



Whole School ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOW & NEXT

2018-2019

MARCH 2019

25th - 29th Mindfulness Week (Secondary)

APRIL 2019

6th International Family Fun Day @ SS3 campus
- Starting at approx. 8.00am *

11th Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BVIS @ BVIS
- Starting at approx. 4.10pm *

6th Saigon Senior Maths Challenge @ AIS - Starting at approx. 9.00am *

15th King Hung's Anniversary (Public Holiday)
- NO SCHOOL

8th - 12th Science Week

15th - 19th KS2 Trip Week

8th - 12th Primary ECA Session 2 end this week

16th - 19th No ECAs this week

8th Primary Swimming Meet (Under 11) vs RISS @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *

19th Term 4 Ends, School ends at 3:10pm

9th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs CIS @ CIS
- Starting at approx. 4.10pm *

22nd April - 3rd May 2019 TERM 4 BREAK – NO SCHOOL

MAY 2019

6th INSET DAY for Teachers (NON-PUPIL DAY)

15th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *

7th Term 5 Starts

18th Junior Logic Challenge @ BIS - Starting at approx. 8.00am

8th Primary Swimming City Championship (Under 11) Pool A @ ISHCMC - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

20th Under 11 Girls Basketball City Championships Pool A @ AmIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

8th Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs CIS @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *

21st Under 14 Boys Volleyball City Championships Pool A @ ABCIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

9th Primary Swimming City Championship (Under 11) Pool C @ AIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

22nd Under 11 Mixed T-Ball Friendly Championships @ BIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

13th - 17th Primary ECAs (Session 3) start this week

23rd Under 14 Girls Volleyball City Championships Pool B @ CIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

14th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs SING @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *

27th Under 11 Boys Basketball City Championship Pool B @ CIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

15th Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *

Abbreviation Key

*	Parents are welcome to attend	BIS	British International School
@	At	BVIS	British Vietnamese International School
approx.	Approximately	SING	Singapore International School
TBC	To be confirmed	CIS	Canadian International School
TBA	To be announced	ISHCMC	International School of Ho Chi Minh City
ECAs	Extra Curricular Activities	RISS	Renaissance International School
Go MAD	Go M ake A D ifference (Charity/Service)	SSIS	Saigon South International School
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage	AmIS	American International School
KS2	Key Stage 2	AAVN	American Academy Vietnam
SS1	Saigon South Campus 1 (Primary)	AIS	Australian International School
SS2	Saigon South Campus 2 (Early Years Foundation Stage)	RMIT	RMIT University Vietnam
SS3	Saigon South Campus 3 (Secondary)	TAS	The American School
FOBISIA	Federation of British International Schools in Asia	COBIS	Council of British International School



News from SECONDARY

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the most recent version of Now and Next! Firstly, a thank you from me to the large number of parents that attended last weeks Parent's Day, it was lovely to see you and it is so important to use this opportunity to ensure your child is making the best of their learning opportunities.

Secondly, I wanted to give a reminder about the upcoming International Family Fun Day on Saturday April 6th. This year we will be hosting the day on our Secondary campus and I hope to see all of you there enjoying the activities and

supporting our charity fundraising. For more details about how this money is used, please see our school website.

I hope you enjoy the updates.

**Mr. Steve
Principal**

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Another busy term for the Secondary school when our older students in Year 11 to Year 13 are involved in intensive revision and preparation for their examinations in April, May and June this year. We wish them all well and look forward to celebrating their results in August. The English team enabled us to participate in many interesting and exciting experiences recently in Book Week which started with the annual Spelling Bee assembly for the whole school and ended with a really successful book exchange to enable students to read even more books. Some of our younger students are travelling to Kuala Lumpur this term to participate in a Tournament of Mathematics and we hold the much anticipated Science Week in April when we will host Year 5 and Year 6 students onto the Secondary campus to experiment in our laboratories, supported by teachers and older students. We continue to enter strong teams into Sporting events such as the City Athletics Competition, Swimming, Volleyball and Football tournaments and in many events this year we have been so proud of the achievements of our students who gained top places and wins. The second ECA program started in February and this has included a wider choice of ECAs as requested by our students, including Ten Pin Bowling at Vivo City – we look forward to developing the Secondary ECA program further over the forthcoming years. The MUN team performed very well and represented the school with a professional performance in the recent Hanoi MUN meeting

and this ECA gives many of our older students from Year 9 upwards the opportunity to engage in public debate and discourse. As we settle into the second half of the first academic year on the Secondary campus, both students and staff are all still enjoying the additional facilities, space and opportunities for extra-curricular activities which have been provided for us here. On many lunchtimes in the week the Sports Hall and Football pitch are full of students participating in fitness developing activities, House competitions which take place weekly on Fridays led by Mr. Andy and the House Captains and the LSC is always busy with students studying or just simply reading for pleasure. I look forward to welcoming you onto this campus when you visit us on Parents' Day this month and on International Family day in April.

**Mr. Stephen
Head of Secondary**

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This week, Key Stage 3 received a visit from Harrie Curley the founder and project manager of SCUBA, an organisation that does a lot of environmental work in Vietnam, particularly regarding the cleaning of beaches. It was a wonderful assembly that got our students enthused about protecting the environment and we shall definitely maintain contact with Harrie and the organisation. The future of the environment starts now with the young people of today,

and our students showed that they are more than ready to take on this responsibility.

**Mr. Lee
Head of Key Stage 3**

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BOOK WEEK RETROSPECTIVE

Book Week 2019 was a resounding success that emphasised the importance of literacy in all subject areas. Highlights included a team win for Saigon Serpents in the Spelling Bee final, over 190 books exchanged in the Book Swap, daily poetry readings utilising the resources of the wonderful new campus, dedicated reading time in all subjects for Drop Everything and Read, and of course some fabulous costumes on our Character Dress Up Day. This included a unified costume from most of Year 13, who all rode Yoshi for the day!

Mr. Barnaby
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Fobisia Mathematics Competition

Next week, from 21st to 24th March, 4 students from Year 7 and 4 students from Year 8 will take part in the FOBISIA Mathematics Competition, hosted by The Alice Smith School in Kuala Lumpur. Schools from all over South East Asia will attend and the level of competition will be intense. We wish these students well in their endeavours next week.

Mr. Bruce
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The Year 8 Celebration Team have been a wonderful addition to our Year 8 community this year, set up to provide opportunities for leadership within the year group and to praise achievements that are outside academic success. They started the term off in a wonderful manner, planning and leading an assembly that rewarded so many students for their contribution to school life. In addition to this, they are in the process of revamping the Year 8 board, full of eye catching and informative sections. This has demonstrated great creativity and team work skills, of which they should all be proud of.

Ms. Imogen
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Celebration Team
Front L-R : Hoang Yen, Yebin, Bao Khanh
Back L-R : Ly, Ella, Nhan, Toan

Key Stage 3 recently welcomed representatives from SCUBA, a new charity that has been set up in Vietnam working towards marine conservation and ocean waste. The students learned about some things that they can do to make a difference such as cutting down their use of plastic. SCUBA has organised beach cleans up and down the country and has already collected over 3500 kg of rubbish. Hopefully some of the ABCIS community will be inspired to join some of these clean-ups in the future and will continue spreading the message about this important issue.

Ms. Katie
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Students in Year 11 are approaching the end of their IGCSE courses and should be congratulated on the superb commitment they have shown throughout the last eighteen months. The last few weeks of term remain important, as does their revision over the April holiday. However, as they approach their final external examinations they should be feeling confident and I would like to use this opportunity to wish them every success.

Mr. Grant
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Year 10 have built upon the positive start they made to Key Stage 4; most students have raised attainment and improved their effort since the November report. With sustained focus, they should achieve some superb IGCSE results in August of 2020. They also continue to contribute very well to the school community, from sports teams and positions of responsibility, to extra-curricular activities such as MUN and IA. We are very excited that two members of the year group, Tung Truong and Sarah Nguyen, have won this year's Wild Rhino competition and will be travelling to South

Africa later this year, to see the wonderful creatures in the wild. I trust that, as the year progresses, all of our students will continue to give of their best and achieve in a variety of ways.

Ms. Hannah
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JAZZ IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP

On April 10th, the school will welcome Mrs Gill Mew who is visiting from the United Kingdom. Gill is a woodwind and jazz specialist and has most recently been working with The National Jazz Orchestra of Great Britain. This will be her second visit to the school, previously visiting back in January 2015. I know that all the students involved will gain a valuable insight into this genre of music which is also an important part of the IGCSE Syllabus.

INTERNATIONAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA OF HCMC

On Friday 17th May 2019, The ABC Secondary Campus will host the ICO for the second time. As 'Platinum Sponsors' The ABCIS has enabled music making across HCMC to develop. The concert this year will start at 7.30pm and the theme will be big screen including many famous pieces of film music. Tickets will be available on the door with prices set at 150,000vnd for adults and only 20,000vnd for students with a valid student ID card. All proceeds after costs will go towards the Saigon Children's Charity.

ICO AND STAFF FROM THE ABCIS TO PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL, NEW YORK!

In May 2017, with the support of The ABCIS, BVIS & BIS, I founded the FOBISIA Youth Choir of HCMC where we gave the Asian Premiere of a choral work called Zimbe! The concert was in conjunction with the International Choir and

Orchestra. Since this time the FOBISIA Youth Choir has grown in numbers and developed to now include a FOBISIA Youth Orchestra too!

In June 2018, the ICO were contacted by a New York based company called DCINY (an affiliated member of FOBISIA) and successfully auditioned to perform in the 10th Anniversary concert of Zimbe which will be held in Carnegie Hall, New York City in May 2019.

With support from the Directors of The ABCIS and fellow international schools, businesses and consulates across HCMC, sixteen members of the ICO will fly to New York on May 21st to take part in this once in a lifetime opportunity. From The ABCIS, Ms. Hannah, Mr. Gavin and myself will be attending and thoroughly look forward to later sharing this experience with our community.

Mr. Gareth
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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE COBIS

This term has seen much activity from many of the students who have chosen to get involved in the COBIS Science Film Competition. This is an annual event, run across all COBIS schools world-wide. The competition consists of making a short film about some aspect of a science experiment or observation and should last about three minutes. The films are then submitted and COBIS select the best in each category. As a school we have many successes, and indeed were runners up last year. COBIS is run as an ECA on Thursday and is open to all students in the secondary campus. We are currently working on four films involving about sixteen students from different years.

Mr. Steven has been working with several Year 10 students in preparation for a Physics Olympiad competition held later in

the Term 5. The students meet as an ECA on Wednesdays and discuss and solve more advanced problems. We hope to enter competitors in Key Stage 5 later on but we have to start somewhere!

In the penultimate week of term four the Science department will host the younger students from the primary school in Science week. As usual we have a range of activities and experiments giving the secondary students the opportunity to facilitate and teach the younger pupils.

Dr. Bryan
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RED RIVER RUN

Mr. Grant Bowdery and Mr. Rob West would like to share with you the **Red River Run**. In the April holiday they will be running from the National Children's Hospital in Hanoi to a provincial clinic 300km away in Lao Cai with the challenging aim of completing the distance in under 36 hours. They are doing this to raise awareness and funds for **Newborns Vietnam**.

<https://www.newbornsvietnam.org/>

If you would like more information and would like to make a donation to Newborns Vietnam then please contact Mr. Grant

and he will be able to share more details with you. Please see The Red River Run facebook page for more information. Mr. Grant and Mr. Rob would really appreciate your support.

A sponsored run for the students at the ABCIS is also being arranged: The students will be encouraged to run as far as they can knowing that each kilometre they run will make a difference to newborn lives in Vietnam. Details to be announced shortly!