



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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Students take photos with fruit tray



Students excited with Lion Dance

Welcome

To all our families who have returned after the long summer break, we hope you have had a lovely time relaxing and enjoying being with your family. We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us for the first time. We look forward to a long, warm and happy relationship with you as together we strive to impart knowledge and see your child develop into a well balance global citizen. During their time here at SIS@Van Phuc, we hope to see all the potential that is locked inside, grow to fruition.

Moon Festival

We celebrated Mid Autumn Moon Festival on 25 September with the ever popular Lion Dance troupe returning to entertain our students.

There was also a variety of sport activities run by our expat teachers and more traditional activities run by our Vietnamese staff. As always, it was a wonderful, colourful day that everyone enjoyed.

ASA

Our After School Activity program has already begun with favourites like Cookery, Chinese, Badminton, Football and Chess all being extremely popular but also our new classes, Drama and School Band, offering even more choices to our keen talented students. Thank you to parents and students for your suggestions for new clubs.



A presentation by Huna Robot team

Huna Robot

On Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 August, we were treated to a visit and presentation by the team who teach Huna robots. Our students of all ages were captivated by the amazing technology on display and enjoyed seeing the robots performing to music. Huna robots is also one of the fantastic ASA's here on offer at SIS Van Phuc.

Medical Check

Please note that our integrated students will be required by law to undergo a medical check up on Wednesday 7 October.

Introducing our new EFL Coordinator

My name is Marlena Pawlega, Year 5 teacher and the English as a Foreign Language Programme (EFL) coordinator. Our programme ensures students who are identified as limited English proficient to receive the assistance needed to reach high levels of English proficiency so that they can successfully access and benefit from the total SIS school programme. EFL is a programme of techniques, methodology and special curriculum designed to teach English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to students. In addition, academic content is integrated into EFL instruction to assist students in developing content, cognitive, and study skills as they develop their English language skills. Our goal is to provide every student with every opportunity to succeed in school while at the same time closing the achievement gap, and preparing them to meet the challenges of the 21st century.



Ms Marlena – EFL Coordinator

Our new PE teacher

My name is Michael Catapano and I am from New York, USA. I have over 10 years' experience teaching physical education. I have taught in many places around the world such as New York, Vietnam, Thailand, and Brazil. My goal as a HPE teacher is to get children excited about being healthy and having fun through exercise, skill building, and teamwork. I am extremely excited to be a part of the SIS family and help your children become passionate about living active and healthy lives. I will teach various topics ranging from yoga and dance to football and basketball. I am particularly excited about our upcoming Sport Day. On 30 October SIS will be having the annual Sport Day at the Van Phuc campus. The focus for Sport Day is teamwork, sportsmanship, and of course fun! There will be many team games and activities for all the children to participate in. I look forward to a wonderful year at SIS. If you have any



Mr Michael Catapano – PE Teacher

Student Council

We are delighted to have a committed student council again this year under the leadership of Mr. Brad from Year 5 International.

Students were asked to write to Ms. Sue and Mr. Charlie and explain why they should be considered worthy to represent the school as members of the student council. After a careful process, the council was selected. Throughout the year our SC members will raise money for worthy international and local causes, they will assist with school celebrations and represent our school publicly. They will develop public speaking skills and will be responsible for deciding who we raise money for and also how we do it. Last year we raised around \$800 for a project in Tanzania that helped local villagers drill for fresh water thus saving them from drinking polluted water and the arduous task of walking many miles to collect it. They also collected books for a disadvantaged school.

Academic Awards Policy

The Academic Awards policy has been reviewed by the Kinder World management to provide clearer guidelines for students, parents and teachers.

International Programme

For the International Programme, the award is called Academic Champion Award and is awarded for the highest overall academic result for the school year in English, Maths and Science for each international class in Years 1 – 8. The overall result must be 85% or above.

For the Integrated Programme, the award is called Academic Champion Award – English and is awarded to the highest overall academic result for the school year in English for each integrated class in Years 1 – 5 and English and EPP for each integrated class in Years 6 – 9. The overall result must be 85% or above.



A visit to Operation Smile patients by Student Council last school year



Student Council donate books to Cao Ram school

