



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



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Congratulations to Our Graduating Students in Year 13

Congratulations to Mark, Hailey and Tar on achieving their A Levels and graduating this year. Tar has already arrived at Connecticut University in the USA to study Business Studies, Hailey is going to Siliapakorn University International College in Thailand to study Digital Media and Communication and Mark is going to Kingston University in London in the UK to study for a Masters degree in Chemistry.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29 August— Saturday 3 September

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ASA Start today.

Tuesday 30 August
NGRT Reading Tests—KS2
ASA programme.

Wednesday 31 August
NGRT Reading Tests—KS2
ASA Programme

Thursday 1 September
NGRT Reading Tests—KS2
MIDYIS tests
ASA Programme

Friday 2 September
NGRT Reading Tests—KS2
YELLIS tests—Year 10
ASA Programme

Saturday 3 September
Dorm trip



Congratulations to Year 11 of the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Congratulations to all of the students in last year's Year 11 on their IGCSE examination results, which they achieved despite all of the challenges of the pandemic. We are pleased that nearly all of the students in Year 11 last year have progressed into the Sixth Form. Now in Year 12 they are studying for their AS Levels.

Combined St. Stephen's KS4/KS5 Residential Trip to Kung Krabeen

During the week starting Monday 17 June students in Year 11 to Year 13 attended a residential trip to Chanthaburi with their peers from St. Stephen's International School Bangkok. During the trip they took part in many exciting activities such as snorkeling, visiting a turtle sanctuary and hiking to 'Elephant waterfall'. This trip provided students with a great opportunity to both practise their cooking skills ahead of university life and to relax following the last few busy months of examinations.



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.
- No food to be brought into school from outside of the school.



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Primary

This week Year 1 and Year 2 children have been writing recounts about their summer holidays. They have been learning about sentence structure and remembering to use punctuation. During their IPC lessons they had an exciting activity where the children needed to complete tasks to gain access to the padlock code so they could re enter their classroom. This week Year Three joined with all the children in Primary to launch a new IPC topic, Brainwaves. Everyone learned the benefits of working together as a team, thinking about how to solve different tasks and following instructions and sharing ideas with our friends. Another success has been



how quickly the children have learned to access their email accounts on their own devices, and how well they understand the importance of e safety. A great start for



Year 3! Year 4 has had a great first week back. The class has written some great poems about their brains as well as challenging themselves to add a range of two and three digit numbers. This week Year 5 all returned to school after a fantastic summer holiday. They did lots of learning about each other and set up some important class rules. They also learnt how to unlock their learning abilities. They've had lots of fun and are looking forward to the rest of the year. Year 6 students have also started 'Brainwave' in IPC this week. They have found out about how they learn, and how they can improve the way that they learn, to be better equipped to gain the knowledge, skills and understanding that they will need to become successful adults.

Awards Ceremonies

Thank you to all of the parents who came to one of the five awards ceremonies that we held at the end of last term. It was lovely to have parents in school and able to celebrate the successes of the students.



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Head of Campus**



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Community Work at Mae Honh Song

On the first weekend of the summer holidays Tar (Y13) and Yu-I (Y8) went to La-Oop school in the hill tribe village of Mae Hong Song province. Accompanied by their parents and grandmother they all helped to hand out clothes, stationary, shoes, sports equipment and toys that many members of the St. Stephen's community had donated. Tar and Yu-I helped Dr Alex to teach some introductory science experiments to over 70 students who had specially come to the school on the Sunday morning.

Firstly they learned about matter being made of particles, then making and separating chemical mixtures, along with comparing the solubility of different salts. Finally they measured the lengths of springs and were introduced to plotting graphs for Hooke's Law. This was also useful teacher training for the new science teacher in the remote school. Thank you all for your donations and thank you to Yu-I (now Y9) and Tar (now at university in USA) for bringing their family along to represent St Stephen's.

Animal Identification Competition

Something different for the newsletter this year. Dr Alex will ask you to identify a different Thai bird, reptile, mammal, insect, tree or flower etc each month. The first correct answer emailed to Dr Alex gets a free drink from the school shop. So for August... what is this bird seen in Trat province?



Thai Teacher Forum and Blind School Donation

On Saturday 13 August 2022 our Thai department hosted an event called Thai Teacher Forum 2022 at St. Stephen's International School Khao Yai. Thai Teacher Forum was an event where all the Thai teachers from SISBKK, SISKY and Brighton College BKK gathered together to share their best practices, experience, and resources. Moreover in the afternoon Dr. Visut Charoensiriwatana, Dr. Alex Waller, Ms. Lisa Kehat and all the participants from the Thai Teacher Forum had a chance to present

15320 baht to Makut Kiriwan Blind School on behalf of our students from charity money raised in the raffle and fun run last academic year.



Dorm Trip White Water Rafting

The last dorm trip last year was an exciting white water raft trip. Some photos can be seen below:



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