



## 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.

## MISSION

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

It has been a busy month with various fun activities taking up much of our time besides just academic work. We all feel great when students learn, do their homework, pay full attention in class and even more so when we see them having fun while learning.

Thank you all who have attended the recent Parent Teacher Meeting and for the further discussions that followed with the teachers.

Herewith a kind reminder of our exam dates:

#### 2015 - 2016 Semester 2: Exam timetable

English Paper 1 – Speaking	30 May – 1 June
English Paper 2 – Reading / Comprehension	31 May 2016
English Paper 3 – Listening	1 June 2016
English Paper 4 – Writing	2 June 2016
Mathematics Paper 1	3 June 2016
Mathematics Paper 2	3 June 2016
Science	6 June 2016

Wishing all our students the very best for the forthcoming exams.

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder  
Principal



Left: Parents received some very nice gifts and cards for Mother's Day.

Below: Students are balancing and showing off their shapes made in P.E.



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Above: Some of the excellent Mother's Day cards produced by our youngest students at the school.



Left: The students are learning about planets by making paper mache planets and stars.

## SOSE Project

Business: Where would we be without business? Businesses are everywhere and will always be everywhere and so knowing the basics of how to run a business is a very important life-long skill. Furthermore, the students will embark on studying IGCSE Business in Year 9 International. So, Mr Joseph had the great idea of doing a SOSE project which incorporates the running of a business.

The students had to come up with a business idea. They believed a service-orientated business would gain the most profit at the school and they were right. Ideas were being generated in the classrooms: selling cakes, selling drinks, pancakes, selling soup. Eventually each group came up with a business idea.

Jenny (Y8) and her group came up with the idea of selling pancakes. They were well-liked by the students and they sold many. Erik's (Y6) group was selling some delicious brownies, however they had some creative pricing strategies and some cakes were cheaper than others. You had to bargain with them! Lucia and her group sold shakes and food. Delicious avocado and chocolate cakes were on sale and the teachers especially liked these.

Although things got a bit hectic at times and some mess was made, the students learnt the basics of running a business - provide a service that people want, make sure your sales revenues are enough to cover your costs and gain as much profit as you can!

Profit was made. The total made by all the groups was a staggering 12 million VND. This total will be added to the tea and cake sale which was 12 million VND as well and all proceeds will be used to buy much-needed items for the local orphanage.

The students also learnt the importance of ethics and business. Some businesses are profit driven and some are driven by changing the world by sharing their profits and looking after the environment. Corporate social responsibility should be taught to young entrepreneurs!

## Mother's Day

A special thank you to all the mothers for all the hard work you do for your family. This year the Kindergarten and Primary classes put together decorations and made cards for their mothers. A few of the mothers came in and received their gifts and cards during school. Well done little ones!

### Inside the Classrooms

The internationally acclaimed video game, "Uncharted 4" will be released in the United States. The IGCSE students are working on a group project regarding how culture is incorporated into video games. Their interview was recorded and will be included in the website project that is due at the end of the week. This is a mini version of what the students will have to complete for Cambridge next year as part of their final grade for Global Perspectives.

James is one of my former students from Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was an Honours Art student in the Fine Arts Magnet program – Ms Michelle.

In English, Year 2L have been learning about the planets. As their project for this unit they are using papier mâché to create a solar system of their own. They have had a lot of fun learning how to stick the newspaper to balloons and found out it's quite a messy task!

Year 4 classes have been busy rehearsing with their umbrellas. They also performed a nice little play during Assembly which highlighted the virtue of week, Self-reliance.

The IGCSE 2 class is about half-way through their final exams and they have been revising very hard for them. IGCSE1 mock exams will begin on 2 June and this year they will be sitting exams in a separate classroom, similar to what the IGCSE2 students are doing presently. We want the students to experience how it will be next year and so exam conditions will be strict and timed accurately. Ideally, we would like to eliminate student exam stress which is a huge problem in all schools around the world. If we can make students feel comfortable before an exam then we are sure we will see an improvement on results.

P.E is a fun class. Mr Andrew has been busy showing the students gymnastic moves and shapes. It is very important to keep yourself flexible and this is a great way of doing that. The shapes also show that discipline is an important characteristic to possess. Without discipline and flexibility the shapes would fall and injuries would happen. The younger kids learnt some very important lessons during their P.E activity this month.

Students should not try these exercises without supervision and assistance at home please.





Left: Students are practising their gymnastics and making some great looking shapes with their bodies. You have to be so strong to be able to do this.



## Semester 2 Exam Tips

Exam details will be emailed to all parents very shortly. It is very important that, over the holidays, your child revisits some of the work they have completed this year. Here are some great exam tips for your child:

- **Remember your pencils/pens!** Such an obvious thing, but surprising how many forget.
- **Read the instructions:** Always read each question carefully and always go back to the question after you have finished.
- **Finish the whole paper:** Another obvious one but don't forget - there is a back page!
- **Sleep well:** Very important to sleep well before the exam. Don't stay up late on the computer the night before as this will deter your concentration.
- **Answer all the questions:** Please attempt all questions and even if you don't know the answer, always have a good guess - especially on questions which have multiple answers.

## Other News

Once again DOET were handing out certificates to our school. This time it was for the on-line English exams our integrated students have been taking part in. The usual students received the certificates and if you look closely at the photo you will see some new faces. Well done, everyone.

### “How do you feel about exams?”

We asked students and teachers the question. Here are some of the responses:

“Not too nervous, if you revise well then the nerves won't even come to you.” – Ben (IGCSE1)

“I get quite scared before an exam.” – Ha (IGCSE1)

“I am quite confident when I take exams because I know a lot about the subject.” – David (IGCSE1)

“I used to study last minute and it worked well for me. However, I don't recommend that for everyone!” – Mr Victor.

“I have to study really hard for an exam and it takes me a long time to read everything I have learnt. I prefer coursework to exams.” – Mr Reuben.