



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

Dear parents,

We hope that you were able to join us for the KIK Stay and Play or Sports Day, and that your family had a restful & enjoyable National Day holiday.

As we begin the second month we are focusing on three key improvement areas of reading comprehension, social-emotional learning, and writing proficiency. To do this the staff have been divided into three teams. Each team has develop goals aligned with their improvement area (you can see these posted in the Canteen). Throughout the year various action steps will be taken to guide our improvement journey. We will keep you apprised of these regularly.



You should also know that we will have our Accreditation Visit by a committee from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) from 28 October through 1 November. These educators from around the world will spend several days on campus reviewing documentation, analyzing data, observing lessons, as well as meeting with students and staff and parents. Their feedback will be used by the WASC Commission to determine our future accreditation status.



An event in the nearer future is the Mid-Autumn Festival. Celebrated on 17 September, please look for details about activities to be shared soon by your child's teacher.

Should you have questions about any campus activities or events please do not hesitate to contact me or the Office to arrange an appointment.

Yours in learning,
Robert Madden
Principal

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Dear Parents,

As the year kicks off to a good start, we would like to confirm with Parents that the dates of this year's Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) excursions have been confirmed.

- September: A level (Binh Dinh)
AS Level (Ha Long)
- October: Year 9 and IGCSE 1 (Ha Long)
Year 8 Integrated (Binh Dinh)
- November: IGCSE 2 (Binh Dinh)
Year 8 International (Binh Dinh)
Year 7 ALL (Ha Long)
- January: Year 6 ALL (Binh Dinh)
- February: Year 5 (SIS@SS)
Year 4 (SIS@SS)

Letters and information packages will go home to parents with more information as we get closer to each trip. Please contact your son/daughter's form teacher for more information.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



Dear Parents,

A new school year has begun. After a relaxing summer vacation with families, students are excited to return to school to learn, play, and enjoy time with teachers and friends.

Besides various activities organized to welcome students, teachers are also busy decorating classrooms, preparing notebooks, communicating with parents, and planning lessons to help students feel ready and eager to embrace the new school year.

We wish the teachers a successful and fulfilling year of teaching and our beloved students much joy and valuable knowledge in the school year 2024-2025.

Vuong Y Binh
Head of Vietnamese Studies



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Dear Parents,

We were thrilled to welcome all our students back to school on Monday, 5th August, for an exciting new year of learning and growth!

Our dedicated teachers have been hard at work preparing their classrooms and lesson plans, and getting everything ready for an amazing school year. As we start the year, we'll be guiding students through our school rules and routines to help everyone settle in smoothly. Following these routines will ensure a safe, respectful, and productive environment where everyone can thrive.



Let's make this school year one to remember, full of curiosity, creativity, and success!

Lindsay Stanford – Head of Studies

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of a vibrant new school year! We're excited to see our students return with renewed enthusiasm and a commitment to their studies. Watching familiar faces help foster a supportive environment for new students has been particularly rewarding.

In our middle school community, the transition from elementary school is a significant step, and we're dedicated to making it smooth and successful. Our Year 8 students are building on the solid foundation they laid last year, and we're confident they will continue to thrive as they take on new challenges.

This year promises many opportunities for growth across all grades. We've also started the year by celebrating the provisional results from the Cambridge IGCSE and A-level exams, which are a reflection of our high school students' hard work. As we look ahead to June Series at the end of this school year, our focus remains on enhancing our program to achieve even greater success. For those considering retaking subjects in November, forms will be distributed soon.



We encourage open communication and are eager to support you and your children throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to reach out at any time.

Let's have a wonderful year ahead!

Joshua Lowery – Head of Studies (Secondary)



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! We are thrilled to have your little ones join us for an exciting year of learning, growth, and fun. Here are some updates and information to help you and your child get ready for the school year.



Reminders:

- **Drop-off and pick-up:** School officially begins each day at 8:15 and end at 3.15. To ensure the safety and supervision of all students, please drop off your children at school after 8:00 AM. This allows our staff to be fully prepared and present to supervise and support the students. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us provide a secure environment for everyone.
- **Uniforms:** Kindly check with your child's class teacher to ensure that your children come to school in appropriate uniform every day.
- **Upcoming event:** KIK Sport Day, Thursday 29 August (8:15-10:00). Mark your calendars!

Create a Goodbye Routine

We encourage parents to develop a goodbye routine such as a hug or special saying. Once you have said your goodbyes, it is best to leave promptly to help your child settle in.



Separation Anxiety

It is normal for some children to feel anxious when starting school. Rest assured, they usually adapt quickly and will overcome any anxiety separation with time. You will be amazed with how resilient and confident they become!

Again, we welcome any questions or concerns you may have, and we truly appreciate all the support you are providing to your child and our KIK group. Together we are going to have a great year!

Le Trang Nhung
Lead Teacher (Kindergarten)