

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: Students are holding their 福(fú), wishing everyone a happy, lucky and blessed New Year. Mr Wang's class was busy making decorations for the Chinese New Year.

Dear Parents

We trust that the holiday break was enjoyed by all our wonderful families. Our teachers and students have returned and we have already made great inroads with our academic programme.

The SA 1 Exam results are overall good. However, quite a number of our students can do much better. Further support will be extended to students to improve on their results. During Term 3 we will concentrate on students learning, mastering the work, time management and how to read questions in the exams besides the normal academic classwork to be completed. Teachers will further liaise with parents via email so please make sure we have your updated and correct email address - if not, come to school or send us an email with the correct information.

World Read Aloud Day this year will be celebrated in March as we are currently quite busy with the academic programme.

Our Integrated students will start their exams from Year 1 up on 19 April 2016.

Our yearly school camp will provisionally take place around 1 April 2016. Further information to follow including the cost. We will use the same great venue at NGOC XUONG RESORT in Long Hai.

From all our excited teachers and students best wishes and thank to our supportive parents.

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TET Performance 2016

Happy New Year to all of our parents and our students. Another year and another amazing TET performance was put on by our ever-enthusiastic students.

The Kindergarten troupe displayed their singing skills to the delight of the audience. Always one of the highlights of the show, the little ones performed very well and their parents should be proud of the effort they put in. Then it was time for the dancing and the audience watched a variety of traditional dances from Years 1 to 6. The photos show you the eclectic ways in which the dances were performed and the synchronized choreography was really good to see. The students really put on a good show for the audience.

The last few acts showed the audience that not only can our students dance, but they can sing. And sing they did. IGCSE 2 sang a traditional Vietnamese song and the girls were helped on stage by the boys who, thankfully, did not sing! Their dancing skills were good though and the students enjoyed performing. The penultimate performance was the Year 7 and 8 students who danced to a traditional Vietnamese/modern song. The final act before the finale was an outstanding performance by the IGCSE 1 and Year 9 Integrated students. Singing "Em Trong mat Toi", the students showed us what friendship in Vietnam is like and the story of the Ao Dai. Well done to all the performers and thank you to all the parents for supporting this great event. Happy New Year!

Music Recital

Mr Zeus' musical geniuses put on another great End of Term recital. The school band played "Uptown Funk" and "Happy" which are songs written by Bruno Mars and Pharrel Williams respectively. Each year group had the opportunity to play in front of the school. This shows you how confident our students are in playing their instruments and how well they have learnt songs which are unusual to them.

Swimming programme

Students actively participated in our swimming programme during the last week of Term 2. The students had lots of fun and some of our students learned how to swim for the very first time. We will continue our swimming programme from the end of Term 3. Thanks to all parents for your support!

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Being a Year 10 Student

Exams, homework, friendship, love and life: Just a few of the problems a Year 10 student experiences inside and outside of school. We asked our IGCSE 2 class to write about what it is like to be a student in year 10:

"Being a Year 10 IGCSE student is pretty tough at first, but you can get used to it quickly. Apart from intense revision and mountains of homework (for Science especially), IGCSE 2 is pretty fun at times, with many activities and performances during holidays. Be careful not to get used to it too much, as slacking off can get you into a lot of trouble." - MAX

"My name is Bill and I am a Year 10 student. It is very tough being a Year 10 student. The amount of work we have to deal with is tremendous. Most of it is very complicated requires a lot of creativity to do. Fortunately, I have my friends who are always there for me when I need them. They act as a big motivator for me and I am very thankful that they do so." - BILL

"Being a Year 10 student, simply put it is not as hard as everyone thinks. If you know what you're doing and you WORK HARD, you will be able to achieve exceedingly high marks." – PARKER

"Talking about school life, I want to tell you that it is very tough for me at school but also very relaxing some of the times. As it gets tough and difficult the thing that helps me the most is motivation and knowing what to do. Motivation can be passed from friends, families and even yourself. I was motivated by myself by giving myself presents after getting good grades!" – BRIAN

I'm Amy in IGCSE 2. With me being a Year 10 student there is quite a lot of pressure. Because we are the biggest students in the school, we are likely to have responsibilities of being an exemplary student for the others. Besides that, the amount of homework increases too, so if you want you to do well in Year 10, you must work as hard as you can (if you want to pass all the exams)". – AMY

"It's frustrating sometimes to be a senior student. There is so much to do that you don't even know where to start. Although there is a lot of stress, being the oldest students on campus also has its perks. But in the end, we all need to focus on our destination; the final exam." – RACHEL

Please check out our school website:

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Above: A Year 5 student is carefully studying the effects of electricity.

Below: A few of the music groups perform their songs to the whole school.



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"Being a Year 10 IGCSE is tough and more stressful than ever. I cannot describe my feelings at the moment, since we are only 3 months away from the IGCSE exam. We have a lot of homework and assignments to do every day, including revision. I think I should do a timetable for my revision as soon as possible, and do more after school classes with Mr. Mark; in order to improve my Science grades." - UYEN

Below is the schedule for the IGCSE Exams and a photo of the **IGCSE2** students:



English as a Second Language Core	1 h 30 m	Tue 03-May-16	Morning
English as a Second Language Extended	2 h 0 m	Tue 03-May-16	Morning
First Language English Core	1 h 45 m	Tue 03-May-16	Morning
First Language English Extended	2 h 0 m	Tue 03-May-16	Morning
Mathematics Core	1 h 0 m	Wed 04-May-16	Afternoon
Mathematics Extended	1 h 30 m	Wed 04-May-16	Afternoon
English as a Second Language Core	0 h 40 m	Fri 06-May-16	Morning
English as a Second Language Extended	0 h 50 m	Fri 06-May-16	Morning
First Language English Core & Extended	2 h 0 m	Fri 06-May-16	Morning
Mathematics Core	2 h 0 m	Wed 11-May-16	Afternoon
Mathematics Extended	2 h 30 m	Wed 11-May-16	Afternoon
Co-ordinated Sciences (Double) Practical	2 h 0 m	Thu 12-May-16	Morning
Business Studies	1 h 30 m	Mon 16-May-16	Morning
Global Perspectives	1 h 15 m	Mon 16-May-16	Afternoon
ICT Theory	2 h 0 m	Wed 18-May-16	Afternoon
Business Studies	1 h 30 m	Mon 23-May-16	Morning
Co-ordinated Sciences (Double) MCQ	0 h 45 m	Wed 25-May-16	Morning
Co-ordinated Sciences (Double) Core	2 h 0 m	Wed 25-May-16	Morning
Co-ordinated Sciences (Double) Extended	2 h 0 m	Wed 25-May-16	Morning

Best wishes to all our IGCSE students with the exam preparation. We know it is hard work, smart work and much sacrifices have to be made in order to achieve what you have set out to achieve.