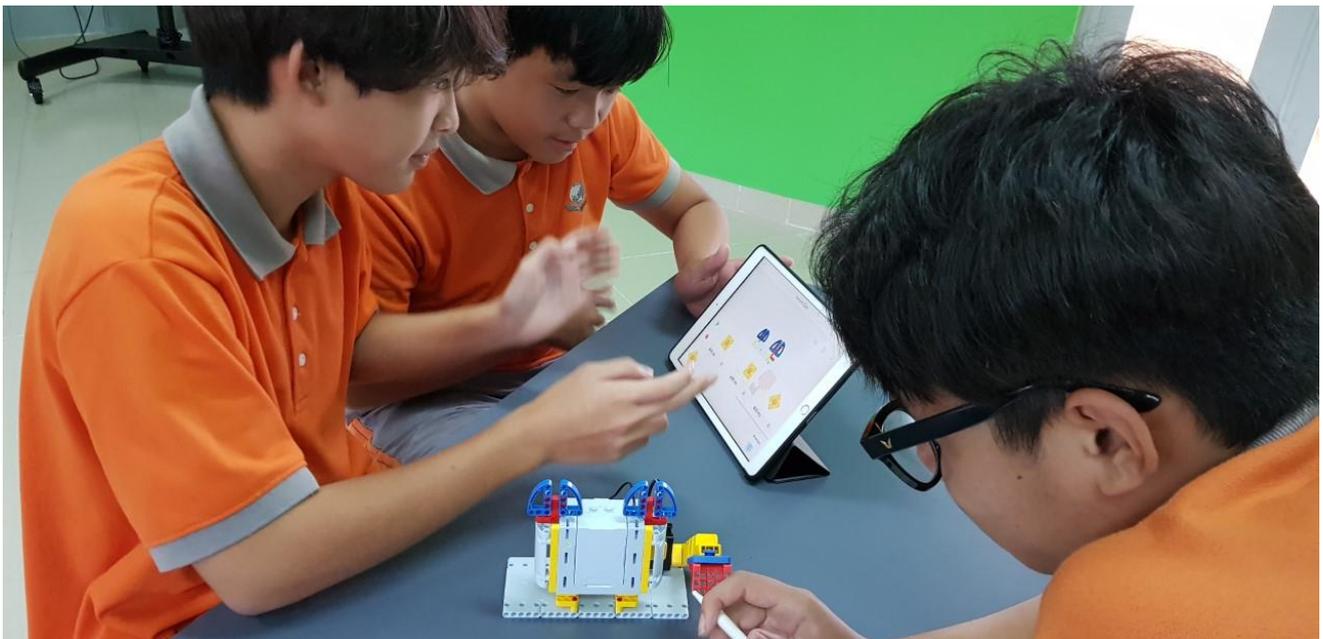


Returning to normal

Thank you for your patience as we are now in the “new normal” reality. Timetables are available for Years 1 to iGCSE on Edupage as well as homework given to students (<https://sis.edupage.org/>). Our new STEM Room is operational and equipped as we are now working hard on STEM activities.

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We are now well on our way to completing Term 1 on Wednesday 14 October 2020. Progress Report Cards will be sent to parents during the last week of the Term to inform and reflect on students' progress.

Homework is being given to students daily to further consolidate new learning, ensuring students understand the work and for those struggling, to feedback to teachers where further help is needed. Please supervise students and afford them a quiet place at home to complete their work.

Thankyou for your further unselfish support.

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal

New STEM Room facilities

Most of the fantastic new STEM room facilities have finally arrived. This includes 26 UBtech Advanced robot kits and 26 UBtech Explorer robot kits. Also, included is an Alpha 1 humanoid robot, a 42 inch touch screen TV/computer and 25 I pads. These new facilities are already being used for the new timetabled STEM classes in the curriculum. This week students are using the new facilities to make robots and explore controlling them with visual scripting.



The STEM room represents a significant investment by the Board of Management for the KinderWorld Education Group aimed at making Singapore Schools a leader in STEM based teaching and learning. We aim to ensure that students become technologically literate and are not simply passive consumers of technology but also experts and innovators in technology.

This is only the beginning as there are still more purchases to arrive on the campus. For primary we will also have the MBlock robots arriving shortly.



Business Investment Competition - Wharton University Pennsylvania

iGCSE2 students are currently participating in a competition from Wharton University Pennsylvania. Here is a brief description of the competition by Bui Duy Anh from iGCSE2.



As a class we have entered a competition created by Wharton University Pennsylvania, in order to give students, the opportunity to learn about the world of investing. Not only do you learn about investment, but you can also improve some of your other skills, e.g. communication, teamwork, and analytical skills. All of the lesson plans that the students need to be able to organize an investment, are on the Wharton Global Youth Programme website. These plans have instructions and plans for both teachers and students. The plans help us to understand what we need to do and where to start.



New Teacher

Welcome to Ms Erin Harrington from the USA who joined our team with effect from 14 September 2020. Ms. Erin has been appointed as the Year 1 teacher in the International Programme and we wish here great success and a long and happy stay with us.



DynEd Study skills

Students across the school are now using DynEd as part of their English studies. In order to get the most from this programme it is important for students to use the software correctly.

One of the most important features of the DynEd programme is interactive listening and speaking. Students should ideally use a device with headphones and a microphone. The software uses a microphone

to check student pronunciation, so a decent pair of headphones with a microphone will help greatly. Make sure the audio parts are working well.

When studying DynEd students should use the Listen, repeat, record, playback buttons on the screen. These buttons will help students to perfect not only the grammar and vocabulary, but also the pronunciation.

Following these steps should help to ensure that students achieve high scores in the programme.

Tips on Effective Study on DynEd – Years 3 to iGCSE:

- Do DynEd activities for 25 to 40 minutes every day. Complete a variety of activities and spend no longer than 5 minutes per activity in each session
- Listening and then repeating the words and sentences whilst recording yourself and then play back, is very important and students can increase their scores
- Use the record, repeat and listening buttons as often as possible
- After 2 days, repeat the same activities
- Student's progress can be monitored by parents when clicking the TUTOR button on DynEd. It is important that students are monitored at home as well for further motivation.

Silver medal prize IOE

Several SIS Vung Tau students have won the provincial prize and the silver medal at the national level of the IOE exam for the academic year 2019-2020. This is an English competition for Vietnamese schools throughout the country and province.

The winning students are Marina Ly Corone, Le Minh Khue both in 6G, Dau Chau Anh in 3G and Pham Minh Quang in 4G.



Mid-Autumn Festival

Another Mid-Autumn Festival has come! Together, teachers and students of SIS@VungTau organized the Mid-Autumn Festival with many interesting activities. The festival this year is full of excitement in music, laughter and fun atmosphere

