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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

- Parent Teacher Conferences
 23-27 October
- Halloween 31 October
- OBV in Ha Long 06 10 November
- OBV in Binh Dinh 27
 November 01 December
- Christmas Charity Fair 08th December
- Christmas and New year break 18 Dec 23 – 01 Jan 24

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents,

A warm welcome to term 2 at SIS@BDNC.

For those who were able to have a break I do hope it was enjoyable and relaxing.

Term 2 looks like being a busy, productive time with many rewarding learning experiences for students.

I would like to share the following reminders as we begin our new learning term.

OBV experiences.

Outward bound learning experiences will begin for students at SIS@BDNC this term.

IGCSE 2 and A level students will travel to Binh Dinh from the 27^{th} November 2023 to the 1^{st} December 2023

Year 9 integrated and IGCSE1 students will travel to Ha Long from the 6^{th} to the 10^{th} of November 2023.

All information and communication will be sent to all students and parents.

OBV is a wonderful learning experience for all students.

Christmas Charity Fair.

The Christmas Charity Fair will once again be held on the Friday afternoon and evening of December the 8th at SIS@BDNC.

Communication will be sent home soon via the class newsletters.

Keep the date free as this is always a great school community celebration.

• End of semester 1 examinations.

Semester 1 examinations will take place at the end of term 2.

Further information and study reminders will be sent to all parents from the form teachers.

Class newsletters.

A reminder to always check weekly class newsletters to keep up to date with all the exciting learning experiences for students at SIS@BDNC.

For further communication and understanding always check with the school office staff or your child's classroom teacher.

Welcome to term 2.

Yours in learning,

Mr Mark.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents and students

Welcome back for the second term! A very special welcome to the students and their parents that joined SIS BDNC this term for the first time. We know you will settle in well and be happy in your new learning environment.

It might sound like a cliché, but this term is a fast one. Although we have a variety of activities and events this term, our main focus will be to prepare as good as we can for the semester exam, which will be during the last week before Christmas break. Congratulations to the students and their parents who received outstanding progress reports. Our students' hard work during term one paid off. Please keep it up! Teachers have already made appointments with parents of students who need to improve in certain learning areas.

This term our school offers a variety of Extra Curricular Activities. We encourage our students to be active and responsible citizens, and to sign up. A big thank you to our staff for their effort to run these clubs. This is an area where students can learn many skills and have fun, in an informal way. We have a very enthusiastic team of professional teachers, who always want the best for every student.

I wish everyone all the best for this term! Thank you so much for your support!

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

Kind regards

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Philip van der Walt

Head of Studies Primary



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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

I am delighted to share with you the exciting happenings at our school as we dive headfirst into the new academic term, but, firstly, a reflection on the end of Term 1.

During the Mid-Autumn Festival, our school campus was adorned with beautiful and innovative traditional costumes, and hand-crafted lanterns that showcased the creativity and craftsmanship of our students (and their parents!). To recognize their dedication and talents, we awarded class prizes, making the festival even more memorable.

As always, the highlight of the festival was the mesmerizing performance of the Lion Dance, which was accompanied by some amazing drumming and acrobatic performances.

To culminate the term, we held an extraordinary Stem Day. Our students had been diligently preparing their projects for months, and their hard work was on full display in the afternoon as they presented their projects to judges and visiting parents. It was a moment of pride where the talents and innovative spirit of our students was showcased.

The entire school was involved in this engaging event, with activities ranging from coding challenges to robot manipulation competitions and the thrilling STEM "Amazing Race." Stem Day served as the perfect fitting end to a successful term, encouraging our students to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Looking forward to the current term, it's important to acknowledge that this is a vitally important one academically. In mid-December, our students will face their Semester exams, which will play a significant role in shaping their academic journey. Additionally, we will have regular classroom-based assessments throughout the term, which will contribute significantly to the semester grade. I encourage all students to remain focused and diligent in their studies.

As we eagerly look towards the upcoming events, let's not forget the much-anticipated Halloween celebration at the end of this month. Our students are already buzzing with excitement as they plan their costumes, prepare for the fashion show, and eagerly await the traditional trick-or-treating.

We set some high standards with our various celebrations last term. I have no doubt that the current term will be equally filled with enthusiasm and achievements, while being mindful of our primary focus, which, of course, is an academic one.

Let's continue to work together to ensure our students have a productive and rewarding semester ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school's journey.

Ms Lizelle MacLachlan

Head of Studies (Secondary)



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INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

This month, all our students have finished their first midterm exam. They knew what they have done well and what they have not done well. From that point, they will try their best for the rest of the semester 1. The middle reports have sent to parents. Parents and teacher have discussed about students' performance.

Our students did very well in STEM DAY on 13 October 23, each class has prepared their work and all students and teacher had an amazing time on that day.

Please see the photos of our students during this month of their activities and learning.

Ms. Kim Tri

Head of Vietnamese















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STEM UPDATE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're delighted to share the remarkable accomplishments of our students during Space Week and the conclusion of Term 1.

Space Week saw our students exhibiting their creativity through an impressive array of space-themed costumes, activities and coding challenges.

Furthermore, their commitment to sustainability was evident in the innovative projects they undertook.

As we step into Term 2, we're eagerly looking forward to delving deeper into the world of coding. Using our diverse selection of robot kits, students will have hands-on experiences that deepen their understanding of technology, while also fostering critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

Wishing you a Term 2 filled with growth and discovery!

Warm regards,

Jolin Richardson

STEM Coordinator



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