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Coming events

29th of September - Mid-Autumn Festival

Message from Principal

Dear parents,

I hope you and your children have had an excellent start to the 2023-2024 Academic Year. We have had a positive start to our year, and I am excited for the incredible opportunities our students will have to learn and grow this year.

This year we have many exciting events planned such as:

- School Captains
- Student Council
- House competition
 - o This will include Sports Day, Fun Run, Spelling Bee and STEM Competitions
- Outward Bound Vietnam
- Family Fun Days
- Annual Events such as Mid-Autumn Festival, Halloween, Teacher's Day, Christmas Charity Fair, Tet Fair, Reading Month, Earth Day and End of Year Concert.

I look forward to working with you and your children again this year. If you would like to be a part of any of our school events, or would like more information please email me at:

bradman.mccarthy@danang.sis.edu.vn or contact the school office to make an appointment.

Bradman McCarthy

Principal











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Message from SVIS Deputy Principals

In the joy of the first school day on 7th August 2023, we warmly welcomed all students returning to the school, as well as new students joining the school in the 2023-2024 School Year.

The opening ceremony and Welcoming of Year 1 students took place with a mix of emotions, excitement and anxiety.

Performances from SIS teachers and students created a bustling atmosphere at the ceremony and marked a joyful and promising start to another successful school year.

In the first week, students had an extremely meaningful activity which was to put their wishes and goals on the "Wishing Tree". This is a commitment to working harder and improving every day so that each student will become a better version of themselves.

On 17 August 2023, the school held the first parent-teacher meeting of the year. This was an opportunity for parents to meet the homeroom teacher, learn about class information as well as have their concerns answered. We appreciate the trust you have in us and will make tireless efforts to bring the best education to our students.

On this occasion, the Management Board would like to wish all teachers good health to continue to contribute to the school's growth. We wish all students get their best achievement. We wish all parents wealth, success and happiness!

Thanks and best regards,

Ho Thi Thuy Van/Le Thi Phuong Nhi

SVIS Deputy Principals











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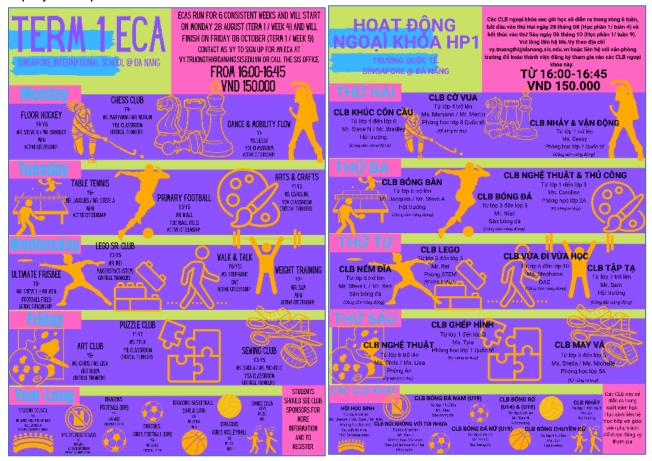
Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

We are so excited to start this year able to offer our students the opportunity to be involved with our school community through our Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) programme. Students from Year 1 to Year 12 can join a variety of clubs across a wide array of interests. This term we will also begin some Year-Long ECAs and sports activities that will take place during our school day, giving all students the chance to participate!

ECAs are the perfect way to encourage students to make learning fun and promotes wholistic learning across life and curriculum. Club sponsors choose their own activities, so they are passionate and excited to work with their student groups and share their own interests. This teacher sponsor enthusiasm promotes a fun and positive learning environment. Our Term ECAs change throughout the year so there is certainly something for everyone. We hope your children will have the opportunity to learn outside the traditional classroom in our ECA programme.

Stephanie Shepperd

Deputy Principal





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Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

This school year, the Y3+ students will be using an online learning program called NEO+ for two lessons a week in the computer lab. This programme is designed to help students achieve their English-fluency goals. With NEO+, students can study on their computer at any time, in short sessions of no more than 30 to 45 minutes, a few times a week. If learners study more often, they can progress faster.

We strongly encourage students to complete three 30-minute NEO+ sessions each week as homework. We kindly request that you encourage your child to complete this at home. Please ensure that they use the headphones that were provided in their book pack or provide them with a good headset and microphone so that they can practice their speaking skills.

To access NEO+, please use the link below. We recommend using Google Chrome for the best experience:

https://neostudyonline.com/login

Your child has been given a username and password to access the programme.

If you have any questions or need assistance with NEO+, please send me a message on ClassDojo or email me at: niall.reed@danang.sis.edu.vn

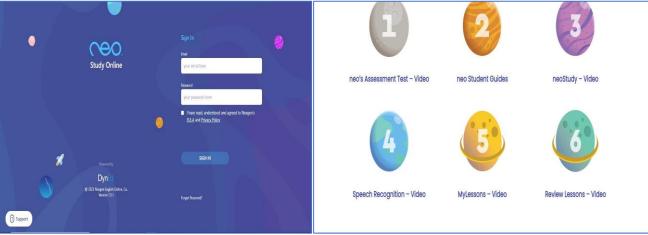
Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Niall

Niall Elliot Reed (Mr)

Deputy Principal





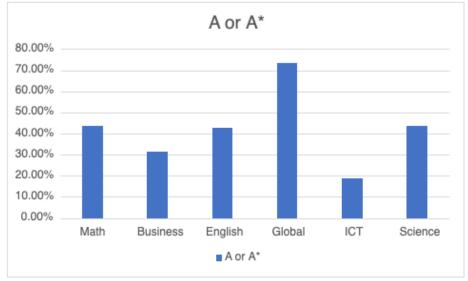
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Message from Head of Studies for high school Dear parents,

The IGCSE and A level results from the May/June 2023 exams have been released. I am pleased to inform you that our students have done a great job and scored great results.

For IGCSE 2, 82% of the exams were scored with an A*-C. If we take a greater look at the top level students, we can see that we scored many A and A*. In the graph we can see how many students scored A or A* per subject in their IGCSE 2 examinations.



For AS and A level we are also please to inform that our students scored well. For the first time SIS @ DaNang had students finishing their A level qualification, which allows them access to many of the top universities in the world. Some special highlights are A level Chemistry, where 100% of our students scored A on their final A level examination, compared to the global average of 34%. Another example of our A level student success is that 50% of our students scored an A grade on Computer Science, which is much higher than the global average of 30%. A great job by all our students and our teachers.

Our AS students did equally well, for example AS level biology, where students scored 50% A, compared to the global average of 38%. Another example of AS level students is the subject of sociology. The exams in this subject had 75% of our students getting at least a B grade, which allows them to into their A level year with plenty of confidence and a high chance of success.

For more information, please contact at nils.harteveld@danang.sis.edu.vn

Nils Harteveldt

Head of Studies - Secondary/High School Cambridge Coordinator SIS @ DaNang



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Message from Primary Head of Studies

Classroom-Based Assessments (CBA)

It has been a positive and exciting start to the new school year. All students have settled into the routines of their new classes, and the teachers and students are ready to give their best this school year. As explained in our Parent Information Meetings, students' final marks combine 50% exam marks and 50% classroom-based assessments. These CBAs include unit tests, quizzes, spelling tests, skills-based assessments, and projects.

Teachers will notify parents when unit tests are taking place, and after they are completed, the tests are sent home for parents to sign and return to school. This way, parents are always aware of their child's progress and the scores they are receiving each term. We look forward to another successful academic school year.

Caroline Greatwood (Ms)







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Message from Guidance Officer

Dear Parents.

My name is Ms. Chris and I am the Guidance Officer on campus. I support students in different ways.

- 1. Make sure that all children on campus feel safe, they know how to stay safe and what to do if they need help. Student protection is everyone's top priority and during our first couple of weeks back at school, I informed students of my role and am here to support them.
- 2. Offer wellbeing support. For example, at times, it is helpful for students to get tools for managing social situations, tips to alleviate stress and self-care practices.
- 3. Plan future pathways and opportunities. No two students' paths are the same and it is a pleasure to work with students to help them discover the way to a successful future best suited for them.

One way to help students reach their goals is to be organized. Throughout our first month back, I have worked with many secondary and high school students to set goals and ways to stay organized. One useful resource for this is the SIS Student Handbook. Some classes even personalized them with positive words!

If you would like to contact me for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so at christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Chris Williams (Ms.)

Guidance Officer and Teacher









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Message from Head of Integrated Kindergarten

Welcome back to all our Kindergarten students and parents for AY 2023-2024! We warmly welcome new families and friends joining us this year as well. The children have been adapting well with their new class. There have been less tears and more laughter all around. While we focused on class rules and expectations, the children were also introduced to Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. They explored these through art, reenactment, songs, STEM activities, and play. It was a great transition into the new school year, and lots of fun had by all. In September, we will be celebrating the Moon Festival, with great performances and craftwork!

Thank you!

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan (Ms)

Head of Integrated Kindergarten







