



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



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Head of Campus Update

The start of term has been a little challenging with a small number of covid cases occurring following the Songkran break. We continue to follow Thai government regulations very closely and quarantine any students who are at high risk. Thank you to parents for your support and understanding. Fortunately, we expect all students except Year 4 and Year 3 to be in school on Monday, and Year 4 may return on Thursday. Government regulations are changing as the covid pandemic transitions to an endemic. This is the idea that we treat covid much like we treat flu or a winter cold and we get on and live with it! From Sunday 1 May the quarantine period for close contacts of a covid case will be reduced to five days. Next week the marks the start of lots of external IGCSE, AS Level and A Level examinations. Good luck to everyone concerned.

Primary

This week Year 1 and 2 students have been learning about houses around the world, Year 1 have been looking at counting in groups and Year 2 have been learning about directional language. They all have had fun learning about cities with Claude the main character in our class book! Year 3 have started a new text in English, using the Power of Reading format. Having been given a story starter, the children had to use their imagination as to what they thought might happen, and write a short simple story. When they had finished, they shared their work, made any improvements or changes, and then typed it up for display in the classroom. The Year 4 students have started their new topic 'Active Planet'. They have understood that the tectonic plates that form the Earth's crust are always moving, and even the smallest movement can cause huge earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis that devastate communities across wide areas. Year 5 has been learning online. They made the transition really well and everyone worked hard even though it can be quite challenging. The students began a new topic in computing and are looking at digital art. They learned how to produce pop-art using google drawings. Year 6 has started a new IPC unit 'The Time Tunnel'. For the Entry Point, students designed a historical fun fair, with games and rides and activities. The fun fair was designed in chronological order and was a great introduction to the world history we will be learning about over the next few weeks.

Year 9 Options

Year 9 students met with Ms. Nan and Dr. Kevin on Thursday 28 April to discuss their IGCSE option choices for next year. This was a very productive morning and the majority of students have all their first choices. The process of writing the school timetable will take place over the next month or so and students and parents will get a letter confirming their option choices towards the end of this term.

English Camp

The English Camp has been running very successfully in its bubbles. We are now entering the third and final week of this camp. The students are looking forward to a visit to the Khao Yai National Park on Thursday before they go home!



Howling Gibbon Summer Camp

St. Stephen's is the home of the Howling Gibbon Adventure Centre specialising in outdoor education. During the year the school hosts visits from schools from all around Thailand and sometimes further afield. This year our specialist staff will be running our very successful annual

summer camp for students aged 8—13 packed with fun outdoor activities and participation in either a multi-sports programme or an English booster programme.

Students who are interested in participating in an exciting range of challenges for themselves and their team mates rather than being stuck to an electronic device (!) are welcome to apply. Please look out for the letter and information coming soon by emails.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2 May— Saturday 7 May

Monday 2 May
Online learning for Year 4 and Year 3.
Learning in school for all other year groups.
ASA programme

Tuesday 3 May
Online learning for Year 4 and Year 3.
Year 9 Thai trip to Phimai.
Learning in school for all other year groups.
ASA programme

Wednesday 4 May
Online learning for Year 4 and Year 3.
Learning in school for all other year groups.
A.M. A2 Chemistry exam.
A.M. IGCSE Chemistry exam.
P.M. IGCSE Geography exam.
P.M AS Business exam.
ASA programme

Thursday 5 May
Learning in school for all year groups.
A.M. IGCSE English exams
ASA programme

Friday 6 May
Learning in school for all year groups.
A.M. A2 Biology exam.
P.M. AS IT exam.
P.M. IGCSE Mathematics exam
ASA programme

Saturday 7 May
Dorm trip to Green Me Farm

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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