we will miss very much, the ten GAC students and our one A Level student. In this month's newsletter we would like to let you know about our GAC student and A Level student and their time at SIS and their plans after they graduate.

On behalf of the senior high school I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all students and teachers in the Senior High School to have a great summer holiday break and look forward to a great new academic year from August.

Robert Gayst - Head of Studies (SHS)

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Name : Hoang Minh Anh Class : Integrated Year 9
School : Singapore International School @ Saigon South HCMC

**Excellent students of English Competition
Ho Chi Minh City**



Four excellent students



Name : Nguyen Vo Anh Tu Class : Integrated Year 5
School : Singapore International School @ Saigon South HCMC

**Second place award in the English
Presentation Competition**

Head of Vietnamese Studies News

Dear Parents and Students,

The 2014 – 2015 Academic Year is coming to a close on July 10, 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. Nguyen Vo Anh Tu was honored to receive the second place award in the English Presentation Competition with the topic "Ho Chi Minh today", which was held by Binh Chanh Office of Education Training.

Four Year 9 Integrated students were honored 'excellent students' in the English District Level Contest: Hoang Minh Anh, Nguyen Pham Tram Anh, Nguyen Anh Khoi and Nguyen Do Anh Thu. Hoang Minh Anh also received the third place award of 'excellent students' in the English competition for Ho Chi Minh City Competition.

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.

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

Dear Parents and Students,

Table Tennis

U11 CHAMPIONS! SIS continues to dominate the SISAC table tennis competition; with our third win out of three this year. The enthusiasm and dedication of the players and coaches was evident in the weeks leading up to the competition and on the day. Well done to Mr. Karras and captain Anna.



U11 CHAMPIONS!

Netball

The SIS netball team in their first every competition exceeded all expectations and proved that they can compete with the other schools. We look ahead at a prosperous future for these young athletes. Well done boys and girls.

Siobhan Synnott – PE Teacher/Athletic Coordinator