



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 SECONDARY

**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.



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Now & Next of the new academic year. Already it has been a busy time at school which began with the external examination results. This year we experienced record results in a number of areas and our IGCSE results were the best ever. To give you an idea of exactly how successful we were, 71% of all grades at IGCSE were A/A*, 44% of our A Level results were A*/A grade. Students achieved well. These figures are well in excess of world averages and place the attainment of the students at The ABC International School amongst the top schools across the world.

We have had a number of new staff join the ABC family this year and they are settling well. After a week of induction they have been enjoying working with the students and I have had some really positive feedback about their experiences. I look forward to you being able to meet them personally during our first **Parents Day on October 13th**.

Can I take this opportunity to thank parents for their part in ensuring the students returned to school looking so smart. Over the last few years I have seen a marked improvement in the presentation of our students and it certainly sends the correct message, that we are here to be smart and professional. I would also like to remind parents that plain black, closed shoes are expected for all students and students hair should be of a colour natural to them.



A big welcome back this year to all the Year 7s. I am very happy to hear about all the exciting things you have done over the summer. Special mention to Bill who went to Summer Camp in America to take part in a robotics project; it all sounds very exciting! I wish everybody good luck over the coming year and I urge you to embrace any opportunities



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. Steve
Head of Secondary
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There is considerable progress with our new Secondary site and I have created a short supplement with some images and information to give you an idea of the progress. We also had a small number of parents visit the site recently with Mr Stephen to look at the location and the progress, as we draw closer to completion this is something we will expand further.

At the start of each year we announce our Head Students. This year I am proud to announce that Jee Yoon has been successful in her application as Head Student, Khue as Deputy Head Student and Woosung will be our Head Prefect. Congratulations to all three candidates and I thank them for being willing to contribute to the schools community during their busy final year.

As ever, if you have any question or queries, please feel free to contact me directly.

that come your way, try hard to persist with challenges and be proud of yourselves.



Ms. Imogen
Head of Year 7
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The students in Year 10 have started their IGCSE courses and have met the challenges and new demands with great positivity already. I am confident that the students will continue from their excellent start to achieve success in their chosen subjects. If, however, any student would like to reconsider the subjects they have chosen the deadline for any changes was Friday 8th September. After this date further changes are not be encouraged as too much work would have been missed and would be detrimental to their studies.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's IGCSEs then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mr. Grant
Head of Year 10
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Welcome back to another exciting year here at The ABCIS. The Music Department would like to give you advanced warning of our forthcoming sMMile Concert. This will be a combined concert involving students from Key Stages 2 right through to Key Stage 5. As always, the concert will be held in our Theatre on our main SS1 campus. It will be on Wednesday 27th September and will run from 6.30pm through to 8pm. Letters will be given to students involved in the concert nearer the time.

Mr. Gareth
Head of Performing Arts
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Dear Parents,

The Modern Languages Department is looking forward to the new academic year. We are delighted with the outstanding results achieved by last year's IGCSE students in particular with 85% of our Mandarin Chinese results at the A* grade, including all our year 10 candidates who sat their IGCSE a year early.

This term, we are looking forward to the Moon Festival in early October. It is always a great experience for all our students to buy or even create lanterns and to taste the famous Mooncakes.

At the end of Term 1 we will be hosting the now renowned French café where students will enjoy typical French snacks and drinks in a very friendly atmosphere to celebrate Cultural Appreciation Week.

The Language Perfect competition which will take place from November 7th to 17th where students from Year 6 to 13 will compete against schools across the world.

Mr. Antoine
Head of Modern Foreign Language
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Dear Parents,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that The ABC International School will be hosting three university fairs this term.

Representatives from leading universities in Australia, The USA and The United Kingdom will be available to provide information regarding study abroad, entry requirements, the applications process and financing. The following events are open to Y11-13 students and their parents:

- Monday September 18th – Australian University Fair
8.30am to 10.00am
- Thursday September 28th – US University Fair
8.30am to 10.30am
- Monday October 9th – UK University Fair
8.30am to 10.30am

Mr. Chris
Head of Key Stage 5
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In order to raise the profile of sport, the 300 Club started this term, requiring students to make 300 jump-shots in a week from a variety of locations around the basketball court. This extra session is before school and is designed to develop a student's ability to make jump-shots consistently at game pace so that it translates into better academic performance in Physical Education whilst also improving the schools chances of winning silverware in competitions. A total of 3530 jump-shots were made in the first week by 21 students which is a phenomenal effort. I have no doubt that the whole student body can rise to this tough challenge and make the magic 300 mark in the coming months.

Mr. Rob
Head of PE
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After celebrating the fantastic IGCSE achievements of our last Year 11 students who are now in Year 12, we start to look forward and plan IGCSE subject choices for our students who are currently in Year 9. On the 10th October 2017 we will be inviting all parents of Year 9 students to come into school in the evening to discuss the subjects that each student can choose to study in Key Stage 4 and 5. Every subject we offer at IGCSE and A Level will be represented by class teachers and this will provide an important opportunity for all parents to discuss not only the options for future studies at The ABCIS, but also the best subject choices linked to different career pathways which our students may wish to follow in the future. I look forward to welcoming you to this important evening early next month.

Mr. Stephen
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