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Upcoming dates:

- October 5 to October 9: SVIS Mid Semester Exams
- October 14: STEM Day
- October 15: SIS Talent Show
- October 16: Last Day of Term 1
- October 19 to October 23: Term 1 Holidays (School Closed)

Message from Principal Assessments & Achiever Awards

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of Term 1, our students' and teachers' focus turns toward upcoming assessments. All students in Years 1 to 12 Integrated and Years 1 to 8 International are assessed using the following framework:

- **Assessments & Exams:** Term 1 and Term 3 assessments, as well as Semester 1 and Semester 2 examinations, for core subjects (English, Mathematics, and Science).
- **Reporting & Feedback:** Parents receive a Mid-Term Progress Update followed by Term 1 and Semester Report Cards to track academic progress. Additionally, we hold termly Parent-Teacher Conferences to discuss the best ways to support your child's learning.

At the end of the academic year, we celebrate outstanding academic achievement through the following awards:

- **Academic Champions:** Awarded to students with the highest overall score in core subjects across the year.
- **Academic Achievers:** Awarded to students who achieve the second and third highest overall scores in core subjects across the year.

Furthermore, we also recognise student contributions to athletics with our **Sporting Awards**, and contributions to our school culture with our **Citizenship Awards**.

If you require more information regarding our assessment framework or award criteria, please feel free to contact the school office to schedule an appointment.

Kind regards,

Bradman McCarthy
Principal



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Message from SVIS Deputy Principals Mid-Autumn Festival – “Vui Hội Trăng Rằm”

This September, the vibrant spirit of the Mid-Autumn Festival came alive at SIS through our theme, “Happy Full Moon Festival.” The celebration brought our school community together to honour Vietnamese cultural traditions, spark creativity, and share in the joy of coming together.

Event Highlights

1. **Creative Lantern-Making Competition:** Students unleashed their creativity and imagination as they worked in teams to design and create colourful, unique lanterns. Their wonderful creations brought a festive atmosphere to our campus while helping students deepen their appreciation of this beloved symbol of the Mid-Autumn Festival.
2. **Lion Dance Competition:** Energy and excitement filled the air as student teams performed dynamic Lion Dance routines. Their rhythm, teamwork, creativity, and confidence brought joy and excitement to the audience and showcased the wonderful school spirit of our students.

3. Assembly – Friday, 25th September

On Friday morning, our whole school community came together for a lively Mid-Autumn Festival celebration featuring:

- Lively musical performances by our students
- The exciting rounds of the Lion Dance Competition
- Creative Lantern-Making Competition – Results and Prize Presentation
- Fun and engaging Mid-Autumn cultural activities





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The festivities continued into the afternoon with a traditional Lion Dance performance, bringing even more excitement and festive energy to the celebration.

“**Vui Hội Trăng Rằm**” created many joyful and lasting memories for our students while strengthening their connection to Vietnamese culture and traditions. We extend our warmest thanks to our students, teachers, and families for their enthusiasm, support, and contributions in making this celebration such a memorable experience for our school community.

We hope everyone enjoyed a joyful and meaningful Mid-Autumn Festival filled with creativity, friendship, and cherished memories.

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival!

Warm regards,

Ho Thi Thuy Van/ Huynh Pham Diem Hang

SVIS Management Board



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Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Outward Bound Vietnam 2026–2027

We are pleased to share the **Outward Bound Vietnam schedule for the 2026–2027 school year**. **Outward Bound Vietnam** is an important part of our students' wider learning experience, providing opportunities to develop **independence, teamwork, resilience, communication and confidence** outside of the normal classroom environment.

Throughout the year, students from different year levels will take part in age-appropriate OBV programmes, either **at school or through residential trips to Binh Dinh and Ha Long**.





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Outward Bound Vietnam Dates

- **Year 4A / Year 4L:** 25–26 May 2027 – At school
- **Year 5A / Year 5L:** 25–26 May 2027 – At school
- **Year 6A / Year 6L:** 26–30 October 2026 – Binh Dinh
- **Year 7A / Year 7L:** 15–19 March 2027 – Ha Long
- **Year 8A / Year 8L:** 5–9 April 2027 – Binh Dinh
- **Year 9A:** 25–29 January 2027 – Ha Long
- **Year 10:** 29 March–2 April 2027 – Binh Dinh
- **Year 11:** 22–26 February 2027 – Ha Long
- **Year 12:** 2–6 November 2026 – Binh Dinh
- **IGCSE 1:** 1–5 March 2027 – Ha Long
- **IGCSE 2:** 29 March–2 April 2027 – Binh Dinh
- **AS Level:** 22–26 February 2027 – Ha Long
- **A Level:** 2–6 November 2026 – Binh Dinh

Upcoming Outward Bound Vietnam Trips

Our first **Outward Bound Vietnam** trips of the school year will take place this term.

Year 6A and Year 6L will travel to Binh Dinh from 26–30 October 2026, followed by Year 12 and A Level students from 2–6 November 2026.

Parents will be emailed with further information about the upcoming **Outward Bound Vietnam** trips, and registration forms will be provided to students.

Information and documentation for the remaining year groups will be shared with families closer to their scheduled **Outward Bound Vietnam** dates.

We look forward to another exciting year of **Outward Bound Vietnam** experiences and to seeing our students challenge themselves, work together and build lasting memories.

Best Regards,

Mr. Niall (Mr)

Deputy Principal



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Message from Deputy Principal of KIK and Primary

Excursions- Learning Beyond the Classroom

This term, students from Year 1 through to A Level have had the opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom through a variety of exciting and meaningful excursions.



Our Primary students have enjoyed hands-on experiences such as pottery, Science and cooking classes, visits to the 3D Art Museum and Hoi An Duck Farm, as well as a guided exploration of Marble Mountain. Our Secondary students have also ventured out into the wider community, with visits to Paws for Compassion Animal Shelter, My Son Sanctuary and Lady Buddha, alongside basket boat tours and beach clean-up activities.



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Excursions are an important part of our students' learning journey, providing opportunities to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences, develop new skills, explore our local community and culture, and learn through discovery and participation. It has been wonderful to see our students embracing these experiences with enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the term.

Best Regards,

Caroline Greatwood (Ms)

Deputy Principal of KIK and Primary

Message from High School Head of Studies

Cambridge Exam Update

As we look ahead to the Cambridge examination resit sessions in October and November, we would like to wish all our students the very best of luck and success. These examinations are an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning, build on previous results, and continue striving towards their academic goals.

We are incredibly proud of the determination and commitment our students continue to show. Preparing for examinations takes perseverance, organisation and a willingness to keep improving, and we encourage all students taking resits to approach their examinations with confidence and a positive mindset. We wish every student the very best for their upcoming Cambridge examinations!

Celebrating Our Cambridge Subject Champions

Our Cambridge Subject Champion Awards will recognise the student with the highest overall academic score in each Cambridge subject at the end of the year. The award is designed to celebrate students who have maintained a strong level of achievement across the year, rather than focusing on a single examination.

The overall Subject Champion score is calculated using results from both semesters:

Semester 1 – 50% of the overall score

- Semester 1 examination: 60%
- Classwork: 40%

Semester 2 – 50% of the overall score

- IGCSE 1: Semester 2 examination 60% and classwork 40%
- IGCSE 2, AS Level and A Level: Mock examination score

The student achieving the highest overall calculated score in each subject will be named the Cambridge Subject Champion.

Through these awards, we hope to celebrate not only exceptional results, but also the hard work, consistency and continuous improvement that contribute to academic success. We look forward to recognising our Subject Champions and celebrating the achievements of all our Cambridge students throughout the year.

Regards,

Dr. Nils Harteveld

Head of Studies – High School



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Message from Head of Integrated Kindergarten

A Wonderful Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

Our Kindergarten had a wonderful time celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival this year. It was our first whole-school event of the academic year, and we were delighted to see it go so successfully. Our Prep students gave an excellent performance during the assembly, demonstrating their confidence, enthusiasm, and growing ability to perform in front of a large audience. We are very proud of them! Our students also had many opportunities to develop their fine motor skills, imagination, and creativity through a variety of hands-on activities. They created beautiful lantern artwork, which was later used to decorate our hallways and bring a festive atmosphere to our school.





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The outdoor activities were another highlight of the celebration. Children from Nursery to Prep enthusiastically participated in a range of educational and cultural-themed activities designed especially for young learners, including the “**Mooncake Delivery Mission**,” “**Rabbit Beanbag Toss**,” and “**Lantern Obstacle Course**.” Our students also had the exciting opportunity to learn how to make real mooncakes at Pegasus, making the experience even more memorable.

It has been an amazing month filled with learning, creativity, cultural experiences, and lots of happy memories. We are so pleased to see our students enjoying themselves while learning and growing together. Looking ahead, we will be celebrating **Halloween at the end of October**. More information will be shared in our weekly class reports every Friday, as well as through the KinderWorld App and ClassDojo. Please stay tuned for more exciting updates and upcoming activities!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We truly appreciate your contribution to making these experiences so special for our children.

Warm regards,

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Head of Integrated Kindergarten