



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back

We would like to welcome everyone back to school for 2021-2022. Obviously, we hope that the restrictions will soon be lifted and that students will be able to safely return to school. For now, classes will continue online with the normal full curriculum. We intend to ensure students do not miss out on any of their classes and cover the curriculum as normal. Hopefully, sooner rather than later students will be back in school and able to participate in the full range of academic activities. Until then, we would like to thank all the families of our students for their continued support of the students in their online studies.

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The school is empty, it is calling out – for students, teachers and activities ... yearning for that educational buzz ...

Welcome to Academic Year 2021 – 2022 where we have started school with online or distant teaching and learning due to the continued and persistent flare-ups of Covid-19.

We have settled in this temporary new normal and students are working hard, attending online lessons as requested and still manage to get fun and some social interaction whilst in lockdown.

Our students' future, their academic success and readiness for accept the challenges that the future may hold, starts here and we as a community will stand strong in supporting our students in achieving their goals

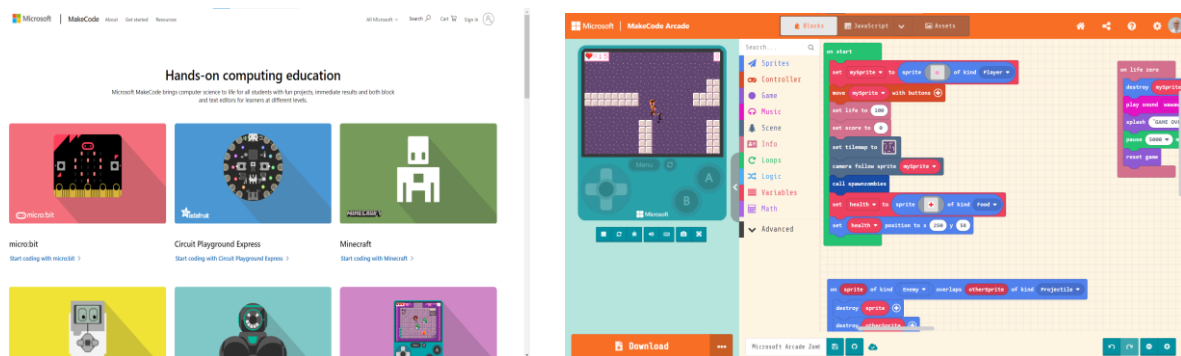
Congratulations to IGCSE ICT 2021

A very big congratulations to IGCSE 2 on their Cambridge International ICT Exam. The entire class achieved A* for the ICT exams. This is unprecedented and we hope to continue this high academic standard. A very big thank you to the students who worked hard and came in on Saturdays to put in the extra effort.



STEM Secondary Classes

The secondary STEM classes have continued online this term with Microsoft Makecode. Makecode is an online programming platform that allows students to program for a variety of outcomes. It offers virtual hardware platforms such as BBC Microbit and web based JavaScript programming with Arcade.



Students have been exploring various aspects of programming such as functions and arrays. Languages like JavaScript are fairly ubiquitous now a days. They are used extensively across many technologies. Students can learn about many of the key concepts involved in using these languages and become more confident in their ability to use programming tools to create interactive content.

A warm welcome to our new staff:



German O. Belandres Jr. (Y3L Form Teacher) My name is German and I am the Form Teacher of Year 3 International. I have always been passionate about teaching helping people to develop their skills and talents. I believe that teaching is a vocation that you need to teach from your heart not by the book only. I have been working in this school system for 3 years now. I worked in SIS Can Tho as Prep, Primary Years 1 and 2 Integrated and music classes. I really love playing guitar, basketball and skateboarding. I hope to contribute more here at SIS Vung Tau to our school's improvement for the betterment of all the students.



My name is John Gammons. I am the Year 6 International Form, Science, ICT and DynEd teacher. I also teach Science to Year 7 and Year 8 International. I am from the USA. I have a Bachelors' and Masters' degree in Education



My name is Mr. Peter Nguli and I am the IGCSE-2 Form Tutor and Teacher of Science at Singapore International School, Vung Tau. I studied at University of Cambridge, England where I graduated with a Master's degree in Science Education. I have over ten years teaching experience in a number of countries including England, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Thailand and Vietnam. I hope to teach and inspire students to achieve the best at Singapore International School, Vung Tau.

For online teaching and learning, please ensure that:

- Your child has uninterrupted access to the internet – broadband and high speed
- Know their log in details to their Teams account
- Students need to be on time and ready to learn – late arrival at class is a bad habit
- Students have a decent space at home to work and be online
- When requested, homework and assignments are uploaded by the due date
- We highly recommend students to be dressed in school or HPE uniform – helps with discipline
- All students to adhere to the classroom rules – acceptable behavior is commended – always. Disruptive behaviour will be addressed with students and then if not rectified, with parents.

We have received the provisional results of our iGCSE 2 students from Cambridge International after sitting their final exams with great uncertainty due to the pandemic and the lockdown conditions we were under during this period.

Our students have done exceptionally well! Congratulations to all of them on achieving excellent results – the best ever for SIS @ Vung Tau!

In summary more than 50% of the results have been recorded A* - meaning 90 to 100 % achievements. The further breakdown is:

Total A* results scored = 44

Total A results scored = 19

Total B results scored = 13

Total C results scored = 9

Total D results scored = 1

To our teachers, thank you for your great work and to our parents, thank you for your unselfish support and believing in us and to our students we wish you the very best in your future endeavours and keep on believing in yourself... well done everyone.



All the students in iGCSE 2 received A* results in their iGCSE ICT subject – what an accomplishment!