



Whole School ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOW & NEXT

2018-2019

SEPTEMBER 2018

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| 24 th Mid-Autumn Festival | 27 th US University Fair - Starting at 8.30am
Venue: ABCIS Secondary Campus * |
| 24 th Settling in Evening for Y7, Y10 & Y12 - Starting at 3.30pm
Venue: ABCIS Secondary Campus * | 27 th Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BIS @ ABCIS
(Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.00pm * |
| 26 th Under 11 Boys Football vs SIS @ SIS
Starting at approx. 3.10pm * | |

OCTOBER 2018

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| 1 st - 5 th sMMile Week | 16 th Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs CIS @ CIS
Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 2 nd Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BVIS @ BVIS
Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 17 th Under 11 Boys & Girls Football vs CIS @ ABCIS
(Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm * |
| 3 rd Under 11 Boys & Girls Football vs BIS @ BIS
Starting at approx. 3.10pm * | 18 th Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs CIS @ ABCIS
(Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.00pm * |
| 4 th Under 11 Boys & Girls Football vs BVIS @ BVIS
Starting at approx. 4.00pm * | 22 nd - 26 th Cultural Appreciation Week |
| 4 th sMMile Concert Evening - Starting at 4.30pm
Venue: ABCIS Secondary Campus Theatre * | 22 nd Under 11 Boys & Girls Football vs AmIS @ AmIS (TBC)
Starting at approx. 4.00pm * |
| 8 th British Council UK University Fair - Starting at 8.30am
Venue: ABCIS Secondary Campus * | 23 rd Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS @ ABCIS
(Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.00pm * |
| 8 th Secondary Swim Meet (U14 - U19) vs RISS @ ABCIS
(Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.00pm * | 23 rd French Café at Secondary Campus (SS3) Canteen
Starting at approx. 12.35pm |
| 9 th Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs AAVN @ AAVN
Starting at approx. at 4.00pm * | 24 th French Café at Primary Campus (SS1) near Poolside
Starting at approx. 12.15pm |
| 9 th Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SIS @ ABCIS
(Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.00pm * | 24 th Under 11 Boys & Girls Football vs RISS @ RISS
Starting at approx. 4.00pm * |
| 10 th Internal MUN (TBC) | 24 th Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs AmIS @ AmIS
Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 11 th Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs SIS @ ABCIS
(Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.00pm * | 25 th Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs RISS @ ABCIS
(Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.00pm * |
| 12 th PARENTS DAY (Non-Pupil day) | 26 th UN Day Dress Up Day |
| 16 th Options & Careers Evening for KS4/5 - Starting at 3.30pm
Venue: ABCIS Secondary Campus * | 26 th Term 1 Ends, School end at 3.10pm |

29th October - 2nd November Term 1 Break - NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2018

5 th	Term 2 Starts	15 th	Years 4 - 6 Production Concert (Venue and Time: TBC) *
5 th	ECAs (Session 1) continue from Term 1	20 th	Vietnamese Teachers' Day
5 th	Under 14 Boys Basketball City Championships Pool A @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) -Starting at approx. 1.00pm *	20 th	Secondary Swimming (Under 14 - Under 19) City Championship Pool A @ ISHCMC Starting at approx. 1.00pm *
6 th	Under 14 Girls Basketball City Championships Pool B @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) -Starting at approx. 1.00pm *	20 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs SIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
6 th	Under 19 Boys Volleyball City Championships Pool B @ AIS - Starting at approx.1.00pm *	20 th	Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
6 th	Under 19 Girls Volleyball City Championships Pool C @ AAVN - Starting at approx.1.00pm *	22 nd	Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs CIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) -Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
7 th	Under 11 Boys Football City Championships Pool A @ BIS - Starting at approx.1.00pm *	22 nd	KS4 Drama Production - Starting at 4.30pm Venue: ABCIS Secondary Campus Theatre *
7 th	Under 11 Girls Football City Championships Pool B @ SSIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *	23 rd	Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs CIS @ CIS Starting at approx. 4.00pm *
10 th	Saigon Junior Maths Competitions @ ABCIS Secondary Campus - Starting at approx. 8.30 am *	24 th	Saigon Intermediate Maths Competition @ AmIS Starting at approx. 8.30am *
13 th	UK Senior Maths Challenge (TBC)	26 th - 30 th	Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Go MAD Week

Abbreviation Key

* Parents are welcome to attend	BIS British International School
@ At	BVIS British Vietnamese International School
approx. Approximately	SIS 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
UN Day United Nation Day	AmIS American International School
MUN Model United Nations	AAVN American Academy Vietnam
SS1 Saigon South Campus 1 (Primary)	AIS Australian International School
SS2 Saigon South Campus 2 (Early Years Foundation Stage)	
SS3 Saigon South Campus 3 (Secondary)	



News from PRIMARY

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September 2018 Issue

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the very first Now and Next of the 2018-2019 academic year.

My first message to all is a huge thank you for your help support and cooperation over the first few weeks. Due to the expansion onto three campuses there have been a lot of changes to routines and in a few cases, further changes to those routines over the first few weeks as we improve procedures to support the children. The smooth start was only possible due to our strong home-school partnership.

Connected to the home-school relationship, a reminder that the first Parent's Day will be quickly upon us, Friday October 12th. You will receive more detailed information about the routines on each of the three campuses shortly. I will be



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Principal**
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visiting all three campuses during the day and look forward to meeting as many parents as possible.

Finally, I wish you all well for what is already a very positive academic year and will welcome any feedback that will help us to further improve our service to you.

It has been an excellent start to the new academic year for the SS1 Campus given all the efforts made to join both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 on our Primary focused campus. Having started my time with The ABCIS as a Year 1 teacher many years ago, I am thrilled to have our youngest Primary students here now and thanks to the hard work from our staff and all the children, I am very confident of another successful school year.

I am very pleased with how our Year 1-3 students have met our expectations for their transition. With so many new systems and a new building to navigate, they should all feel proud of how they have coped so far. As with all students, we will continue to increase our expectations as the year progresses but I am very confident of continued positive developments.

We welcome Ms. Sinead (Year 1), Ms. Chelsea (Year 2), Ms. Jade (Year 2), Ms. Emily (PE), Ms. Pippa (Music) and Mr. Dan (Year 6) to The ABC International School. We are also very pleased to welcome Ms. Jo (Year 3) and Ms. Hannah (Year 2) back to our school after some time away.

It is always important to start the new school year well so I would request that you regularly ask your child about any communications (letters etc.) from the school and ensure that they are working on their homework each week.



**Mr. Chris
Head of Campus 1**
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UNIFORM

Uniform is very important so please ensure your child has their hat each day or they cannot enjoy social time with their friends. Shoes or trainers should be plain black with no coloured soles or logos. If children have PE that day they should still come into school wearing their normal uniform and will change before. **Please ensure all your child's clothes are labelled with their names on. Also please label any lunch boxes that the children bring to school.** Additionally students' hair should not have any unnatural colouring or highlighting.



STARTING TIME EACH DAY

Please know that we begin our day with morning line up at 8:25am and ring the bell shortly before this to allow children to be organised and then hear any morning announcements. We would recommend that children arrive at campus shortly before this to allow themselves time to see friends and be in the right place.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

Thank you very much for following the new procedures for picking up children at the end of the day. Please be advised that this will also be in effect once we start ECAs (4:10 pickup) Year 1 and Year 2 children must be collected from their classrooms and Year 3-6 children will be waiting by the central steps area. In the event that you or your designated adult will be more than 20 minutes late, please contact the school office so we may inform your child. **When picking children up please keep them close by as running off ahead**

of an adult could lead to your child having an accident; this is very important when getting close to the front gate and the potential of outside traffic.

BUS TRANSPORT



If there are any changes to your travel arrangements, please contact the office directly as we can't allow these changes based on information given directly from students. If this could be done as early as possible each day it will be of a great help, particularly during ECA sessions. Please understand that this is for the children's care and safety which is always our top priority. Additionally, please reinforce, at home, our bus behaviour expectations. Children must wear their seatbelts at all times and behave the same way as if they were in school. All children also need to treat the bus supervisors with respect and listen to their instructions.

Welcome to Year 1! I am very excited to begin my first year as Head of Year 1. I am joined by a very experienced team of Ms. Meagan (1M), Ms. Lorna (1L) and Ms. Sinead (1S). I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Sinead to The ABC International School. The teaching assistants in Year 1 are Ms. Phuoc, Ms. Hau, Ms. Tien and Ms. Trang. Year 1 have made a very successful move to the SS1 campus. Our new classrooms are very spacious and the new playground equipment is fantastic. The children have done a great job of learning their new class and school routines and they have impressed me with how well they have settled into life on a new campus.

Our first topic in Year 1 is 'Queens and Castles'. We will be learning about the passage of time and will be creating our own timelines. We will compare aspects of life through different periods in history and will compare them to how we live now. We will also be learning about some famous monarchs in history, and will study Queen Elizabeth II in detail. In Science, we will be studying 'Plants'. We will be learning about the different types of plants and their characteristics. We will use the terms 'deciduous' and 'evergreen' to describe trees and we will make predictions about what types of plants will grow from different seeds. We will also conduct simple investigations.

Homework will be sent home regularly on Tuesdays. The children will receive spelling homework, matched to their phonics phase. The spelling book is due on Friday, which is when the children will be given their spelling test. Other homework is due the following Monday. Make sure you check the home and school diary each day as this is one of the main ways the classroom teacher will contact you and share information. Children need to be prepared each day with their hat, snack and water bottle. We encourage the children to bring in healthy snacks, so please do not send in chocolate or candy. Also, please check the home and school diary to see what day Library, Swimming and P.E. lessons are timetabled for your child.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and successful first term in Year 1. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.



Ms. Kristen
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Welcome back! The children in Year 2 have been great settling back into school and showing how keen they are to be learning again. It has been wonderful to see how excited the children are to begin Year 2 and the new challenges it will bring. One of the most exciting changes has been moving to SS1 and enjoying larger classrooms and a new playground. I have been very impressed by the mature manner in which the children have dealt with this big change.

This term's Science unit is 'Animals Including Humans', where children will be exploring different life cycles as well as ways of staying healthy. Our topic this term is 'Space.' This topic is always met with great enthusiasm and the children loved our 'Astronaut Training Afternoon,' to introduce this topic. During Computing lessons the children will be using a word processing program, learning many key skills that they will use in Year 2 and further up the school. Any extra practise of mouse and keyboard skills at home would be beneficial!

Please support your children in learning their weekly spellings and times tables as this will greatly support their learning in class. Please ensure your child brings a labeled hat and water bottle to school every day. Remember, 'No cap, no play!'

We look forward to another enjoyable and successful year in Year 2. I hope we were able to answer any questions you had at our coffee morning but if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.



Ms. Hannah
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Welcome to all of the Year 3 students and parents to the new school year. I would like to praise the children on how well they have settled in to their new campus. The transition between Years 2 and 3 can be intimidating but our Year 3 children seem to have made this move very well and are adapting quickly to their new surroundings, particularly during their special Year-3-only break time!

The first term is always a busy one, especially for our Year 3 students who learn lots of new routines, names of teachers and find their way around a larger campus. Homework is another aspect for the children to become used to, especially as the amount of work set each week is more than that received in Key Stage 1. Please support your children with their homework by encouraging them to manage their time wisely. We would like to ask you to please read with them every night – this will be a big target this year. They should also be practising their times tables regularly using both written methods and using a variety of games at home.

One of our main aims in Year 3 is to help our students become much more independent so please encourage your children to

talk with their class teacher about any concerns or questions that they have. Please also encourage them to remember their equipment, books, homework, PE kits and Swimming kits themselves on the appropriate days. Also remember that if children wish to top-up their ID cards for the canteen, it is a minimum top-up of 100,000 VND. This will avoid the frequent need to bring money in.

The Year 3 teachers are looking forward to meeting you all on Parents' Day but if you have any questions prior to this, please contact your child's class teacher through the homework diary or by email.



Ms. Jo
Head of Year 3
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Hello and welcome back! This year, I am very fortunate to have an unchanged team of very experienced teachers and teaching assistants.

Ms. Claire and Mr. Tony will continue to share their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the year group. Additionally, Ms. Hong and Ms. Tram will provide valuable support and guidance to the children throughout the year. With this strong team, I am confident that Year 4 will excel this academic year.

Alongside all of the hard work that the children will be doing during the school day, homework will also be set to support and to consolidate your child's learning each week. Please do encourage your children to complete their homework to a high standard and encourage them to discuss the work they have been learning in their lessons.

Over the coming term we will also look forward to the 4C class assembly which will be taking place on the 19th of

October. We look forward to seeing as many 4C parents as possible on this date.

Also, all the Year 4 teachers will be looking forward to meeting you on Parents' Day on Friday the 12th of October. If you have any questions prior to Parents' Day please contact your child's class teacher through the homework diary or by email.

I hope to see you all at upcoming school events and wish you all a successful and enjoyable year.



Mr. Daniel
Head of Year 4
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It has been pleasing to see the enthusiasm and excitement children have shown throughout the school, in the first two weeks of the new academic year, as they get used to their new classrooms and teachers.

Our Year 5 team of teachers and teacher assistants include myself as Head of Year, Mr. Iwan, Ms. April, Ms. Hanh, and Ms. Minh. I would like to welcome all children, new and returning, and their parents to Year 5. It has been an enjoyable summer break for staff and children alike, but it is pleasing to see that the children are already working hard in their new classes, demonstrating a real thirst for knowledge and are eager to take on new learning opportunities. We look forward to a successful year together.

We have an eventful year ahead and throughout the year, you will regularly receive important information which will be passed on to you by your children. We aim to foster growing independence and responsibility as the children move up through the school. To ensure that children are encouraged to be as independent as possible, we trust them to share important messages and information with you so please regularly ask them if there is anything new from school.

Children will receive homework on a weekly basis. We would be grateful if you could work with us in supporting your children by taking an interest in their homework tasks and also checking that they complete it each week.

We also expect children to read each day at home. Regular reading at home and school makes a big contribution to their English language development so we hope you are able to find some time to listen to them read, or discuss their books with them.

We look forward to meeting you all on Parents' Day and at other various events throughout the year.



Mr. Philip
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I would like to welcome all students to Year 6, as well as Mr. Dan who is joining Mr. Alex and myself as a member of the Year 6 team. In addition, we are very lucky to have the continued support of Ms. My Huong and Ms. Minh who are our Year 6 Teaching Assistants. I would also like to welcome all the new students who have joined us and settled in well with the help of their teachers, classmates and class buddies.

This year is full of great opportunities for all the Year 6 students both in terms of their studies and social development.

Every Year 6 student has the opportunity to involve themselves fully in the life of the school by taking on extra responsibility as a Library Assistant or School Prefect. These are important duties as, not only do the students gain in maturity by taking on extra responsibilities, their work helps the school to function smoothly and safely. In addition, they can also volunteer to be their class Student Council Representative or House Team Captain for the whole of Primary.

There are some computer programs that will be taught in Year 6 this year that will help the children further develop their coding skills. Please help your child by allowing them to download free copies of these programs so that they can practise using them at home. In addition, we will be using Google Classroom instead of Edmodo. Once your child gets used to using Google Classroom, they will not only be able to view resources and submit some of their homework online,

but also work on joint projects with other students; something that will challenge them and involve them more fully in their learning.

As Year 6 is their last year in Primary, throughout the year we introduce ways of working and organising themselves that will make their transition to Secondary School easier. Please help us to help your child by checking that they complete their homework on time and to a good standard; encouraging them to discuss the work they have been doing in their lessons. In addition, please encourage them to read regularly in English at home as this will have a positive effect on all of their school work. Being organised with their books and equipment is extremely important, especially when they move on to Secondary School, so please support your child by reminding them to independently check their diaries and pack their bags every night.

We look forward to meeting you at the Parent's Day meetings and wish all of the students a very successful year.

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