



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



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## Practice Examinations

Next week will see the end of term examinations for Year 7 to Year 10 and the practice IGCSE and AS Level examinations for Year 11 and Year 12. They have a busy week ahead of them and should make sure they have plenty of sleep this weekend as well as revising for their forthcoming examinations. A reminder that during the final week of term teachers will be going through the examinations with the students, so please ensure there is no student absence during this very important week.

## IGCSE Highly Commended Cambridge Award

Congratulations to Bryan in Year 11 who achieved the highest mark in the whole of Thailand for IGCSE German in the May/June 2024 series of examinations. This is an amazing feat to accomplish and even more so when he was only in Year 10 at the time. He attended an awards ceremony in Bangkok on Tuesday with his parents and Mr. Adam supporting.



## Primary News

Nursery children started looking at the "5 Little Ducks". They practised singing and doing the actions of the song. Afterwards they made some paint stamping using some rubber ducks. KG 1 continued learning their phase 1 phonics. KG1 have been experiencing body percussion or sounds we can make using some parts of our body. They had fun tapping, clapping and clicking to different nursery rhymes that they like. KG2 have been very excited to learn about ways they can help take care of the environment. They expressed interest in learning about recycling, so they did some research, watched a few videos, and then created a plan for their classroom. They set up a recycling area where they reuse bottles and plastics for crafts, and we collect paper for recycling. Our next step is to find out where we can take the recyclables in Pak Chong. It is wonderful to see the children inspired to make a difference and help create a cleaner world. Great work, KG2! The pupils in Year 1 have continued to complete activities linked to the class text. This week, the pupils have written messages on flowers and then floated them to a friend in a water tray. The pupils enjoyed watching their messages disappear as they floated. As part of the IPC learning, the pupils have been investigating animal groups and using simple classification keys to sort. In IPC the Year 2 pupils have been learning about different optical illusions. They have seen a variety of artworks which have tricked their eyes. This week the pupils had a go at making thaumatropes, an optical illusion where it looks like a bird is in a cage when it is being spun. They had a great time making and playing with these. This week, Year 3 have delved deeper into their science unit on light, exploring the properties of translucent, transparent, and opaque objects. They investigated which materials are most effective at blocking light, applying their understanding through hands-on activities. This week, Year 4 enjoyed diving into their new picture book biography, The Bluest of Blues. Inspired by the story, students explored our beautiful school gardens to search for flowers, which they carefully pressed for their projects. They also had a great time conducting market research for their upcoming Christmas Markets, sparking creativity and entrepreneurial thinking! In Science this week, Year 5 explored the concepts of buoyancy and water resistance using recycled materials. After designing and building their own boats, the students tested their creations in the swimming pool. It was an exciting hands-on experiment, combining creativity with scientific investigation! The Year 6 students have been conducting experiments using electrical circuits. They have varied the voltage in a circuit with different numbers of batteries, to test the brightness of a light bulb. They considered how the test would be fair, made predictions, recorded results and made conclusions based on the results they observed.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2 December— Saturday 7 December

### Monday 2 December

Year 7 to Year 10 End of Term Examinations  
IGCSE / A Level Practice Examinations  
ASA Programme

### Tuesday 3 December

Year 7 to Year 10 End of Term Examinations  
IGCSE / A Level Practice Examinations  
ASA Programme

### Wednesday 4 December

Year 7 to Year 10 End of Term Examinations  
IGCSE / A Level Practice Examinations  
ASA Programme

### Thursday 5 December

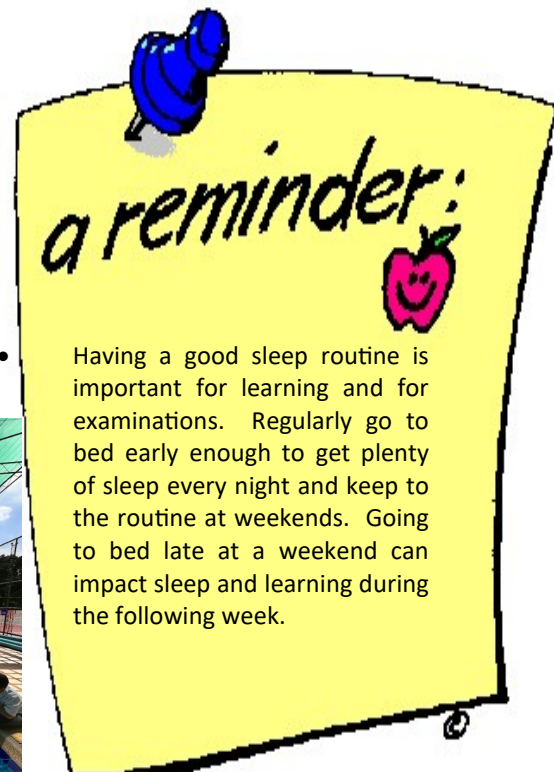
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### Friday 6 December

Year 7 to Year 10 End of Term Examinations  
IGCSE / A Level Practice Examinations  
ASA Programme

### Saturday 7 December

Dorm Activity—Cooking  
Big Mountain Music Festival



Dr Kevin Hylands  
Head of Campus