

# THE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Reflections on the 2020-21 School Year

Whilst 2020-21 has been a difficult year in many respects, we can look back with a great deal of satisfaction on our achievements as a school throughout this time. The Covid-19 pandemic has presented many challenges and these have required new approaches to learning and teaching. Students and staff have worked tirelessly to maintain the standards we set for our school and we can reflect positively on our shared achievements in this school year. When it has been necessary to work online, we have seen students consistently attend Zoom sessions, turn in work regularly and show remarkable resilience in surmounting the obstacles that the pandemic has created for us. Our end-of-term examinations saw 100% attendance in school, where rules on health and safety were strictly adhered to, meaning that we were able to assess students in this setting as normal.

We are now at an advanced stage in the process of recruiting several new members of staff who will bring our teaching and management team to a full complement for the new school year commencing in August and are confident that they will further improve on our current team who have provided stability throughout this year and moved the school in a positive direction.

Looking forward to 2021-22, we are preparing for a post-Covid situation where normality returns but also mindful that we may need to continue to adapt to online learning settings depending on circumstances at any given time. We are firm believers in a strong team ethic and would like to take this opportunity to thank students and parents for their continued efforts in working together with ISSR. We will be welcoming our new Year 7 cohort in August and anticipate another great crop of High School students.



*Welcoming the new cohort to High School*

## Checkpoint Exams

In April, we carried out our Cambridge Checkpoint examinations in a normal school setting. This is a vital process which ensures that we can assess students' progression closely and we feel this went particularly well.



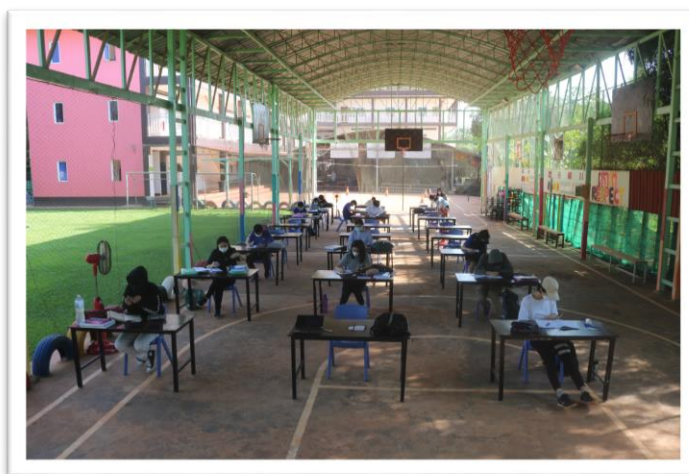
## School Yearbook 2020-21

We are currently in the process of putting together our School Yearbook for 2020-21 and this should be available online in the near future. This has been a collaborative effort between teachers and students and we have been enormously impressed by the effort our students have put in to this project.



## End of Semester Two Examinations and In-School Revision Sessions

Our end of Semester Two examinations went ahead in school in May. We enjoyed a 100% attendance for these and would like to express our gratitude to parents and students in helping us achieve this. Exam practice is absolutely vital for students and controlled exam settings allow us as teachers to better assess attainment and thereby help the students' progress.



## Year 8 Design Studies Boat-building Project



Mr. Taliv had his Year 8 Design Studies class come to school for a boat-building project where teams of students used plastic bottles to create vessels to race in the swimming pool. It looked like the students were having a lot of fun creating and sailing their boats!

## ISSR Meeting the Ministry for Education, Youth and Sport

Mr. Sinath, Ms. Theany and Khmer Principal Mr. Sopheap met Siem Reap's Minister for Education, Youth and Sport to discuss future plans regarding Covid-19 and vaccinations. They also presented a school donation of masks, sanitising liquid and gloves.



## Donations at Provincial Hall

Our High School Staff went to Provincial Hall to make a donation of one tonne of rice to help the community during the pandemic.



## Graduation Ceremony Postponement

Due to the current situation with the pandemic, the school has postponed the Graduation Ceremony until December. As some students will be unable to attend this, we took the opportunity to take photos in the Royal Gardens on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.

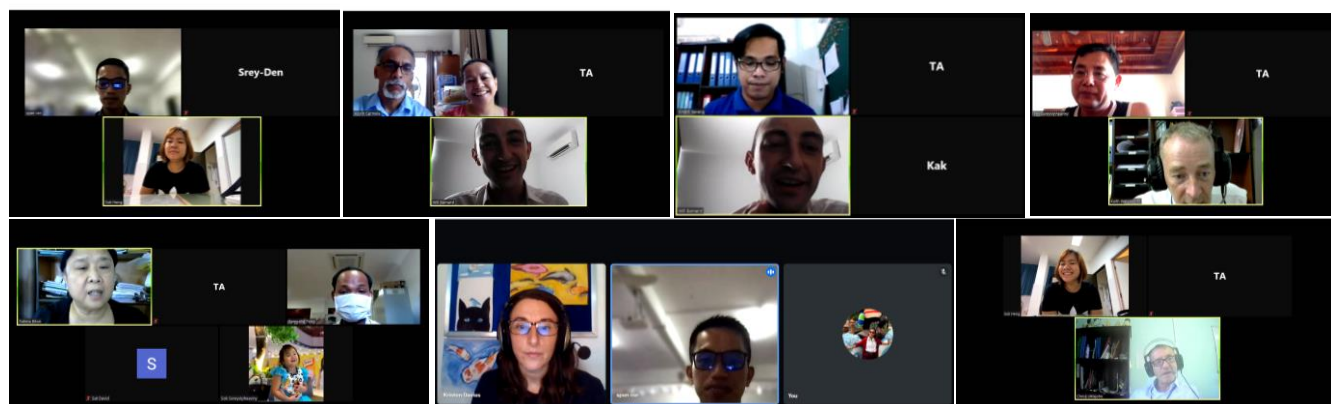




## Online Parent-Teacher Meetings (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June)

We feel that staying connected with parents is vital, especially during the pandemic, and the end-of-year parent-teacher meetings are a great way of doing this. Parents' input and feedback are also very much welcomed and the meetings offer the opportunity for us to develop a closer mutual relationship and understanding.

We conducted the meetings online via Zoom and had an excellent turnout.



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