



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.

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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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Busy Year at SIS Van Phuc!

We have had a wonderful start to the school year at SIS@Van Phuc. The students and teachers are cooperating well to develop strong working relationships in the classroom. The classes are all humming with students learning together and developing new skills.

Full Calendar

This academic year will again have a full calendar of events including: our National Day celebration (2nd September) and Mid-Autumn Festival (8th September). We will keep you updated on all future events like Book Club and Coffee Dates here at SIS via our website and by newsletter. There will also be regular updates on the progress of the new school at Gamuda.

WALT – What I am Learning Today

Learning is our focus so when you visit your child's classroom, please be sure to read the WALT outside the door. Children should be able to tell parents exactly what they are learning in their class. You will be able to see what knowledge or skill each class is focusing on.

New Faces

Thank you for your warm welcome to our new teachers from Europe, Canada and the United States. Several of our new staff have already worked here in South East Asia and are familiar with the friendly and busy culture. Without exception, they are all bringing to Van Phuc a mixture of experience, enthusiasm and talent that will only make us an even more dynamic and caring school. They have all settled in very well and are enjoying their experiences in Vietnam.



Teacher collaborate with students



Dr Noel Geoghegan – Head of Studies



Ms Pham Huyen Trang – Deputy Head of Vietnamese Studies



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Head of Studies

Dr Noel Geoghegan is the 2014-2015 Head of Studies. He has lived in Hanoi since 2009 and is familiar with Vietnamese food, culture and lifestyle. He has a Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics Education as well as a Master of Arts in Mathematics Education. Dr. Noel has been a teacher trainer since 1988 and has worked at several universities in Australia and the USA in various Faculties of Education specializing in mathematics teacher education. Last year Dr. Noel worked as the SIS Year 3 International Teacher at Van Phuc and is committed to ensuring all children at SIS receive the best possible education.

Deputy Head of Vietnamese Studies

Ms Pham Thi Huyen Trang and has been appointed as Deputy Principal at SVIS Van Phuc. She is responsible for coordinating with the Principal in the operation of professional training for teachers and other educational activities outside of class time.

She has 9 wonderful years' experience of teaching as a primary teacher, including 7 years working at SVIS Van Phuc. The school and students are very familiar to her. Ms Trang wishes to contribute to developing a wonderful educational environment for students.

School Uniform

We are happy to announce that our bright new school hats are on sale from our school office. If you have not already done so, please purchase one so that all our students are wearing the same headgear. These hats give more sun protection than conventional 'Baseball Caps' and also complement our school uniform.

The correct footwear for school is '**Closed Shoes**' either white, black or grey. Some children are still wearing sandals, crocs and flip-flops to school. Unfortunately these look out of place with the rest of the school uniform and in wet weather can be dangerous as they have little protection and no real grip.

Thank you for supporting us on this. We believe that our students should *look* smart as well as *being* smart.

Brazil Legend comes to SIS VanPhuc

On Tuesday 16th of September, we were excited and pleased to welcome former Chelsea FC and Brazil World Cup footballer Mineiro, along with fellow Brazilians, Edu, Fabio and Fla. The players introduced themselves to students during a special morning assembly before posing for photographs and signing autographs.



SIS football players enjoy a training session with professional Brazilian football players



Year 3D students sing a song of Learner Goals



Parents place the Learning Goals in order of personal importance

After this, students from both our successful football ASA's enjoyed a spectacular one hour training session where the Brazilians showed off their own personal skills and coached our students in the finer points of Brazilian football. All the students who attended the session were given a signed certificate to say they had trained with the Brazilian players. Next month the Brazilian Football School will open at weekends and is open to all our students to join. More information will be sent home as we receive it.

Parents Coffee Afternoon

On Friday 19th of September at the PIU building, a group of over 40 parents enjoyed an interactive presentation on Student Learning Goals led by Ms. Sue and Dr. Noel. The Year Three students brought an enjoyable way of remembering the Learner Goals by singing them to the parents.

Ms. Sue also involved parents using a simple survey activity in which parents were invited to place the Learning Goals in order of personal importance to them. Student Learning Goals are achievable goals which students can strive to attain with the help of teachers and parents alike. They are displayed in all our classes and the goals are set out as follows.

Critical Thinkers

Our students are challenged to ask, question, and practice higher order thinking skills.

Academic Achievers

Students are encouraged to strive for academic excellence in school.

Confident Communicators

Students here are nurtured and taught to communicate in many ways to develop social and presentation skills that will prepare them for the future.

Active and Responsible Citizens

Taking the initiative on helping others and being aware of what's happening around us in school, in the community where we live and in the world as a whole.

Technologically Literate

Our students are taught and trained to understand and practice sound IT skills which will prepare them for High School, University and even Hi Tech jobs that don't exist yet.

The results were:

Academic Achievers: 135/780

Techno Smart: 54/780

Critical Thinkers: 226/780

Active and Responsible Citizens: 191/780