



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DA NANG

# NEWSLETTER

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## Coming events

7th to 10th of May – School Photos

6th to 17th of May – SVIS Exams

24th to 30th of May – SIS Exams

31st of May – Children's Day Celebration

## Message from Principal

Dear parents,

As we approach our end of year exams, it's important that all of our students are getting plenty of rest and have good routines established so they are prepared for the final exams of the year.

As we move into May, our preparations for the End-of-Year Concert and Award ceremony are underway. Students have been diligently practicing their performances, and I would like to thank our parents and teachers for their support. During the Concert, we have a chance to celebrate all students achievements over the academic year, as well as acknowledge our Prep, Year 12 and A level Graduating classes who have completed their respective academic programmes.

Furthermore, we will also acknowledge academic champions in each year level, subject champions in our Cambridge High School subjects, sporting awards and citizenship awards. I look forward to all students and parents having a fantastic night on Monday 17th of June.

Kind regards,

**Bradman McCarthy**

Principal





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## Message from SVIS Deputy Principals

Dear Parents,

Tick-tock...tick-tock... it's the countdown timer to the busiest time of the school year... exam season has arrived.

Year 9 and Year 12 students are racing against time, every hour, every minute, to take the time to practice and prepare for the Semester 2 exams, the 10th grade entrance exams, and the National high school graduation exams.

During the week from April 22 to April 26, 2024, the school implemented the city exam schedule for all Year 9 and Year 12 students. The exam was organized according to regulations and our students participated seriously.

As the exam schedule was different from school hours, the school and form class teachers have coordinated with parents to support and remind students to strictly comply with time regulations.

During the examination week, the Year 9 and Year 12 students showed their self-discipline to be on time and try their best. The exam results will be announced in early May.

Also in May, all other students in the Integrated programme will take the year-end exam from May 6 to May 10, 2024. The school wishes all students to be confident, calm and to achieve high results.

We would also like to congratulate the following students on their achievements:

- Nguyen Hoang Ha in Year 6A is in the Top 15% of the Kangaroo International Math Competition and has achieved a Bronze Prize.

- Tran Dai Nghia in Year 3B won the consolation prize in the city-level Vioedu competition.

We wish all of our students success and confidence to conquer all upcoming contests

Thanks and best regards,

**Ho Thi Thuy Van/ Le Thi Phuong Nhi**

SVIS Deputy Principals







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## Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

Cambridge Exam time is here! Exams began on 17 April with our IGCSE2 Second Language English Speaking Exam and will continue until 13 June with our A-Levels Economics Exam. Our IGCSE2, AS-Level and A-Level students will take various exams over the next two months. Our staff and teachers are so excited for students to have their time to shine and show all they have learned in their IG and A-Levels programs.

Many families find the time just before and during exams tough for a couple of reasons. Firstly, the exams are rigorous and require strong knowledge. Secondly, there is always a degree of pressure for families during this time.

Parents are a key component in student success, and there are many ways that parents and families can support and encourage students.

### 1. Keep Calm and Carry On

Work to help students maintain a normal routine during this stressful time. Students are under heavy pressure and need to feel loved, supported and encouraged. Be positive and let them know you are there for him or her.

### 2. Talk to Your Child About Their Exam Topics

Encourage your child to talk about what he or she has learned. This will help consolidate knowledge and make him or her feel confident.

### 3. Insist on Wind-Down Time and Regular Breaks

Most students are incredibly studious and take their learning seriously. They likely need to be reminded to work less, not more. Staying up all night to revise is not wise, nor are long days without a break. Time relaxing at the end of the day will prepare your child for sleep, which he or she needs.

Thank you for your support and encouragement of your child all year, especially during this exam season. We also appreciate your trust in us as educators to help prepare your child for this important time. We look forward to celebrating your child and their great success at the end of this exam cycle.

## Stephanie Shepperd (Ms)

Deputy Principal





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## Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that the Semester 2 exams for Y1-Y12 students will take place from Friday, May 24th, to Thursday, May 30th. These exams will count towards 50% of the student's final grades, while the remaining 50% will come from classroom assessments.

Integrated students in Y1-Y12 will complete English papers 1-4. International students in Y1-Y8 will complete English papers 1-4, as well as math and science exams. The exam dates are as follows:

- English Paper 1 (Speaking) will be held from Friday, May 24th to Wednesday, May 29th.
- English Paper 3 (Language Comprehension) will be held on Friday, May 24th.
- English Paper 2 (Writing) will be held on Monday, May 27th.
- English Paper 4 (Listening) will be held on Tuesday, May 28th.
- The mathematics exam will be held on Wednesday, May 29th.
- The science exam will be held on Thursday, May 30th.

We wish all our students the best for their exams! If you have any questions about the exams, please contact your child's form teacher.

Best regards,

Mr. Niall

**Niall Elliot Reed**

Deputy Principal







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## Message from Head of Integrated Kindergarten

In April, the Kindergarten learned about Plants, Flowers and the Earth. The students and teachers enjoyed the activities conducted inside and outside classrooms related to the topics. Gardening was one of the great outdoor activities that we did to encourage healthy eating and gave us an opportunity to learn more about the environment.

Using the inspiration of nature's beauty, all classes made beautiful artwork using art supplies, and a variety of recycled materials such as newspaper, toilet rolls, food wrap, plastic bags and bottles.

To showcase the masterpieces, we had a Spring Fashion Show in nature. The students confidently walked down a red carpeted catwalk in front of an audience. They did an amazing job showing off their masterpieces and acting like real runway models.

We are excited about the upcoming International Day and Children's Day. More information and updates will be sent out when the days are closer.

**Vo Thi Thuy Ngan**

Head of Integrated Kindergarten

