



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.

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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.

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Above and Below: Celebrating Mid Autumn Festival



Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2. We trust that our students and parents had a most enjoyable break from the normal routines. We are all looking forward to a great term ahead and look forward to all the wonderful unselfish support as always.

Approval was given for us to open a second K 2 Integrated class. The temporary class teacher is Ms Van Anh who will be teaching the students until the return of Ms Huong who is currently on maternity leave.

Our Annual Christmas Charity Fair will take place at school on Friday 8 December starting at 6:00 pm. Last year our proceeds went to Operation Smile where the money are put to good use – helping children across Vietnam with medical conditions. The aim is to put the smile back on their faces. We look forward to the great support from our parents to make this fundraiser the success it deserves to be. More information will follow shortly.

Term 2 is the term for extra hard work and dedication to achieve the best in the exams:

- Week 1 December – Vietnamese exam starts - Years 1G to 9G
- 2 January – International Programme and English for Integrated students exams until 10 January
- For further information on the exams, please consult the Table of Specifications which were sent to all parents from Year 1 to Year 9

We wish our students and parents the very best for Term 2 and look forward to great results in the SA 1 Exams.

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: The Year 7G Students

Spotlight on Year 7G

This year 7G has welcomed a lot of new faces. 2 old students, Hana and Chi, made friends with the 5 new students: Hanie, Hai, Alice, Anna and Minh. 7G is a creative, cooperative, confident and responsible class. Their attitude towards learning is very positive. This is going to be a great year for Y7G, full of joy, laughter and good grades.

Library Stars

Our library has recently received a make-over. Part of having the new and improved library, is the introduction of Reading Stars. Each month a few students are selected as Library Stars. These are students who display a love of reading, visit the library regularly, have read a certain number of books each month and show an understanding of what they have read.

Students can be nominated by teachers and the librarian Ms. Ha. Please encourage your child to visit the library, and read as many books as they can. Reading is an invaluable skill and will definitely help improve vocabulary and English ability.

Global Perspectives Project – IGCSE 1

Written by Valentina in IGCSE1

In IGCSE1 Global Perspectives, Mr. Paul arranged a Skype call with some students in Australia, at Frensham Girls' School in Mittagong, New South Wales. The students asked us some questions. We also asked them for some advice for the upcoming group projects, since they have done them already.

The students gave some good advice which helped us know a little bit more of what to do to get a good grade during the group projects. We were divided into groups of four and we each took turns to talk to the students. Their project topics were on Child Abduction, Taxes on Women's Sanitary Products, and Religious Extremism. These were all new issues to me and I didn't know much about them, but the girls were happy to explain and I learned a lot!

We also sent out surveys in that week and some questions from the surveys were asked during the Skype call. In my opinion, I think it was a good opportunity to be a Confident Communicator and talk to students who have done this group project so they can give us advice and help us learn from their mistakes.



Above: Library Stars for October, Nhi Year 7L, and Ky Anh 3G



Above: IGCSE 1 students talking to girls from Frensham Girls' School in Australia



Above: Students waiting to perform during the Mid-Autumn Festival in their colourful ao dais



Above: Students waiting for the Lion Dance to begin



Above: An experiment on Liquid Evaporation by Stephen, Hanh and Uyen in Year 8L

Mid-Autumn Festival

Mid-Autumn Festival is always a special time for the students with the Lion Dance weaving its own kind of magic and it definitely was the highlight of our wonderful festivities this year.

Our school celebrated with special performances from some of our many talented students, much to the delight of both the teachers and the other students.

After the dancing and singing we enjoyed the wonderful quiz show presented by Kevin and Annie in IGCSE 1. There was a lot of laughter as students tried to pop balloons by sitting on them and great excitement as students tried to win prizes by answering questions.

The Lion Dance was held in the courtyard during break time which provided an excellent view for all the students to enjoy this brilliant spectacle. There was a lot of action and bright colour to indulge the senses.

After the Lion Dance students got to enjoy moon cakes and then it was back to their education.

Science Fair

On the last Wednesday of 1st Term, the 11th of October, students from Year 4 and up participated in The SIS Science Fair.

The theme this year was Scientific Method. Students had to formulate their own hypotheses and test them via their own, self-designed experiments. They have been investigating a wide range of scientific ideas, from how temperature affects magnets, to the ability of nappies/diapers to absorb water, from evaporation of liquids to the height of volcanic eruptions.

There were many participants who had been very creative and were very knowledgeable on their topics. It was tough for the judges to decide who the winning teams would be. These winners will be announced in Assembly and we will mention them in our next newsletter.

The event was well attended by parents and students alike and carried on until almost 6pm. A big thank you to everyone who attended, we appreciate your support.



Above: Enjoying the excitement of Sports Day



Above: Year 1 and 2 International enjoying their picnic



Above: Mark in Year 4L working on making a pinwheel with one of the students of Long Hai Children's School

News from Kindergarten

The Kindergarten department held its 3rd Sports & Family Day, on Friday 13th of October 2017. The event was opened by Ms. Marianne, Head of Studies for KIK, followed by a special message from Mr. Mark, our Deputy Principal.

The Sack Race with helmet was the first game with the teachers. Four classes showcased their talents with Dance/Exercise. Then followed various races from Nursery, K1, and K2 while the Prep students had an obstacle race. We had also games for parents & their child to participate in which they thoroughly enjoyed. The support from parents was very heartwarming and assisted in the great success of the event. We are already looking forward to the next one.

Fun and Games in Year 1 and 2 International

On the last day of Term, Ms. Brittany and Ms. Emily's Year 1 and 2 International class got to enjoy a picnic at school. In the Year 2 English course-book there is a chapter which talks about a picnic. For some practical experience, the students got to bring their favourite teddy bears to school, along with some healthy snacks and they set up their picnic outside the school building.

The idea of "healthy" snacks was missed a little bit, but since it was the last day of the term, and the students had been working so hard, they deserved the treat. They had a wonderful time and I'm sure they're looking forward to more adventures in English with their teacher in Term 2.

Year 4 and 5 International Excursion

Year 5L and 4L realise the importance of being active and responsible citizens. At the end of Term 1, these big-hearted students went to the Long Hai Children's School (Centre for Social Protection of Children) to spend the morning making crafts and playing. The students made stress balls out of sand and balloons, pinwheels out of recycled bottles and played outside together. Just before lunch the SIS students returned to Vung Tau for a lovely lunch at the park, and then cooled off by watching the awesomely hilarious, "The LEGO Ninjago Movie". Year 5L and 4L had an amazing time and hope to go back to visit their new friends again soon!

Special Dates:

20 November – Teachers Day

8 December – Christmas Charity Fair