



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
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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 SECONDARY

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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 students. 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



**Mr. Steve
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.

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself and my new role within the ABCIS as Head of the Secondary School. I am personally very proud to have been trusted with this position in the school. We have settled in well into our new Secondary campus and are enjoying working, teaching and learning in the amazing new buildings and facilities we now have.

I am also still overseeing KS4, which is academically a vitally important school period for every student in Year's 10 and 11, as it provides the teaching and learning experiences that prepare students for their first external examinations at IGCSE level. Success at IGCSE enables students to enter Advanced Level studies in our Sixth Form, and then progress onto some of the top university courses worldwide.

It was wonderful to congratulate our students upon their return to school for the new academic year on their outstanding external IGCSE and AS level examination results. The students worked so hard last year and they richly deserve the qualifications they so rightly achieved. As Chris, our Head of Key Stage 5 has also mentioned, our graduating students are now starting their university studies at some of the top universities in the USA, UK, Hong Kong, Australia and Korea. We are all delighted that their time with us resulted in them gaining places at their first choice universities.



**Mr. Stephen
Head of Secondary**
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Naturally, school life encompasses far more than academic studies with opportunities for students to develop their personal and leadership skills by participating in the International Award, MUN, sporting teams representing the ABCIS, and the amazing variety of Extra Curricular experiences and ECAs which the school offers. Please do encourage your children to actively get involved in the many opportunities which we provide for them.

Should you wish to contact me regarding the Secondary school, my personal email is stephenford@theabcis.com.

The beginning of the academic year is always a hectic time in the Sixth Form. This year is no exception and our Year 12 students, fresh from success in their IGCSEs, have made an excellent start to their A Level courses. Having such wonderful new facilities and a dedicated Sixth Form Study Area has also help ease the transition to Key Stage 5. Meanwhile, our Year 13 students, who achieved record results in their AS levels, are all making headway with their university applications. I have been especially impressed by the diligence demonstrated by those students who have already drafted their personal statements and essays. I anticipate our Year 13 cohort will build upon the success of our graduating class of 2018, who achieved the best results in the school's history. A number of the graduating class left us having achieved A* grades across their three or four A Level subjects, a genuinely outstanding achievement. We are pleased to report that the overwhelming majority of students achieved their first choice offers and many have been awarded generous scholarships by their chosen

institutions in recognition of their academic achievement. The high achievement of our students and the guidance they receive has enabled them to achieve places at prestigious institutions that include Dartmouth (an Ivy League university), HKU, HKUST, UCL, LSE, Yonsei, SNU and Central Saint Martins. Two students are set to pursue degrees in Medicine whilst others have gone on to study subjects such as Mathematics, Chemical Engineering, Neuroscience, Geography, Law, Illustration and Product Design. I am genuinely proud of all of our graduating class and I look forward to seeing our current Key Stage 5 students embark on their journey to higher education.

Mr. Chris
Head of Key Stage 5
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It is an absolute pleasure to start my new role as Head of Key Stage 3 at the beginning of this academic year. With such an amiable cohort of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 I am positive that it will be a role that I shall relish, and I hope that I am able to add value to both the students' learning and their involvement with wider school life.

who is our new Head of Year 7. He joins Ms. Imogen and Ms. Katie in taking responsibility for the overall pastoral care of the students in Key Stage 3. Between them, they share a wealth of experience that I am confident will help our students to fully enjoy their time in Key Stage 3, and I have no doubt that they will all feel happy and fully supported.

The students have made a fantastic start to the year, and it is wonderful to see them enjoying the facilities on the new Secondary campus. In addition to trying their very best in lessons, I hope they will continue to wholeheartedly engage with all the activities on offer at our school, including the ECA programme, and the lunchtime activities that have been arranged by Ms. Amy.

These are exciting times at our school, and I wish all the students the very best for the year ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Mr. Joe,

Mr. Lee
Head of Key Stage 3
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The 2018-19 academic year has got off to a great start on our new secondary campus. Students are settling in well and are particularly enjoying their extended lunchtime activities. All students have the opportunity to play team sports after eating their lunch as we have basketball, volleyball, football and table tennis facilities available. We have also introduced some exciting new lunch time events such as mindfulness practice, literacy games, short film screenings and house competitions. There is certainly no chance of students getting bored during their lunch breaks this year!

Head of House and Student Council representatives. We will be expanding our opportunities for student voice this year and developing a student mentoring system to support our younger students in secondary school.

We are delighted to offer our students many opportunities to take leadership roles and increased responsibilities. Students are currently being interviewed and nominated for prestigious roles such as Head & Deputy Head Student, Head Prefect,

There is a busy and exciting year ahead of us and I hope that you can encourage your children to engage in all areas of school life beyond the classroom.

Ms. Amy
Head of Pastoral Care & Exams Officer
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The Visual and Performing Arts Faculty would like to formally welcome two new teachers to our team. The first is Ms Pippa Dakin who is our new Primary Music teacher and the second is Ms Beth Smith who has joined our Visual Arts department.

finish at approximately 6pm. There will be a 50,000VND entrance fee for adults and this money will go towards our chosen charity, Operation Smile. I look forward to welcoming you to our first of many events this academic year.

The school will once again kick off its musical activities with this year's sMMile Concert which will be held on Thursday 4th October on the new SS3 Secondary Campus. This event is always a highlight and both the students and the Performing Arts team are looking forward to our first ABCIS event in the new Theatre. The concert will start at 4.30pm and will

Mr. Gareth
Head of Visual & Performing Arts
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The English and Drama Department would like to invite you to the school production of 2018! Running shortly after school on the 21st of November, this will be the first occasion that wonderful new school theatre will be used for a dramatic performance. Both the department and the students are very excited by the possibilities of the new facilities, and look forward to giving you a wonderful evening.

Mr. Barnaby
Head of English
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I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all from our Learning Study Centre.

Come along and visit before school or at break and lunch times to explore the new resources, develop your research skills, or simply spend time reading for pleasure.

Ms. Tracey
School Librarian
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SAIGON MATHS COMPETITION

The exciting Saigon Maths Competition season is upon us again and began with the Saigon Senior Logic Competition on Saturday 8th September. ABCIS took two teams of KS5 students to compete against seven other schools at ISHCMC in a range of difficult challenges.

Jin Hyen achieved second place in the Individual Round and he supported his team to finish up in second place in the overall competition. An amazing achievement!

Both of our teams also placed in the Puzzle Round.

Huge congratulations to all our students who took part - Jin Hyen, Taeyeon, Hamin, Nick, Changhyun, Dongkun,

Bosung and Jae Kyun.

We are already looking forward to the next competition which takes place in November.

Ms. Katie and Mr Barry
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你好, Bonjour, Xin Chao, 안녕하세요

Dear Parents,

Like our school, languages are in continuous development and expansion. They shape cultures and are, at the same time, shaped by them. Art, Music, Literature, History and Nature contribute to these changes; the Modern Foreign Languages Department at ABCIS is therefore thrilled to commence this new academic year in a brand-new environment on our new campus, and in our newly designed classrooms on SS1 and SS2. Some traditions, however, such as our students' exceptional results, are to be maintained: In 2017-2018, 100% of our candidates successfully sat their IGCSE examination in languages, 86 % scored A* to A in Mandarin Chinese. We are proud to continue to be among the top performing schools in the world. With the help of our ever so enthusiastic students, the MFL staff will promote French culture during

ABCIS's very busy French cafes on SS3 (October 23rd) and SS2 (October 24th). Another key date for your diaries is November 6th when the school takes part in the annual Language Perfect Competition for a week of learning, entertainment and linguistic discoveries. I hope your sons and daughters help us improve from last year's third place. Like Google classroom, Language Perfect will be used all year round as a Virtual Learning Environment. I wish to thank our students' parents for their encouragement and support and take this opportunity to wish all our families a Happy Moon Festival.

Mr. Antoine
Head of Foreign Language
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Following on from a highly successful SISAC Sporting Season in 2017-2018 our students are excited to begin pre-season training in preparation for the upcoming season. In 'SISAC Season One' we will see the Under 14 Boys compete in Pool A Basketball whilst the U19 Volleyball teams will be looking to improve after a tough season last time out. Our Under 19 teams this year will boast some of the youngest players in the competition in both the boys' and the girls' teams this year. It will be fantastic to see how these players handle the step-up in competition this season having won previous championships at Under 14 level.

We wish every student-athlete the best of luck for the upcoming season and we look forward to seeing your support for them.

Mr. Rob
Head of PE
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This year looks to be an exciting and productive one based on what we have seen from Year 7 in the first 2 weeks. All students have made an excellent start and have met the new expectations of secondary school education. New beginnings can sometimes be difficult with learning new routines and meeting new peers and teachers but this year also had the added challenge of navigating the new campus. Year 7 wasted no time at all in exploring and finding their way around the fantastic new facility and becoming confident with the layout of this significantly larger school facility.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Year 7 Form Tutors for this year: Mr. Bo, Mr. Steve and Ms. Jiin. These 3 members of staff have worked hard to ensure Year 7 students are guided and cared for in the transition from Primary to Secondary school. Students see their form tutor every morning for registration and once a week when they deliver the PSHE curriculum. For this term, students will be looking at diversity and why it is important to celebrate

differences in one another. There will be an opportunity later this term for students to share experiences from their cultures. The wider role of the form tutor is to monitor student's well-being in school and to provide the nurturing and caring support needed and I have every confidence that this team of form tutors will provide this in abundance.

I very much look forward to working with such a great group of students who have made such a positive start to the year demonstrating they are more than capable of meeting the schools high expectations. I look forward to meeting you at the settling in evening on 24th September 2018.

Mr. Joe
Head of Year 7
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Welcome back to all the Year 8s! It has been so nice to see all your smiling faces again over the last two weeks as you settle into Year 8 life. I look forward to seeing what new challenges you embrace over the next year and wish you all the best. Congratulation to those who have been selected to form the Year 8 Celebration Team and a well done to the students who have provided meaningful support and guidance to the new Year 7 students during Friday morning Q&A sessions. This all provides you with leadership experience and you should be proud to act as role models around the school. Keep up the good work.

Ms. Imogen
Head of Year 8
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It has been a busy start for Year 9 this term and I am glad to see that they have all settled back into the routines of school so successfully.

This is a very important term for the students because they will be making their Options Choices for what subjects to study at IGCSE in October. This is the first time the students will have the opportunity to take control over what they are studying so please spend some time talking to them about their interests, passions and aspirations.

I am looking forward to sharing another successful year with Year 9 this year.

Ms. Katie
Head of Year 9
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Our Year 10 students have made a positive start to Key Stage 4. On the whole, I have been very pleased with their uniform, organisation and attitude thus far. Many students have changed options subjects and I have been impressed by the mature and reflective manner in which they have considered their future. All students should be reminded of the importance of arriving to school on time and staying on top of an increasingly demanding work load. Along with Form Tutors and subject teachers, I look forward to supporting and guiding our students as they embark on this stage of their journey. We have a wonderful pupil cohort and I trust that they will commit to doing the very best that they can.

Ms. Hannah
Head of Year 10
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Students in Year 11 have started thinking beyond their IGCSEs and about the different university options available to them. They have recently attended presentations from universities in Australia and the USA to ask questions about the necessary courses they should study at A Level next year. British universities will be represented at a University Fair on the 8th October which parents are welcome to attend. This will be a fantastic opportunity to find out more about studying in the UK and follow in the footsteps of previous ABCIS students who are now studying at top universities around the world.

Mr. Grant
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