



## 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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**Principal**

**Principal SVIS**

**Deputy Principal**

**Head of Studies**

**Head of Kindergarten**

**Lock In (Secondary)    Friday 10 March**

**Sports Day                Friday 17 March**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Tet break with your families.

We welcomed Mr David Kimball to our permanent staff as Y2 teacher on February 20. We sent our best wishes to Ms Sue and her family who have returned to USA.

We were also very sad to hear about Ms Zherin's resignation. She contracted a serious illness before and during Tet break and was hospitalized in the Phillipines. She is still slowly recovering with the support of her family but has decided not to return to Vietnam. Mr Guy Jenkins, whose training is in Creative Arts, will substitute for Ms Zherin and coordinate the end of year concert.

Congratulations to Huynh Khat Thuy Giao and her team of Year 6 "kangaroos" who won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the DOET Language Exchange Festival at the APEC Summit in Danang City. You can see more about their wonderful creative presentation in an article later in this newsletter.

Student Council has organized a Lock In for secondary only (Y6+) where students can participate in a range of activities including games and movies and sleep over (or stay awake all night) at school.

Our School Sports Day will be on the morning of Friday 17 March. We hope, on the day, to see some parents also joining in the fun.

Anne Matley (Ms)  
**Principal**

Student of the Week awards are presented at assembly each Friday and relate to the Schoolwide Learner Goals or Virtues

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**Message from the Deputy Principal**

**Football Experience**

On Monday 20 February approximately 30 students in Years 4 to GAC participated in a football session with Dutch Footballer Danny van Bakel who plays for FLC Thanh Hoa in the V League. Students had a great time and worked hard out on football skills during the session.

**Timetable Changes**

Several classes have had timetable changes for the start of semester two. High school students now all do EPP/EFL from 3.15pm – 4.00pm every afternoon. For some of these lessons students have been grouped based on their English experience and are working in small groups to continue to develop their English listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. It is also an opportunity for students to work with and make friends with students in other year levels.

**Table of specifications**

Form teachers have emailed the Table of Specifications (ToS) which provide details of exams dates and content assessed for relevant subjects for semester two. If you did not receive this email, please contact your student's Form Teacher. The exam dates for semester two are:

English Paper 1	22 – 24 May
English Paper 2	Thursday 25 May
English Paper 3	Friday 26 May
Mathematics* **	Monday 29 May
English Paper 4	Tuesday 30 May
Science**	Wednesday 31 May

\*Students in Year 6 and above complete two Mathematics papers.

\*\*Only students in International classes

**Parent-teacher interviews** Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent-teacher interviews on Saturday 11 February. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and discuss student progress. We are looking at different models for this to make it more convenient for parents for semester two. If you have any feedback regarding the interview process please email me at [chelsea.donaldson@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:chelsea.donaldson@danang.sis.edu.vn)

**Use of facilities after school**

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to be using the playground equipment, football field or basketball courts afterschool. Students being picked up by private transport must remain seated at the front of the school building where there are members of staff on supervision.

Chelsea Donaldson  
**Deputy Principal**



Students enjoyed improving their soccer skills



Finger-painting is so much fun!



Making chung cakes for Tet at PIC



### Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents,

In February, students and their family had a wonderful Tet holiday, which is the Vietnamese traditional Lunar New Year. Since "Tet", the students have settled happily into their class routines.

We congratulate students who reached achievements as below:

- Thirteen Y5 integrated students won the English competition at District level and continue to take part in the City Level.
- In the 44<sup>th</sup> time UPU International letter writing competition, there were 4 students who were chosen by District and will now compete at the National Level.
- In the APEC economics field presentation competition for the 1<sup>st</sup> time Languages Exchange Festival 2017, Y6 integrated students won the second prize. Special congratulations to Huynh Khuat Thuy Giao, Nguyen Gia Hung, Tran Tien Dat, Vo Hoang Long, Dao Tan Phuc, Nguyen Vu Bao Vy, Nguyen Huu Thien Toan, Nguyen Thi Viet Ha, Truong Thi Nhu Thao, Vo Mai Thy. To all our parents, thank you so much for your great support in helping our students finish all their projects.

Several students took part in competitions at District and City Level.

- Swimming Team is practicing to take part in the district level swimming contest at the City Swimming Pool on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.
- 33 students took part in the Mathematics online competition at the district level on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

School organized an excursion for 91 integrated students (Y4-Y9) and 20 teachers to Than Tai Hot Spring Park on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The purpose of the excursion was support the learning in "Protection of Environment and Water resources". Next, our students will participate in composing and drawing competition at the city level about the topics they studied. We wish all students success!

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year 2017.

**Vu Thi Lan**

### Message from Head of Studies

After the successful mock exam series, preparation for the real iGCSE exams continues. Students are encouraged to attend the ECAs after school with their subject teachers but also the study skills sessions with me on Tuesdays from 16:00 to 16:45. It will be a challenging time for all but when the excellent results are received in August it will all be worthwhile.

**Please note that the ICT practical exam is on April 6th, which is a public holiday. It is crucial that students do not miss this exam.**



2<sup>nd</sup> place! Giao with Y6 team and their teachers.  
Congratulations to all!



Students and teachers at Than Tai Mountain



Even our youngest students have access to technology



**IGCSE Examination Timetable**

Date	Time	Examination	Duration
Tuesday 4 April	9:30 - 12:00	ICT 0417/21	2.5 hours
Thursday 6 April	9:30 - 12:00	ICT 0417/31	2.5 hours
Wednesday 3 May	14:30 - 15:30	Maths core 0580/12	1 hour
Wednesday 3 May	14:30 - 16:00	Maths extended 0580/22	1 hour 30
Friday 5 May	11:20 - 12:00	English as a second language listening core 0510/32	40 mins
Friday 5 May	11:10-12:00	English as a second language Listening extended 0510/42	50 mins
Friday 5 May	10:00 - 11:45	First Language English Reading Core 0500/12	1 hour 45
Friday 5 May	10:00 - 12:00	First Language English Reading Extended 0500/22	2 hours
Monday 8 May	13:30 - 15:30	Maths w/o coursework core 0580/32	2 hours
Monday 8 May	13:30 - 15:50	Maths w/o coursework extended 0580/42	2 hours 20
Wednesday 10 May	10:00 - 11:30	English as a second language reading and writing core 0510/12	1 hour 30
Wednesday 10 May	10:00 - 12:00	English as a second language reading and writing extended 0510/22	2 hours
Wednesday 10 May	10:00 - 12:00	First language English writing 0500/32	2 hours
Thursday 11 May	10:00 - 10:45	Science Multiple choice Core 0654/12	45 mins
Thursday 11 May	10:00 - 11:00	Science Multiple Choice Extended 0654/22	1 hour
Thursday 11 May	11:00-12:00	Science Alternative to Practical 0654/62	1 hour
Monday 15 May	14:45 - 16:00	Global Perspectives 0457/32	1 hour 15 mins
Tuesday 16 May	14:00 - 16:00	First language German Reading 0505/01	2 hours
Wednesday 17 May	14:00 - 16:00	ICT 0417/12	2 hours
Thursday 18 May	14:00 - 16:00	First language German writing 0505/02	2 hours
Monday 22 May	10:30 - 12:00	Business Studies 0450/12	1 Hour 30
Wednesday 24 May	10:00 - 12:00	Science extended and core and multiple choice 0654/32 0654/42	2 hours
Friday 26 May	10:30 - 12:00	Business Studies 0450/22	1 hour 30

**English Oral exams will take place between 15 March-30 April.**



Senior students visited Hoa Mai orphanage to donate food and books and to play games



Our school is very conscious of child safety.  
No hat, no play.



Students enjoy playing handball during breaks

### Message from the Head of Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children started Term 3 “Environment Studies” with ‘Animals’. They explored the animal world through interesting books, songs, video clips and language arts lessons. They were able to identify and name many of the animals and their habitats. Animals living in the water or on land, sea creatures or wild animals, zoo animals or farm animals and pets were discussed in classes. The children learned how to treat animals and take care of a pet.

We have been trying some new textures and skills at Art lessons so that the children can have fun learning using new materials. They were introduced to some creative skills such as seed mosaic, cereal collage and hand printing.

The children enjoyed all the games on the Sports Day greatly. Fair play, healthy lifestyle, cooperation, team work, perseverance and care are the virtues that they learn through play.

**Vo Thi Thuy Ngan (Ms)**



Kindergarten children learn about professions.



Year of the Rooster