

NEWSLETTER

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Happy to be back

It is great to see all the students back and well in school after the last few difficult months. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents for their support throughout this time.

The most important thing is of course all the children are back at school and well. Here at SIS Vung Tau student welfare is our number one concern. Welcome back!

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Dear Parents

Finally, it is great to be back and even greater to have our students back at school. We are catching up now to the academic programme where some students did not attend the online lessons and also to do further revision for the final SA2 exams. We now have 1 additional period per day as well as 6 Saturdays of make-up classes. Our SA2 exams start on 8 June and will be completed by 12 June for international classes.

We anticipate having a small Graduation Ceremony at school. The top students will still receive certificates and trophies as per usual. This will be held at school during school time and parents will not be invited due to the Covid 19 issue.

Please also be informed that from next academic year, we will be introducing a new programme at our school called DynEd which is to replace the current EPP, FEA and FEB and also the EFL programmes. This programme will be used to strengthen our English Language program.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dudley Schroeder
Principal

Corona Virus Safety



As schools across the country have re-opened, it is important that we continue as a school to implement appropriate safety measures in order to minimize the risk of an outbreak of corona virus on our campus. To this end SIS Vung Tau is continuing to maintain safety precautions for both staff and students.

Hand sanitizer is now provided in every classroom. The wearing of face masks is not compulsory although we do encourage it. If at any time students feel ill, they should consult a doctor or the school nurse as soon as possible so as to prevent any contagion.

We sincerely hope all staff, students and student's families will be safe and well throughout the coming months and we hope that with cooperation we can minimize the health risks to everyone.

Exam preparation



Despite the disruption, exams at SIS are proceeding as normal with some small changes. iGCSE 2 have concluded their exams already and iGCSE 1 began their exams on Monday 18th May. SIS International programme student's exams are scheduled to begin in the second week of June with the Integrated student's MOET exams due to begin at about the same time.

Students should do their best to prepare for the exams but should try to avoid becoming stressed or anxious as this will not help their performance in the exams. Students should make sure they get plenty of sleep the night before an exam and eat a good breakfast on the day of an exam. Regular breaks from revision and exercise are also important in helping students to be at their best for the exams.

Our Academic Year ends on **Friday 26 June** which is the end of the school year. All students must be at school until then and the last Saturday for working at school is **Saturday 20 June 2020**.

SIS Vung Tau students win Cambridge gold science award



We are pleased to announce that a team of 4 students in from Mr Mark's iGCSE 2 class from science class have won Gold Certificates in the Cambridge Upper Secondary Science Competition 2020.

Mr. Peter Baker, Director of Education, Singapore International School said: "These are significant achievements that deserves to be celebrated because these achievements have many years in the making and reflect well on the successful students and the school".

Triple birthday celebration



Due to the social distancing regulations over the past few months, several students missed out on the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays this year with their friends. The 4Ls decided to have a joint birthday party at school instead, to celebrate together with all of their classmates. What a fun Friday indeed!

Stay safe – adhere to hygiene rules, wash your hands regularly and use sanitizer often. Do not share food or drinks, be aware and practice social-distancing if possible and be considerate of others.

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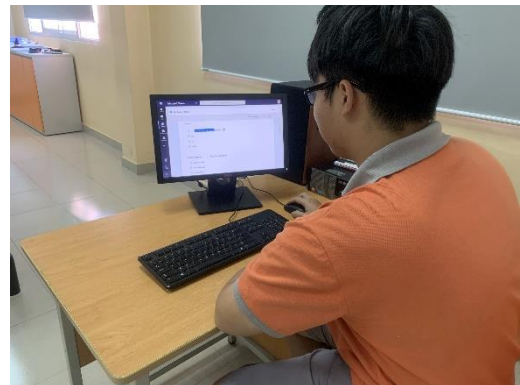


Beginning in the next academic year SIS Vung Tau hopes to be able to offer a 1 year pre-university program to students graduating from year 10, dependent on student numbers. This is an Internationally recognized program which provides direct entry into Undergraduate study at over 70 universities worldwide. At this present time with issues of health and travel a concern for many it is hoped that this initiative will offer students a means to continue their education whilst being able to continue to live in Vung Tau.

How we dealt with the lockdown

Online learning

Although the lockdown was disruptive, schools and colleges throughout the world dealt with this problem remarkably well and SIS was no exception. Having previously invested in online learning resources the school was able to quickly adapt to the situation and continue with classes. Students also adapted very well and participated well in a whole range of classes from maths and English, to sports and art.



iGCSE1 – News Broadcast

During the break, iGCSE1 decided to put together their own news broadcast. Here's a short extract.

“As soon as the outbreak occurred, every news agency was flooded with COVID19-related issues, hence, most have either overlooked, or intentionally excluded other important issues. Taking notes of this, the IGCSE 1 students decided to raise awareness regarding the ‘rejected’ issues by producing a broadcast that would deliver stories occurring alongside the crisis. ”

