



The St. Stephen's International School Khao Yai Weekly Bulletin



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Primary

This week Year 1 and Year 2 have finished their IPC unit 'We are What we Eat' and on Thursday afternoon had an art and photography activity to close the project. Year 3 has been very busy, finishing their topic on butterflies. Everyone produced their own non-fiction fact file, putting together all the information they have learned over the last couple of weeks. In IPC the Year 3 students continued their 'forces' topic - focussing on friction. They had lots of fun pushing tyres around - sharing their ideas as to how the tread stops the tyres from slipping or going very fast. Year 4 students have explored magnetic forces to create a model train that attracts or repels adjacent carriages. They also investigated the magnetic force of different magnets and investigated the strongest in a fair test, measuring the number of paper clips attracted to each. Year 5 wrapped up their learning in IPC looking at the unit on electricity (Full Power) and English. The students produced presentations about sustainable energy sources and produced excellent mystery stories. They're looking forward to sharing them with each other in the new term. Year 6 learned about the scientific principles of light. The students investigated sources of light and reflection of light, and how light travels in a straight line. Students created a periscope to see light and reflection in action.

Uniform Reminder



Could all parents of students in Kindergarten to Year 13 please ensure that their children are wearing proper black shoes. Trainers or shoes of any other colour are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn to school—thank you. Tutors will be in contact the parents of any students who are not wearing correct shoes.

Year 7 Thai and Science Trip

On Wednesday 30 March Year 7 worked hard throughout the blistering heat on a science and Thai trip. They firstly paid respects at the Wat Phra Non Khlong Khwang temple and learned about the origins of the ancient reclining Buddha statue. They then visited the Prasat Muangkhaek and Mueang Sema historical sites, where they learned a number of science field work skills. These included some soil tests, measuring light intensity and air humidity in additional ecological transects and using random quadrats to estimate plant cover. In the afternoon after a lunch at the Dragon Coffee and Sculpture museum they learned about leaf morphology and finally collected invertebrate samples whilst pond dipping on the edge of the Sap Pradu reservoir. They were all fully engaged in all activities and were a credit to themselves. They have clearly learned to work together as a team, under the pastoral care of Ms Jacki.

English Camp

It has been nearly three years since we last hosted the St. Stephen's English Camp at the Khao Yai campus and are pleased that it is returning, signalling another move towards normality as we learn to live with covid. Numbers have been capped at 120, which is around half of the size of a normal English Camp. English Camp students will have all of their English lessons in Block C, separate from the rest of the school and will use communal facilities at different times. Like classes in the main school, the camp has been organised into separate bubbles with staff and students staying within their bubbles. All students and staff attending the English Camp will have ATK tests 7 days and 3 days before the camp and also on the day of the camp, with the latter administered by nurses. The English Camp starts on Sunday 17 April and finishes on Saturday 7 May.

Year 9 Options Meeting and Fair

On the afternoon of Friday 1 April, Year 9 students and their parents attended a meeting where they were updated on the curriculum for their children as they move from Key Stage 3 to taking IGCSEs in Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and Year 11). Ms. Nan our University and Careers Counsellor also gave a short introduction about going to university and the importance of starting preparations for this early, especially when applying for the top universities in the world and certain courses such as medicine. Students and parents then visited the Options Fair in C4 where they were able to ask specific course questions to the subject specialists. Thank you to all of the parents who attended this important event.

Start of Term

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 19 April. Boarding students may return to the dorms from 15:00 on Monday 18 April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 April— Saturday 23 April

<p>Monday 18 April Staff Training Day</p> <p>Tuesday 19 April Start of Term 3 ASA programme</p> <p>Wednesday 20 April Learning in school. A.M. IGCSE ICT Examination (Practical) A.M. AS Level IT Examination (Practical) ASA programme</p> <p>Thursday 21 April Learning in school. A.M. IGCSE Mandarin Examination (Speaking) A.M. IGCSE ICT Examination P.M. IGCSE English 2nd Language Examination (Speaking) P.M. IGCSE English 1st Language Examination (Oral) ASA programme</p> <p>Friday 22 April Learning in school. World Book Day</p> <p>Saturday 23 April Dorm Trip—Khao Yai Speedkart and Tara Cafe</p>
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a reminder:



- All government regulations for the school to open must be followed. Below are some key examples:
- Stay at home if you have any covid symptoms!
- Masks must be worn.
- Maintain a distance of 1.5 M from others.
- Complete the ThaiSaveThai app every day **before** coming to school.
- No food to be brought into school from outside of the school.



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Line Official

Our school has created an official Line account. This is one of the channels we will be using for communication. Please scan the QR code or add our **Line ID : @st.stephenskhaoyai** for more updates and information.



ASA Programme

The new ASA programme will start on Tuesday 19 April. The list of activities and students will be on the display board next to Reception before the start of Term 3.

External Examination Season

The external IGCSE, AS Level and A Level examinations will be taking place during Term 3. These are examinations set by the Cambridge examination board and have to take place on the date and at the time specified. All examinations are sent to Cambridge to be marked. These examinations are taken in around 160 countries and are very rigorous, giving excellent preparation for the next step in our students education. Good luck to students in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13.

University Update

Congratulations to our Year 13 students who have all received university offers for the next stage in their education, with offers from the USA, UK and Thailand. Offers are often dependent upon examination results, so good luck to Year 13 as they start their A Level examinations.

Song Kran

Friday 1 April was the final day of Term 2. Students arrived dressed in traditional Thai dress as part of the Songkran festivities. As usual we were supported by the monks from the Wat Thewarup Songtham Temple who led the Songkran ceremony in the gym. Whilst parents were not able to attend this event this year the support provided in alms to the monks was very much appreciated. Thank you to all parents who supported this. As the government has banned the traditional water activities that traditionally take place at Songkran we had a different programme to usual. We were treated to traditional Thai musical and dance performances from Year 4, Year 7 and Year 10. Delicious coconut ice-cream at break time was followed by kite flying on our beautiful campus, which was really enjoyed by the students. Some photos of the day are below.

