



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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Dear Parents

What a fun filled month we have had in November (or should it be Movember ...)

Students have been working hard at their academics – much homework was completed, exam preparation started, After School Activities continued and of course we had a week of holiday in the first week of November.

The Big Shave Off for our Movember project was held on Thursday 27 November after Assembly. All those students who have donated monies did the Shaving Off. Monies raised (8,750,000 VND) will be utilized to buy food and other necessities for our local orphanage, which is currently struggling under financial difficulties.

Our Student Council raised the significant sum of 750,000 VND with their "Just Dance" competition. This will also go towards buying foodstuff for the orphanage. Thank you to all who have contributed to this worthy cause – much appreciated.

Our Annual Christmas Charity Fair in support of Operation Smile will take place on Friday 12 December from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at school. Lucky draws with phenomenal prizes are up for grabs, stalls with fun activities and others selling an array of goodies will be available and we will also have a Modelling contest in eveningwear for students. Tickets will go on sale soon (10 tickets per booklet @10,000 VND = 100,000 VND per booklet). Parents can buy as many books as they want.

Looking forward to welcoming all our parents, friends and family at the Christmas Charity Fair!!!!

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: The Kindergarten and Prep groups terrorise the neighbours with their scary halloween costumes. **Below:** The masculine art of flower arranging demonstrated by team HYDRA.



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Above: In all of their glory, the halloween costume competition members strut their stuff for the judges.



Above: Darth Vader is probably the scariest person in the world! The elf next to Darth must have been frightened to death!



Above: Tom (Y8) is talking about his house's costumes made out of trash. The eventual winners, Dragon house, displayed great creativity and imagination in this activity

Teachers' Day 2014

Teachers Day this year was held on 18 November (see below for misspelled word) and was celebrated by teachers and students. Organizing this year's event was Mr. Phu and Ms. Chau and they did a tremendous job in designing some great activities. Here is what happened:

Flowers and trash when combined together makes for a great set of activities! Our students from Years 5-10 demonstrated this. The first task was to group students into their houses and then participate in a flower arranging competition. All they were given were a bunch of flowers, some scissors and a basket. The results were astounding and it showed how creative and imaginative our students could be when given limited resources to work with. Optimization was the key word for the day and our students again demonstrated this during the second house activity. Students were given a pile of trash, scissors and glue and had to create 3 costumes for house members to wear in a fashion show. Once again, the teachers were shocked by the quality and creativity shown by the students. The fashion show was performed by the designated catwalk artists and was cheered by the enthralled crowd. But with all house events there can only be one winner. On this occasion the mighty Unicorns were winners of the flower decorating and the mighty Dragons were the winners of the fashion show. However, a great performance by Hydra and Phoenix keeps the competition very open. To finish off the action-packed morning, there were performances from Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 4 and Prep. Thank you to all the teachers who helped with the running of this event.

Halloween

Better late than never! Even though Halloween seems like a long time ago, we thought we would share with you the pictures and events from Halloween 2014.

People inside and outside of the school once again enjoyed the Kindergarten and Prep's annual outing. The whole community was given the chance to participate in the trick or treating that occurs every year around our school. The trick or treat was followed by a Halloween dress competition, which was won by Aurelia for her extremely scary Darth Vader outfit! Although not traditionally a Halloween character, Darth Vader is a very scary person to look at and meet in real life. Well done to all those who have made the occasion very special for our little ones.



Above: Flower Power! Jaiden (Y10) displays his and his team's handy work in flower arrangement. Unicorn (Uyen) were overall winners in this competition – they stole the judges hearts with their own pink heart!



Above: Students attentively listen to the Dean of the British University, Hanoi



Above: The careers day gave our senior students the opportunity to listen to speakers from Universities in Vietnam and abroad

Class Updates

IGCSE2

IGCSE2 – the class has completed the Mathematics syllabus and is now revising in preparation for the exam in May 2015. The students are preparing for the Christmas Fair and will soon start practicing for the Tet performance in January.

IGCSE1

IGCSE1 are doing a mini enterprise project for the Christmas Fair. They will be selling Christmas ornaments, sparklers and a guess the balloon competition on the day. By doing this they will learn the fundamentals of starting a business.

Year 5, 6 and 7 Integrated

Most students from the Integrated programme will be joining this year's IOE competition. At the moment they are studying hard for this competition. If you remember from last year, the English competition is open for non-native English speakers and will be completed on-line on Saturday mornings. We did exceptionally well last year and I'm sure we'll do the same this year.

School-wide Learner Goals

The school nurtures **Critical Thinkers** who apply rational, higher order thinking skills. For our students to succeed academically they must become critical thinkers. Students will use this important life-long skill frequently during their higher education studies. The presenters from the **Careers Day** (see below) highlighted the importance of this and they were pleased to see that this is happening in our schools.

Christmas Charity Fair

This year's Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 12 December 2014. The venue is SIS Vung Tau and the time is from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. There will be many different stalls set-up around the school including: A South African hot dog stand, A lucky draw competition where you can win some outstanding prizes including flights to Singapore! Face painting, carol singers, a cupcake stand, a soak the teacher with water stand, and many more fun activities. Please come along to support the event which will be raising money for our school's charity: Operation Smile. Tickets are available at school – further information to follow soon.



Above: The students at the careers day take time out from their heavy schedule to pose for the camera



Above: Parker and Long (IGCSE 1) listen to one of the career guides at the careers day at Saigon South.



Above: The students enjoying the flower arranging competition

Careers Day – Saigon South

All students from Year 7 and up were invited to attend the inaugural Careers Day at the Saigon South campus. The students left school at 0915 and arrived in Saigon 2 hours later. Upon arrival, the students had a look around the school and they were then treated to a delicious canteen meal. After lunch and in their year groups, the students sat through a number of interesting and informative presentations from various companies and universities. For example, the British University of Hanoi had their Dean talk to the students about the Business School at the university. As business is a very popular subject for school graduates, the students were excited to hear about the different areas of business on offer and university life in general. They were also informed about scholarships and the costs involved for overseas studying. Some of the Saigon South teachers and ex-students gave a very entertaining presentation on the GAC and A Levels programmes on offer at some of our schools. The GAC (Global Assessment Certificate) is accepted by universities from all over the world and teaches the students valuable life skills as well as nurturing academic achievers. The day ended with a chance for the senior students to have a chat with some of the universities and career advisors. The advisors dutifully handed out information and gifts to the students, who then eagerly accepted the information and free items! The students headed back to Vung Tau and were back at school for 7:00pm so it was a long, informative day for the students.

Other News

November: November is a special month where males grow their beards / moustaches/ facial hair for a very special occasion. This annual event raises awareness about men's health – mostly cancer awareness. At campus our male teachers participated in this event and the Big Shave Off was held on Thursday 27 November at school.

Student Council: Congratulations to the Student Council who raised 750,000 VND for a local charity. The Council organized the end of term dance in which students from Years 1-10 had the chance to dress up and dance along to the "just dance" music collection. Money raised will eventually buy supplies for the local orphanage.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

December 12: Christmas Fair 2014 from 6-9pm

December 19: Christmas Break