



*Merry Christmas*  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



**SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VIETNAM  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## Message from Supervisory Principal

Merry Christmas

It is wonderful to be able to read about student success in our schools, as well as success once you leave school and enter the world of further study or work.

Our SIS@Cau Giay students need special recognition for their outstanding efforts in the Cambridge exams at IGCSE, AS and A levels. We congratulated the students who received Top in Vietnam Awards and our younger students who performed exceptionally well with the iPSLE examination.

Our schools are full of activity with exciting stories about opportunities provided for our students. We are always excited to hear from past students so remember to contact us with your news.

No matter where you are in the world, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and continued success in your journey.

Jeanette Fuller

***Supervisory Principal***

## Outstanding Student Results

### Cambridge Examination Results

We are proud to announce that for the previous School Year 2013 – 2014, four Top in Vietnam awards were given to three students from SIS @ Cau Giay in:

- IGCSE Global Perspectives - Nguyen Hoang Minh Anh
- IGCSE First Language English - Nguyen Hoang Minh Anh
- AS Level High Achievement Award – Mathematics Bach Quoc Trung
- A Level Sociology – Dang My Linh



### Singapore International Primary School Leaving Examination (iPSLE) Results

Three of our students from SIS @ Cau Giay have obtained outstanding achievements for the 2014 iPSLE examinations from the Singapore Examinations and Assessments Board.

- Tran Nguyen Nam Anh obtained an A\* for Mathematics and an A for both English and Science.
- Tran Quynh Anh obtained an A for English and A\* for Mathematics.
- Vu Hai Nhi obtained an A for both English and Mathematics.

Both Tran Nguyen Nam Anh and Tran Quynh Anh were awarded Certificates of Outstanding Subject Performance by the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board.

Once again, Singapore International School has produced students who have been awarded Top in Vietnam Awards. We are very proud of all of the students who sat the examinations.

## SIS @ Saigon South

### Career Day 'your pathway – your future'



On 19 November 2014, over 150 students and parents attended the inaugural 2014 Career Day at Saigon South Campus. Students and staff from our Singapore International Schools at Binh Duong and Vung Tau travelled to Ho Chi Minh City to enjoy the activities.

The aims for this event were:

- To introduce Year 7-GAC/AS/A level students and parents to the SIS study pathway
- To introduce students to skills required to attend university and assist in making informed choices for further education
- To provide students with valuable information regarding what to expect when studying overseas
- Provide liaisons with universities and organizations to be fully informed for future education.

Staff from SIS@SS led workshops on a range of topics that included the following:

- SIS Pathway (including representatives from Cambridge & ACT)
- The Myths and Realities of studying abroad
- CV's and Interview techniques and Study Skills
- Culture shock and adaptations
- ACT World of work – Job clusters (career website)
- I survived: Learning the skills necessary to be successful while studying abroad
- Transitioning to IGCSE



Ms Seema Dalmia – Workshop: GAC Panel



Ms Nguyen Lien Huong - Workshop for parents:  
Exploring Career websites



Mr Chris Jeffery –Dean BUH (Hanoi Campus)



RMIT University and GAC students

## Good news update

The 2014 Graduation Ceremony for RMIT University Vietnam was held on 27 and 28 November, at Ho Chi Minh City. We are very proud to acknowledge three (3) of our students who have now officially graduated.

Congratulations to:

- Do My Ngoc (GAC 2009) - Bachelor of Design (Multimedia Systems) With Distinction
- Lee So Hyun (GAC 2010) - Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) With Distinction
- Nguyen Bich Ngoc (GAC 2010) - Bachelor of Commerce With Distinction

My Ngoc was honored as a Golden Key member, an international honor society which recognizes high achieving undergraduates for being in the top 15%.

She is studying in Florence, Italy, completing the Master of Visual Communication at Istituto Europeo di Design, (course is delivered in English).

By completing the Bachelor of Business (Accountancy), So Hyun is accredited by CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

She is continuing her study in the professional body's qualification program.



My Ngoc in Florence



Congratulations to So Hyun



Family and SIS@SS staff were proud to congratulate Bich Ngoc on her recent graduation



## 2014-15 GAC and AS/A students

A recent excursion to a local orphanage provided entertainment and much needed donations for the young children.



Above: Luong Vien Phat , Tony Hai Anton and Jung Kyuong Soo

## SIS @ Saigon South

### 2014-15 GAC and AS/A students (Cont'd)



**Ready for GAC003 interviews**

Above: Tran Ngoc Trang Dai and Nguyen



**Ready for GAC003 interviews**

Above: Tran Ngoc Trang Dai and Nguyen



Above: Vo Quoc Vu

## SIS @ Danang



### Danang's First Graduating Students

Singapore International School @ Danang's first two graduating students, Dong Ngoc Nhi and Pham Thi Anh Hang, are excited to be commencing their university studies in Texas in January, 2015. Nhi is hoping to be accepted in the faculty of Medical Science and Hang is looking at doing Business studies.

We wish our first alumni students the very best as they embark on their next journey into the world of tertiary education.

### Secondary Students at Danang Look Ahead at University Opportunities

Secondary students at Singapore International School, Danang enjoyed the opportunity to meet with representatives from several universities early in the term. Maryville University, Missouri (private liberal arts & sciences college), Saint Louis University, Missouri (private research university), St. Catherine University, Minnesota (private women's college), University of Kansas (public research university) and RMIT in Ho Chi Minh City who not only shared information about the programmes on offer at RMIT, but also gave some tips to students for applying to university.



Students were given a presentation on the application process, the opportunity to ask questions about the programmes the universities offer and discuss their own strengths when deciding what courses they might be interested in.

The more students know and understand about the process, the better equipped they will be when it comes to making decisions about what to do after graduating high school. Students were encouraged to check out careers that alumni from the university pursues after graduation.

### SIS @ Cau Giay

Dear Alumni students

I'm sure you are all settled into your new establishments and have found your feet in the big wide world of adulthood. Being a student is so different to being at school. You are expected to be self-disciplined, self-motivated and organized. Luckily you all are, as your foundations are strong and you have been given wonderful opportunities at SIS to become life-long learners.

We ended Term 1 as per our tradition, on a high note of tough competition and excitement. The Red Dragons and Black Phoenix competed against one another and played each event with enthusiasm and determination, despite the heat, that day. Red Dragons managed to finish victoriously with a close call of 6 points. Then we ended with a football match between the staff and students, although the staff do not have as much energy as the young students, they managed to win 1-0.

The Cambridge re-sits have just finished, many of you can recall the anxious waiting of results, our AS and A-level students are now at the stage you were, a year ago. After the Christmas holidays there are only 5 months till finals, hopefully we will have excellent results to report to you as I do now:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that 3 of our students achieved some of the best results in Vietnam, in the June 2014 examination series.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

IGCSE – First Language English and Global Perspectives - Nguyen Hoang Minh Anh

AS Level – Mathematics – Bach Quoc Trung

A Level – Sociology – Dang My Linh



**NGUYEN HOANG MINH ANH**



**BACH QUOC TRUNG**



**DANG MY LINH**

Your success is extremely impressive. Last year more than one million students sat Cambridge examinations in more than 10,000 schools in countries around the world, including United Kingdom, United States, China, India, and Singapore, as well as throughout Europe, South America and the Middle East.

However, these achievements cannot be possible without the dedication and commitment from our teachers and your parents. Well done to everyone!

On the 20 November we celebrated Teachers' Day. We were so blessed with wonderful gifts of appreciation, my office and reception looked like a florist.

You will be excited to hear that Mr. Tamir Ratzon tied the knot this year and married his stunning fiancé Uyen and Mr. Wilson is also getting married in December.

The building at Gamuda has started with a vengeance, the electricity and water supply to the site are finished and the foundations are nearly complete. The school will be ready by June and we will start our new school year at Gamuda. I hope you will be able to visit us and bring us loads of news and photos about your adventures.

Please e-mail me news from abroad so we can share this with all our alumni students.

You can contact me on [lorraine.els@caugaij.sis.edu.vn](mailto:lorraine.els@caugaij.sis.edu.vn)

Warm Regards

Lorraine Els  
Principal SIS @ Cau Giay

To all of you have a super Christmas and TET. I look forward to seeing you back in Hanoi during your summer breaks.



Merry &  
Christmas

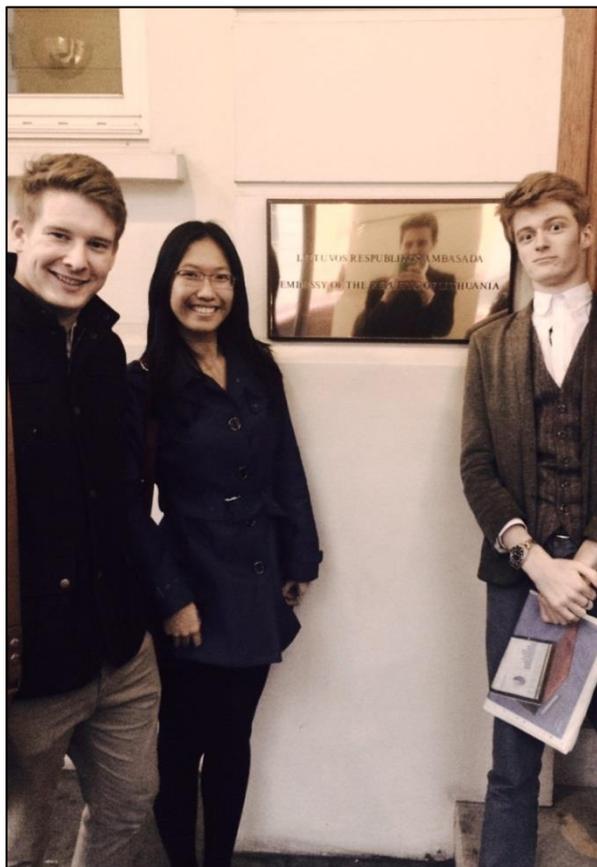
## Letter from Dang My Linh – Alumni of SIS @ Cau Giay

Ms Lorraine Els – Principal of Cau Giay had a chance to contact with her alumni Dang My Linh. Below is her sharing about university life in England. It is such a pleasure to know about all the excitement as well as challenge she has experienced in the new environment. We do wish her all the best on her further pathway.

*"I'm doing quite well, have settled in and loving London!! I am enjoying university life very much! I have met many interesting people and it's like the whole world has just opened up for me. The workload and readings are intense but that forces me to manage my time efficiently and find a good balance. It's the start of a transition into adulthood, when you have to make most decisions by yourself. The most commonly heard conversation about decision-making in my hall is choosing two out of three things: good grades, sleep and social life :) Tough choice!!*

*I'm doing International Relations and I really love it. It's the one thing that I like about university: when you know that the course is right for you, you can really start to dig deep in all the fascinating stuff and genuinely enjoy what you're learning (although there's that occasional panic attack of having four 2000 words essays due in the same week, or that you really wish reality is just a bad dream when there are no copies of the required books left in the library, or attending that 9am seminar wishing that you should've gone to bed earlier). And coffee suddenly becomes your best friend.*

*After all my endless rant about the workload, I think university life is also great in terms of extracurricular societies. I can always do what I love and have the opportunity to try learning new hobbies too, just to participate in something a bit outside my comfort zone."*



## Share your stories!

News will not be hot without being shared! Double the fun by making a contribution to the next edition.

### Share your story

Share your story, read what others are doing and join the conversation about creating positive change in the world! Email us with any updates on where you are studying or working and other information of interest.

### Support for new graduates

Do you have a Vietnamese student support group in your institution? If so please send their contact information to [alumni@sis.edu.vn](mailto:alumni@sis.edu.vn) so we can pass it on to our seniors who are looking at studying offshore.

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