



Whole School ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOW & NEXT

2018-2019

NOVEMBER 2018

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| 26 th - 30 th | Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Go MAD Week | 29 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball A Teams vs BIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 26 th - 30 th | Secondary ECAs (Session 1) break this week | 29 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball B Teams vs BIS @ BIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 27 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AIS @ AIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | | |

DECEMBER 2018

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| 3 rd - 7 th | Primary ECAs (Session 1) end this week | 14 th | EYFS Sports Day @ SS2 campus - Starting at approx. 9.00am * |
| 3 rd - 7 th | KS1 Go MAD Week | 17 th | KS2 Sports Day @ RMIT - Starting at approx. 9.00am * |
| 6 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs BIS @ BIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 18 th | Secondary Sports Day @ RMIT - Starting at approx. 9.00am * |
| 7 th | KS1 Sports Day @ SS1 campus - Starting at approx. 9.00am * | 19 th | CIE & IGCSE and AS & A Level Awards Event Starting at approx. 10.30am * |
| 10 th - 14 th | KS3 Trip Week | 19 th | Term 2 Ends, School end at 12.00nn (Non-uniform Day) |
| 13 th | Years 1-3 Christmas Concert @ SS3 campus - Starting at approx. 4.30pm * | | |

20th December 2018 – 4th January 2019 TERM 2 BREAK – NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 2019

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| 7 th | Term 3 Starts | 15 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs RISS @ RISS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 7 th - 11 th | Secondary ECAs (Session 1) resume this week | 15 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 8 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BVIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 17 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs AmIS @ AmIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 9 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs BVIS @ BVIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 17 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs RISS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 10 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AAVN @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 18 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS-A @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 11 th - 12 th | International Award Practice Expeditions | 19 th | Intermediate Logic Challenge @ RISS - Starting at approx. 8.00am |
| 14 th - 18 th | Primary ECAs (Session 2) start this week | | |

JANUARY 2019 (continue)

21 st - 25 th	Secondary ECAs (Session 1) end this week	24 th	Under 14 Girls Football City Championships Pool C @ RISS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *
21 st - 25 th	International Award Expeditions Week	25 th	Under 19 Girls Basketball City Championships Pool C @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *
22 nd	Under 14 Boys Football City Championships Pool B @ AmIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *	25 th	Term 3 Ends, School ends at 3:10pm
23 rd	Under 19 Boys Basketball City Championships Pool B @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *		

28th January – 8th February TET HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2019

11 th - 12 th	INSET Day (Non-pupil day)	26 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs SING @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
13 th	Term 4 Starts	27 th - 28 th	South East Asia Maths Competition (SEAMC) - TBC
18 th - 22 nd	Primary ECAs (Session 2) resume this week	27 th	Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *
21 st	Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs BIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *	28 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
23 rd	Primary Athletics City Championships @ SSIS Starting at approx. 8.00am *	28 th	Under 19 Boys Football vs SING @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
23 rd	Secondary Athletics City Championships @ SSIS Starting at approx. 8.00am *	28 th	UNIS MUN 2019, Hanoi (TBC)
25 th - 28 th	Secondary ECAs (Session 2) start this week		

MARCH 2019

1 st	Secondary ECAs (Session 2) start	8 th	Secondary Book Fair @ SS3 Campus
1 st - 2 nd	South East Asia Maths Competition (SEAMC) - TBC	8 th	Book Week Dress Up Day
1 st - 2 nd	UNIS MUN 2019, Hanoi (TBC)	8 th	International Women's Day
1 st - 3 rd	World Maths Championships (Junior Qualifiers) - Jakarta	8 th	House Swim Morning - Starting at approx. 8.30am
4 th - 8 th	Primary Cobis Games, Bangkok (TBC)	11 th - 15 th	KS2 Go MAD Week
4 th - 8 th	Book Week	11 th	Spelling Bee Final
5 th	EYFS Book Fair @ SS2 Campus	13 th	Pi Day
5 th	Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs CIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *	14 th	Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs AmIS @ AmIS Starting at approx. 4.00pm *
6 th - 7 th	Primary Book Fair @ SS1 Campus	15 th - 17 th	FOBISIA MYPAC (Middle Year Performing Arts Carnival) @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus)
6 th	Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS @ AmIS Starting at approx. 4.00pm *	18 th	Visual Arts Showcase Evening @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.30pm *
7 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs AmIS @ AmIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm *	19 th	Under 19 Boys Football City Championship Pool B @ TAS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

MARCH 2019 (continue)

19 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs AAVN @ AAVN Starting at approx. 4.00pm *	21 st	Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs RISS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
19 th	Under 19 Boys Football vs BVIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *	22 nd - 24 th	SAIMUN 2019 (venue TBC)
20 th	Under 19 Girls Football City Championships Pool B @ RISS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *	22 nd	Parents' Day (Non-pupil Day)
20 th	Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BVIS @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *	25 th - 29 th	Mindfulness Week
20 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BVIS @ BVIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm *		

Abbreviation Key

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



News from SECONDARY

**NOW
&
NEXT**

November 2018 Issue

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the most recent version of Now and Next after what has been a busy few weeks with student and parent events such as our sMMile Concert, KS4 Drama production, Science, Maths, MUN and sporting events. We have also introduced a Parent's Room to SS1.

Since the last edition we have introduced Parent ID Cards on SS1 to make access to the campus a little more secure and also allow parents to utilise the school canteen. We hope to extend this in the future to the Secondary campus which now has electronic gates.

We are about to enter a key part of the year with mid-year assessment windows for many students and trips for Key Stage 3. We will have a Christmas concert performed by Years 1 to 3 on Thursday, 13th December and Sports Days for all parts of the school shortly after.



**Mr. Steve
Principal**
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A reminder that Term 2 ends on Friday, 19th December at 12 noon and students return on Monday, 7th January.

As ever, please do contact us if you have any questions or queries and I look forward to seeing you all soon at one of the upcoming events.

We had a wonderful Term 1 on the new Secondary campus and it was magnificent to observe the many activities which students now have to enjoy participating in at both lunchtimes and post 3.10pm. Currently available lunchtime activities include films on Wednesday, chess competitions, badminton as well as basketball and football, reading for pleasure in the LSC, house events and charity fundraising. In our specialised Sports Hall, we hosted many sports fixtures for basketball and volleyball where our students enjoyed competing against students from other schools, this culminated in a City Championships week during the first week of Term 2 when the ABCIS hosted many schools for the afternoon to participate.

KS3 students will enjoy trips towards the end of this term, and I am aware that students are already getting excited about these important events which build relationships and help



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to develop leadership skills in all students who participate, as well as of course as being - fun! The week follows the first formal week of examinations for all Secondary school students, and I will update you all on the importance of this period personally, by letter and email.

Fresh from their outstanding success in their AS Level examinations, Year 13 students have begun the process of applying to university. Thus far, students have planned and prepared applications to the UK, US, Hong Kong, France, Taiwan and Japan respectively. We look set to have more students submitting applications to Korea, Australia and Canada over the course of the term. As ever, we have been lucky to have university representatives visit us to provide students with information about life on campus and the applications process. In addition to our UK, US and Australian university fairs we have welcomed guest speakers from Dartmouth University (an Ivy League university), The University of

British Columbia and CityU Hong Kong. With more guest speakers scheduled for later this academic year we are certain that students in the Sixth Form and Key Stage 4 are receiving ample opportunity to discuss their higher education plans.



**Mr. Chris
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SCHOOL TRIPS

This term looks to be another exciting one for Key Stage 3, for many reasons, although I'm sure that one of the things that the students are most excited about are the Key Stage 3 trips which take place during the week beginning 10th December. Year 7 will visit Cat Tien, Year 8 Bao Loc and Madagui, and Year 9 Phong Nha. I'm confident that our students will have many positive experiences that will remain with them for the rest of their lives on these trips, and I look forward to hearing all about it when they get back. The trips will undoubtedly provide a welcome respite after the mid-year examinations that take place during the previous week (3rd-7th December).



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SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The ABC International School was very proud of the excellent Celebration of Drama on Thursday, 22nd November. With extracts from writers as diverse as Shakespeare, Max Laverty and even some pieces written by Year 13 English A Level students, it was an exciting and enjoyable evening. Over 20 students from Year 7 to Year 13 performed in what was one of the best school productions yet. It was also the introduction of the wonderful new theatre on the Secondary campus; the first time that it was used for the purpose for which it was intended, and it was great to see the space utilised to the best outcome. We hope that you enjoyed the performance as much as we enjoyed preparing it!



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YEAR 7 UPDATE

Now that Year 7 have settled in to secondary school life, they are beginning to make an excellent contribution to the ABCIS secondary campus. During SMMile week, Year 7 raised nearly 4 million VND by setting up 9 activities across lunch and break times. Students devised their own games, activities and food and beverage sales which included purchasing the stock and making promotional materials to generate interest. I am very proud of all the students in Year 7 who took such an active role in raising money for a worthy cause. Many different groups of students have also been involved in a range of activities and events which include many sporting fixtures, cross country championships and planning and running workshops for our primary students to mark Cultural Awareness Week. This is all in addition to the students working extremely hard in lessons on their

academic studies in the run up to Mid Year Exams which commence on Monday, 3rd December.

I look forward to the Year 7 trip to Cat Tien which departs on the 10th December and will allow students to bond through a range of activities including cycling, canoeing and hiking. This residential excursion will also mark the end of a very successful 2 terms for the year group. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students well in their upcoming assessments.



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INTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE COMPETITION

The third International Science Competition was held on Saturday, 18th November at Saigon South International School. Seven schools took part with ten teams working on two projects. The purpose of the competition is to provide an opportunity for enthusiastic science students to collaborate and make a product by themselves. This year ABCIS had two teams captained by Su Bin (ABCIS2) and Hamin (ABCIS1). All teams were set two challenges this year involving several academic disciplines. The Chemistry problem involved producing a detergent, that would dissolve certain stains with the minimum amount to be used. The Physics challenge involved the construction of a water propelled rocket, which would produce the longest vertical and horizontal flight on release. Both teams have been working on the projects for several months with help and support provided by Ms. Christine and Mr. Andy in the chemistry department.

Several judges commented that the quality of the Science displayed by all schools was very impressive, there were only a few points separating several teams. The ABCIS2 team managed to get first place in both the Chemistry and Physics projects, becoming the overall winners of this year's competition. Hamin's team gained fourth position in the competition separated by only a few points. Our students worked well within their own teams and collaborated positively with others. Their attitude and enthusiasm were exemplary and a credit to their families and our school. It is the second time we have won the competition and demonstrates that Science is a flourishing, active and enthused subject at ABCIS.



ABCIS Team 2

(L-R) Billy, Min Gyo, Su Bin, Nicholas, Joe, Dong Kun



ABCIS Team 1

(L-R) Junhwan, Joon, Hamin, Arrietty, Ryan, Ji Tae, Ming Feng



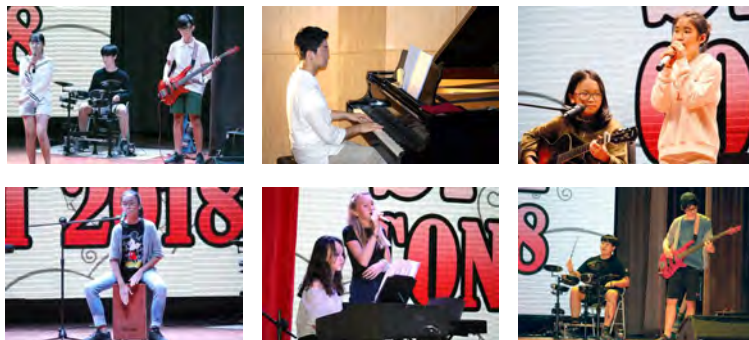
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SMMILE CONCERT

We were delighted with holding our first concert of the academic year in the school's new theatre. As always many of our students wanted to perform and get involved. We had a wonderful, eclectic programme ranging from solo piano, rock bands and full orchestra numbers. The concert finished with the ABCIS Orchestra performing New York, New York and Dancing Queen that they prepared for this year's SAIMUSE concert. We were thrilled with the concert and looking forward to using the new theatre more in the future.



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SPORTS

The ABCIS entered its first Cross-Country team in the City Championships on Tuesday, 6th November. Although a small team with only nine runners, the ABCIS secured podium finishes with **Millie, Reuben, Lawrence** and **Heather** in their age-categories. Millie showed phenomenal courage and determination and will be back next year to completely dominate her age group. Reuben and Lawrence were neck and neck most of the way and ran a superb tactical race and challenged each other to the very end for 1st and 2nd place respectively. Heather led her age-group from start to finish and the Under 14 Girls team was superbly represented with **Khan Han, Polly, Vy** and **Chi** as well. All students are in Year 7 or 8 and so will be back next year stronger and eager for podium positions themselves. For the Under 14 Boys, **Gia Hy** had a strong and steady race and will be the runner to watch next year with his consistent and determined race strategy.

Congratulations for all the runners, with the ice-cream afterwards well deserved!



Mr. Grant
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MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

The start of term 2 was very busy for Mathematics students. On Wednesday, 7th November, 22 students took part in the Senior UK Mathematics Challenge, which is a highly challenging competition for students in Years 12 and 13. Students who score in the top 10 per cent are invited to progress to the British Mathematics Olympiad. The results that the students obtained in this competition were outstanding with 7 Gold, 7 Silver and 5 Bronze certificates being awarded. Additionally, our 3 top scoring students, Jinhyen, Dongjin and Jaekyun scored well enough to qualify for the British Mathematics Olympiad on November 30th.

Also on Saturday, 10th November, ABCIS hosted a very successful Saigon Junior Mathematics Challenge, where 75 students from international schools across Ho Chi Minh City participated in a range of challenging tasks. Our students performed creditably finishing in overall 6th position.

Congratulations to all students who gave their time to these events.



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CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

SISAC City Championship Week proved to be a week of firsts for the school. On Monday, 5th November, we held our first Basketball City Championship in the newly built Sports Hall hosting numerous teams from across the city. This season was always going to be a tough one for the team, however, the boys put in some fantastic effort in defeat and represented the school with great pride. They will no doubt be much better for this experience in the next academic year. On Tuesday, 6th November our students visited to the Phu My Hung Golf Course for the SISAC Cross Country City Championships which was another first for the school. In the Under 14 girls race, Heather White (Y7) finished in 1st place whilst in the Under 14 boys race, Lawrence Shaw (Y7) and Ruben White (Y9) took second and first place respectively. In the Under 19 girls race, Millie Shaw (Y10) finished in 2nd place, laying down a marker for the rest of her competitors

as one of the youngest runners in her age category. I would like to express my gratitude towards Mr. Grant for his hard work and fantastic coaching of our runners this season. Later the same day, we held the Under 14 girls basketball competition in which we finished in 4th place having played some fantastic basketball in the opening games. The atmosphere in the Sports Hall during the opening game of the tournament was electric and something that I know all involved enjoyed playing in. We now move onto a new SISAC season with the next City Championships occurring the week beginning January 21st 2019 and we hope to see you at a fixture in the near future.



Mr. Rob
Head of PE

MFL's SUCCESS

Dear Parents,

The MFL department would like to say a big thank you to all the students who prepared, helped, sold and ate at the French cafes on both SS1 and SS3 last term. Once again, our students proved very helpful and responsible during the preparation and selling of drinks, delicious croissants and baguettes as well as succulent crepes made by the language teachers. We are delighted to announce that the event raised 5.656.000 VND for children in HCMC.

More recently now, some of you may have seen their children use their computers, phones or tablets more than usual. They were probably taking part in the Language Perfect competition which ended Tuesday, 13th November and saw a total of 217 schools and over 200.000 students join in. After an impressive week of learning, our school managed to

clinch 4th place thanks to the dedication of our students and a spectacular *remontada* in the final hours of the competition. We are proud to announce that we were the best school in Vietnam; 3rd in our category (500-1000 students) and have consistently finished in the Top 10 since the creation of the event. Mr. Warren, Mr. Bo, Ms. Stacey, Ms. Hong Gao and myself would like to thank all the teachers for their help and congratulate all our students for their effort towards the success of the school, in particular Nhan 8A (6th), Ford 8E (16th), Jenny 8A (19th), Vi 7J (20th) for their remarkable world-wide performance.

Monsieur Antoine.

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FRENCH CAFÉ



LANGUAGE PERFECT COMPETITION



Emerald Certificate:

(Back L-R) Toan 8E, Aryan 7B, Ricky 10W, Tung 10W
(Front L-R) Suri 7J, Han Bee 7B, Jun Seo 7J, Nathan 7B



Elite Certificate:

(L-R) Vi 7J, Ford 8E, Nhan 8E, Jenny 8A

CHARITY AND SERVICE

On Tuesday, 6th of November, the school received a request for aid from the Bệnh Viện Nhi Đồng 1 Hospital on behalf of the family of an eight year old girl named Nguyễn Phạm Tường Vy. Vy suffers from a life threatening heart condition and was in urgent need of an operation.

Due in no small part to your own charitable efforts and support of non-uniform days, charity weeks, games and food stalls, Family Day etc., the school was able to help Vy and her family pay for her treatment. Vy has already had her operation and appears to be on the mend. I would like to thank you for your charity, and I hope you will join in wishing Vy a speedy recovery.

OPERATION SMILE

Operation Smile is a medical charity that specialises in providing corrective surgery to young sufferers of cleft lips and palates from all over the world. Continuing our well established tradition of supporting Operation Smile, The ABCIS held a charity week during Term 1 to raise awareness

and funds for Operation Smile. Over the course of that week many of your sons and daughters worked hard to plan, prepare, and run events and stalls to raise funds for Operation Smile. Their hard-work paid off and they were able to raise 80,975,000 VND (\$3,462 USD). At an average of \$240 USD per an operation, their efforts will help change the lives of close to fourteen young people. We would like to thank and congratulate them on their tremendous efforts, and we would like to thank you for supporting them.

If you would like to make a personal contribution to Operation Smile or find out more about what they do, then please go to <http://www.operationsmile.org.vn/about-us/who-we-are/> or use the QR code below.



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