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

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Message from the Head of Campus

The last academic week of Term 1 was very busy with students participating in a range of activities from the primary Christmas production through to a residential trip for Year 11 and Year 12. It was a very important week for Year 7 to Year 12 who received feedback on their performance in their end of term or practice examinations, which they are expected to have acted on over the Christmas vacation. Year 10 and Year 11 also learnt more about their sixth form study options at the sixth form presentation and sixth form options fair. A visit was hosted from King Mongkut University and on top of that Father Christmas made a visit! So at the end of a very full first term of the year everyone deserved a well-earned break! Thank you to parents for your support of the various activities that have been taking place.

Primary Christmas Production

Primary students proudly performed their Christmas Production on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December. They sang with gusto and it was great to see every student taking part, and also to see so many parents attending too. Photos are below.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9 January— Saturday 14 January

Monday 9 January
Staff Training Day
No school for students.

Tuesday 10 January
Start of Term 2
ASA programme

Wednesday 11 January
ASA programme

Thursday 12 January
ASA programme

Friday 13 January
ASA programme

Saturday 14 January
Dorm Trip— Pete Maze

a reminder:

- Attendance to school is important! Research shows that students who are absent for more than 10% of lessons will make much less progress than students attending at least the expected 95% of lessons.
- Please avoid missing school days unless unavoidable!
- Students in Year 1 to Year 12 should be in school by 07:45. Late students miss learning and key information.

**Dr Kevin Hylands
Head of Campus**

Sixth Form

The end of Term 1 of Year 11 is an important time, not only because they have their practice IGCSE examinations but because they are seriously considering what they will do in the Sixth Form. Students benefited from trying out a range of A Level lessons at their sixth form taster day on Monday 12 December. They found out more about what it is like to study in the Sixth Form and had an opportunity to try subjects that they may not have studied before. This was followed on Friday 16 December in the afternoon by a Sixth Form Parent Information meeting for Year 10 and Year 11, and then an Options Fair. Congratulations to the students who received their Cambridge IGCSE certificates at the initial Award Ceremony.

Start of Term 2 Arrangements

Monday 9 January is a Teacher Training Day and there is no school for students. Lessons will start on Tuesday 10 January. The school day will start with registration at 07:50 for Year 1 upwards who should be in school by 07:45 as usual please. Early Years should be in school by 08:00.

After School Activities

After school activities will restart on Tuesday 10 January 2023. Unfortunately there were a number of forms not handed in by the deadline and this delayed the allocation of students to clubs so that letters could not be sent out by the end of term as anticipated. Letters have now been sent out in the week before the start of Term 2 by email. If you have not received a letter by email please contact Reception.

Hour of Code

The Computing Department organised an Hour of Code event with primary and secondary students from Monday 5 December to Friday 9 December. Using a block sequence, Year 1 and Year 2 students programmed the monkey to catch bananas. They learnt computational thinking and basic coding concepts such as sequencing, loops, and logic to complete 12 level challenges. Year 3 and Year 4 built their very own 3D Mario game, while learning the basics of programming. They learnt about the fundamentals of game development; formed an understanding of motion in 3D space; learnt to add scores, lives and cool sound effects to their game, all in less than an hour. Best of all, they shared their game with their family and friends in just one click and played with them on any device in their home. Year 5 and Year 6 helped a baby monkey. Twin baby monkeys were separated by an earthquake - leaving one of the monkeys with no way to get bananas! Students used code to rebuild the path and feed the baby monkey. Key Stage 3 students in Year 7 to Year 9 **used** basic coding concepts to escape Dr. Breakowski's mysterious mansion by dawn in Minecraft for Education: Escape Estate. Students had to solve puzzles using computational thinking to unlock secrets, open trap doors, and reveal hidden clues. Well done to all of the students who took part.

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