



Whole School ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOW & NEXT

SEPTEMBER 2017

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| 18 th | Australian University Fair (Venue: SS1 Theatre) | 26 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs RISS @ RISS at 4.00pm * |
| 19 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BIS @ BIS at 4.00 pm * | 27 th | sMMile Concert Evening at 6.30pm (Venue: SS1 Theatre) |
| 21 st | Year 1 and Year 2 CQ Morning at 7.30am - 'How to Help and Support my Child's Learning at Home' (Venue: SS2 Assembly Hall) | 28 th | American University Fair (Venue: SS1 Theatre) TBC |
| 21 st | Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BIS @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * | 28 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs SING @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * |
| 25 th - 29 th | sMMile Week | 29 th | OPEN DAY (TBC) |
| 26 th | sMMile Concert Dress Rehearsal and Technical Rehearsal | | |

OCTOBER 2017

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| 2 nd | UK University Fair (Venue: SS1 Theatre) | 16 th - 20 th | Cultural Appreciation Week |
| 2 nd | Secondary Swim vs AmIS @ ABCIS at 3.15pm* | 18 th | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BVIS @ BVIS at 4.00pm * |
| 3 rd | Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS @ AmIS at 4.00pm * | 20 th | UN Day |
| 4 th | Secondary CQ morning (TBC) at 7.30am - 'Pastoral Care to Support Achievement' (Venue: SS1 Theatre) | 20 th | UN Day - Dress Up |
| 4 th | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS @ AmIS at 3.40pm * | 20 th | Early Primary 'UN Day Picnic' at 2.00 pm (Venue: SS2 campus Playground) * |
| 5 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs ISHCMC @ ISHCMC at 4.00pm * | 20 th | Term 1 Ends, School end at 3.10pm |
| 10 th | Options & Careers Evening for Yrs. 9 & 11 at 6.00pm (Venue: SS1 Theatre) | 23rd - 29th October – TERM 1 BREAK – NO SCHOOL | |
| 11 th | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS at 3.10pm * | 30 th | Term 2 Starts |
| 12 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * | 30 th | ECAs (Session 1) continue from Term 1 |
| 13 th | PARENTS DAY (Non-Pupil day) | | |

NOVEMBER 2017

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| 1 st | Under 19 Boys Volleyball City Champs @ CIS at 1.00pm * | 2 nd | Under 14 Girls Basketball City Champs @ SSIS at 1.00pm * |
| 1 st | Under 19 Girls Volleyball City Champs @ AIS at 1.00pm * | 6 th | Secondary Swim vs SSIS @ SSIS at 3.30pm * |
| 1 st | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs RISS @ RISS at 3.40pm * | 7 th | UK Senior Maths Challenge |
| 2 nd | Under 14 Boys Basketball City Champs @ AmIS at 1.00pm * | 8 th | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs CIS @ CIS at 3.40pm * |

Abbreviation Key

*	Parents are welcome to attend	BIS	British International School
@	At	BVIS	British Vietnamese International School
TBC	To be confirmed	BIS TX	British International School Tu Xuong
TBA	To be announced	SING	Singapore International School
ECA	Extra Curricular Activities	CIS	Canadian International School
Go MAD	Go Make A Difference (Charity/Service)	ISHCMC	International School of Ho Chi Minh City
CQ	Coffee & Questions Morning	RISS	Renaissance International School
LSC	Learning Study Centre (Library)	RMIT	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage	SSIS	Saigon South International School
SS1	Saigon South Campus 1 (Primary / Secondary)	AmIS	American International School
SS2	Saigon South Campus 2 (Early Primary)	AIS	Australian International School
UN Day	United Nation Day		



News from UPPER PRIMARY

**NOW
&
NEXT**

September 2017 Issue

Dear Parents and Friends of the ABCIS,

Welcome to the first edition of Now & Next in the 2017/18 academic year. I do hope that all parts of our special community will enjoy a happy and mutually supportive relationship in the weeks and months ahead. Now please “read-on” and absorb the good news that my colleagues have to share with you.

I have one very special plea to those of you who bring your children to school on a motorbike: PLEASE provide your much loved children with a good quality helmet and INSIST that they wear it. It both amazes and frightens me that so many of you are willing to invest in your child’s future by entrusting us to enhance the knowledge and learning content of your child’s brain, and yet, many of you are still prepared to see this most valuable organ placed at very high risk should they be involved in any sort of traffic accident.

It has been an excellent start to the new academic year in Upper Primary 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 3 students have met our expectations and the Year 3-only morning break time continues to be a great success in helping with 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 any year group, we will continue to increase our expectations as the year progresses but I am very confident of continued success.

We welcome Ms. Bim (Year 3 and English Coordinator), Ms. Caitlin (Year 4), Mr. Tony (Year 4), Mr. Philip (Year 5 and Head of Year) and Mr. Alex (Year 6) to The ABC International School. In collaboration with our new Head of EAL & EIP, Ms. Mel, we have further improved our provision for EAL, with targeted and effective short-term support. As always, the goal will be to ensure that children return to mainstream classes for all lessons as soon as they are ready.

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. Uniform is also 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 black and hair should not have any unnatural colouring or highlighting.

If your children are new to the SS1 campus you should be aware that children can use our ‘top-up’ system with their ID



**Mr. Gary
Headmaster**
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PLEASE HEAR AND ACT UPON THIS REQUEST IMMEDIATELY .

Your children ARE the most valued and important part of our school and I need your help to make sure we look after their safety as well as we possibly can. Please accept my thanks in anticipation of your understanding and support.



**Mr. Chris
Head of Upper Primary**
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cards for purchasing additional snacks and drinks. Lunches, as always, are provided each day with our ticketing system, based on the choices you make in advance on the menus.

We have a number of class assemblies this term and our Heads of Year will be in contact with more details. Our first Parents’ Day will take place on Friday 13th of October. I look forward to meeting new parents and reacquainting myself with those who are continuing their partnership with us.

Finally, could I please ask that if you are picking up your child from school at the end of the day, please do so promptly before 3:20pm or 4:20 during ECA sessions. In the event that you will be more than 20 minutes late, please contact the school office so we may inform your child.

Additionally, 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. Please understand that this for their care and safety which is always our top priority.

I would like to welcome all students to Year 6, as well as Mr. Alex, who is joining Ms. April and me 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 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 prefect. These are important duties as, not only do the students gain in maturity by taking on extra responsibilities, their work helps Upper Primary 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 Upper 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.

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 Parents' Day and other school events and wish all of the students a very successful year.

Ms. Sue
Head of Year 6
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It has been wonderful to see the buzz of excitement around the school over the last two weeks as we begin a new academic year and my first at the ABC International School. Our Year 5 team of teachers and teaching assistants include Mr. Iwan, Ms. Lisa, Ms. Hanh, Ms. Minh and me as Head of Year. I would like to welcome all children, new and returning, and their parents to Year 5. It has been a long and enjoyable summer break for staff and children alike, but it is pleasing to see that the children are already working hard, demonstrating a real thirst for knowledge and are excited by new learning opportunities. We look forward to a successful year together.

We have a busy 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.

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 literacy 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
Head of Year 5
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Welcome to Year 4! I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you, and I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

This will be my third year as Head of Year 4 and sixth year working at The ABC International School. Additionally, we are very fortunate to have Ms. Claire (Maths Coordinator) continue to share her valuable experience to our year group. We are also very happy to welcome Mr. Tony to ABCIS and we are sure that he will be a superb addition to the team. We are very pleased to have Ms. Hong continuing as our teaching assistant and we welcome Ms. Tram to the team this year who will know all the children very well from her time with Year 3.

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. It is vital that children have a high level of effort and rate of completion regarding homework as this will help

reinforce and develop our class work further. In Year 4, this will also include Chinese and additional projects at various times of the year. Please do encourage your children to discuss the work they have completed in their lessons and ask for help if they aren't fully clear on anything.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact myself or your child's class teacher by email. Alternatively you can make an appointment for a meeting via the school office.

Mr. Daniel
Head of Year 4
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I would like to begin by first welcoming our Year 3 students and parents and commending the children on how well they have settled in to their new campus. The transition between Years 2 and 3 can be quite daunting but our new Year 3 children seem to have made this move very well and are adapting quickly to their new surroundings.

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 and by reading with them every night. They should also be practicing their times tables regularly.

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.

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 by email.

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