

# NEWSLETTER

At SISC, we have started a series of Coffee Talks, or educational workshops, to help support our parents and families. This is part of our initiative to build better relationships with our parents and engage with our community, with the workshops now open to the public.

Recently, I co-presented with our Early Years Leadership team on building independence in our young children, and shared insights from my work in developmental psychology.



Children have lost so many important attributes, such as independence, confidence, critical thinking, problem solving and emotional resilience. Childhood itself has changed. We have become so focused on making our children happy, that we have stopped focusing on helping them to develop important life skills. As parents, we have all struggled with this at some point.

Independence is not something that we can teach. We have to give opportunities for our children to practice this skill. By viewing independence as a skill to be practised, healthy development is more likely to occur.

Working with our families in partnership is an important initiative – when we work together, we deliver the same message to our children, contributing to their success.

By Ms. Louisa CONDORELLI, Head of School







## Bac II National Examination



After much preparation, our Grade 12 students sat for the Bac II National Exam, conducted by MoEYS on 8-9 October, 2024. There were mixed feelings of nervousness, anxiety, excitement and anticipation! However, our teaching staff did a wonderful job at preparing our students to be ready for this challenge.

We are so happy with the exceptional performance of our students during this exam. With a 100% passing rate, this is the highest record that SISC's Grade 12 students have ever achieved in the last three years of preparing students for this exam. One of our students, Keanghak LAY, even achieved an "A" grade overall!

To our students, your success in the Bac II examinations is a significant achievement that reflects your commitment to learning and your ability to overcome challenges. Your determination and passion for knowledge have shone through, and we are so incredibly proud of your accomplishments!

By Mr. Thol PICH, Khmer Program Principal

# Spooktacular Halloween Celebration in the EY Department!



On October 31, 2024, the Early Years (EY) department was transformed into a Halloween wonderland, filled with excitement and festive spirit! Students, teachers, and parents came together to celebrate this spooky season, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The hallways were adorned with colorful decorations, showcasing the incredible crafts made by our talented students. From creepy cobwebs to friendly ghosts, the creativity was in full swing!



One of the highlights of the event was the door decorating competition, where classrooms competed for the title of "Best Decorated Door." The imaginative designs brought a delightful atmosphere that set the tone for the festivities.

Students also participated in the "Best Dressed" competition, showcasing their costumes in various categories. From classic witches to superheroes, the creativity was endless!

Throughout the day, teachers organised fun games and stalls, providing everyone with plenty of opportunities to win prizes. Outdoor educational vendors added to the excitement, offering engaging activities that enriched the Halloween experience for all.



To top it all off, every participant received a fantastic gift bag filled with treats and surprises, ensuring that everyone left with a smile!

The Halloween event was a remarkable success, fostering a sense of community and joy within our school. A big thank you to all the parents, teachers, and students who made this celebration unforgettable!



By: Ms. Keshmia Cassim,  
Nursery Homeroom Teacher





# Events are a Way to Celebrate and Innovate in our SISC Primary Programme!

We have had a remarkable time in Primary Years showcasing our dedication to cultural appreciation, innovation, and academic excellence. The Halloween celebration brought excitement and vibrancy to our campus, offering students a chance to explore global traditions. Our inaugural Choral Speaking event further highlighted our vibrant community, with students delivering rhythmic, expressive, and captivating performances that underscored their hard work and the school's commitment to holistic education. ★



Adding to the month's achievements, the introduction of Robotics Kits for primary students has taken our STEAM programme to new heights, providing hands-on learning opportunities that foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. We also saw the issuing of Merit Awards, recognising students for their outstanding achievements and motivating them to reach greater heights. These initiatives exemplify Southbridge's commitment to providing an enriching and well-rounded educational experience, ensuring our students continue to learn, grow, and thrive in extraordinary ways.



## Trigonometry in Action: Grade 10 Students Take Learning Outdoors

**Who says that Maths isn't fun?** Our Year 11 students at SISC have proven otherwise! Students took their trigonometry lesson outside of the classroom for a hands-on experience, stepping beyond textbooks and past papers to apply their knowledge in real-world settings.

Armed with improvised clinometers, meter sticks, calculators, and their newfound skills, students visited different stations to measure the heights of tall objects such as buildings, trees, and flagpoles. They used trigonometric ratios, angles of elevation and depression, and collaboratively verified their measurements during this active learning experience that extended beyond SOH-CAH-TOA.

Each group member took on roles, from clinometer operator to measurer and verifier, which promoted teamwork and collaborative learning. The task made trigonometry more meaningful to students by demonstrating the real-world applications of Mathematics.

By Arniel Dumigsi and Rozel Del Rosario,  
Secondary Years Mathematics teachers





## ISSAPP Season 2



SISC Sports Teams are getting ready to make their return to ISSAPP for Season 2.

Training has begun, as well as the selection process of which players will represent SISC. The students are armed with hope and determination, and we are looking forward to seeing their performance!

## Studio Spotlight Inside AS Level Art & Design: Component One in Progress

In our AS Level Art & Design class this month, students are diving deep into their first component works, each piece radiating creative passion and dedication. Our studio pulses with an overwhelming energy as we bring our ideas to life through various mediums - pens, pencils, and paintbrushes becoming natural extensions of ourselves, each stroke telling our personal stories and showcasing our unique styles.

The art class experience remains perpetually fresh and invigorating, as we constantly experiment with new techniques and explore different artistic styles to achieve our creative goals. Our dedicated teacher, Mr. Theo, consistently emphasizes the importance of thinking beyond conventional boundaries to reach our full artistic potential. His guidance has expanded our ability to view subjects through multiple creative lenses, leading us to discover new passions

and strengths within ourselves as artists.

This journey of artistic development has become an exciting path of self-discovery. As we push ourselves towards our creative potential, each day brings new opportunities to grow and explore, making our time in the studio both challenging and deeply rewarding. The experience has transformed not just our artistic abilities, but also our understanding of ourselves as creative individuals.



By Sabrina Sokvatheka HUN,  
Year 12 AS Art & Design

