

NEWSLETTER

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 4th to Monday 10th May – Year 6-8 Integrated Final Vietnamese Exams
- Thursday 6th to Monday 10th May – Year 1-5 Integrated Final Vietnamese Exams.
- Monday 7th to Friday 11th June – Year 9 and IGCSE 1 OBV
- Monday 14th to Friday 25th June – Parent Teacher Meetings
- Wednesday 30th June – Graduation and Awards Ceremonies

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

Unfortunately, another wave of CoVid-19 has surfaced in Vietnam, causing disruptions to many schools. Currently a lot of schools in northern provinces, such as in Hanoi and Da Nang, have been instructed to close and to revert to online learning. From 10th May 2021, schools in HCMC will also revert to online learning. At the moment, we in Binh Duong are fortunate enough to keep our school open and functioning normally and we hope that this will continue to be the case for the rest of the school year. However, we all know how quickly things can change. We are mindful that we may also be asked to close and adopt online learning again, but can assure parents that, as a school, we are always ready and prepared for this.

We are grateful that all our Integrated classes have managed to completed all their MOET assessments, especially our Year 9 students who have all successfully met the criteria to move onto high school.

Should we need to close, this will obviously affect all planned events for the balance of the school year – such as our SA2 International exams, Graduation and Awards Ceremonies as well as our planned parent-teacher briefings and meetings. As it stands, things will continue as planned for the rest of the school year. We will ensure that parents are constantly updated on any changes.

We understand that uncertainties like we currently experiencing in our lives can impact our children most. So it is critical that both teachers and parents work together to constantly reassure them that everything will be alright and give them all the assistance and guidance that they need, both at school and at home.

As always, thank you for entrusting your child to us at SIS@BDNC. It is truly a privilege.

Mark Watling
Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents,

April was another busy month in the Primary School. Students are still finishing off units and are preparing for exams. Please ensure that your child is beginning to revise the units they have studied as the exams will soon be upon us.

I would like to thank teachers and students for some beautiful art projects that I have seen going up around the school. The creative subjects at school are so important to teach the students different ways of thinking critically and making informed decisions. It's also a great way to make our school look amazing.

Finally, please take care of your families during this latest covid-19 outbreak. Ensure students have enough masks and hand sanitizer to get through each day.

Until next time,

Mr. Tom Dowden
Head of Studies-Primary School

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

April has passed by so quickly! Students are busy completing course work and have entered exam mode already. Exams have taken place for our Year 9 Integrated students and IGCSE 2 students have begun their series of final Cambridge exams – and will fortunately be able to complete these even in the event of school closures should they happen. Year 6 – 8 Integrated students will begin their exams next week. SA2 Math, Science and English exams for all high school students will begin the week of 24th May and end on the 1st June. We wish students all the best.

Dr. Roy Douthitt, our visiting SIS Guidance Counselor will be visiting the school again on Monday May 10th and Tuesday May 11th. If you would like to meet with him to discuss high school, university, overseas study or career plans for your child, please call the office to make an appointment.

Next week we will have an assembly to present certificates to our DynEd students who have successfully completed their courses and moved to the next course. Congratulations to these students for their good study habits and work ethic. Watch out for photos in the next newsletter!

Ms. Caroline Mead
Deputy Principal

INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

This month our school had some great news. Our student, Tran Hai Anh, Year 9 Integrated, got the third prize in the English contest for all secondary students in Binh Duong. The school is extremely proud of her achievements. She worked very hard for this contest and thoroughly deserves her award.

Year 9 have just finished their final tests. The school is now preparing the documents for the recognition of all the student's completing 9th grade. We are pleased to announce that all our students have satisfied the requirements to proceed to high school next year. Well done!

From 4th May 2021 to 10th May 2021, Year 6,7, and 8 students wrote their final exams. Year 1 to Year 5 students will do their final tests from 6th May 2021 to 10th May 2021. We wish our students all the best and hope they all achieve good results.

Ms. Kim Tri
HoV



STEM UPDATE

Our students have continued to enjoy their learning about Robotics over the past few months.

In term 3, Year 4 International learned to program the Codey Rocky with code that includes multiple events in sequence. They developed our understanding of the events available in the program and have designed simple animations to express feelings or tell a story.

Year 3 International decided to make cars out of old plastic bottles that could be powered by the air in a balloon. The children learned how best to attach the wheels, where the axle would be most effective, and that more than one straw attached to the balloon made it easier to blow up. Great fun was had by all!

Students in Mr. Jolin's classes moved beyond controlling the robot's movements to dealing with light sensors and object sensors to overcome some of the more critical thinking problems in the STEM curriculum. Moreover, students have also been practicing STEM vocabulary.

Microbit

The school also added twelve full Microbit kits, which include a different display, servo motors, buzzers, sensors, etc. We are sure students will have fun and learn more about coding and micro controllers soon.

So far, term 3 has been very productive and interactive for all students.

