

# THE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Introduction to Principal



My name is Susan Kile and I am very pleased and excited to join ISSR for the 2021-22 school year. I am from the United States and am a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) and the University of North Texas.

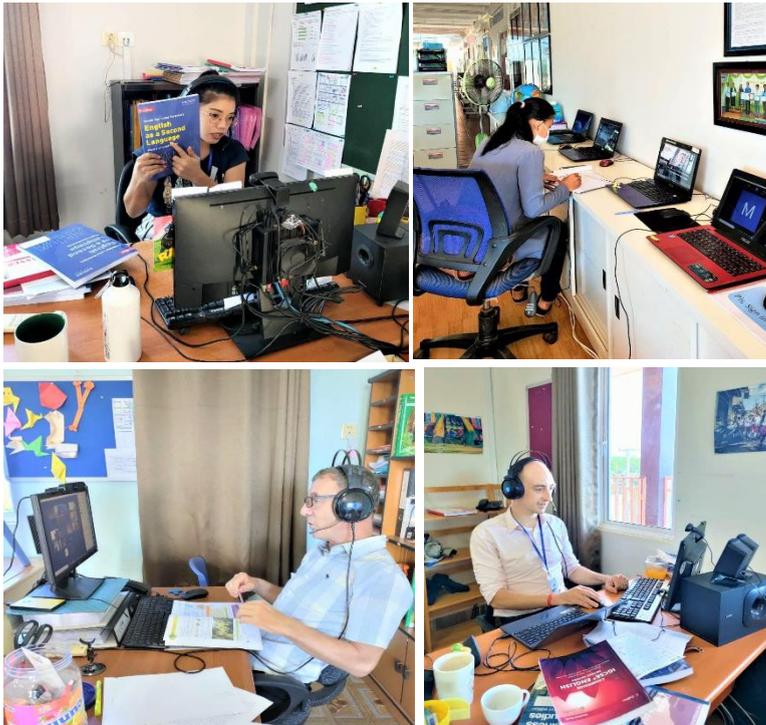
This is my 30th year in education and during that time, I have been a mathematics teacher, a curriculum specialist and a high school administrator. My last school was in Wuxi, China where I was the International Principal of the Tianyi High School.

I am looking forward to this school year, I have heard amazing things about the students and teachers at ISSR. I am sure that this year we will continue to uphold the strong academic traditions of the school and strive to achieve even more.

## Staff and Student Vaccinations

Over the last couple of months, all staff at ISSR have had both Covid-19 vaccinations and a large number of students have also reported that they've had theirs too. This will ensure that our school environment is a safe place for us all to be when we return to school.





The staff at ISSR are eagerly anticipating this new academic year when we hope to return to face-to-face teaching in school. Although we are satisfied that we have done very well to maintain a high standard of teaching and learning whilst online, we all look forward to being together with students in school, doing the things we cannot do in an online setting.

Our teachers are very mindful of the difficulties students have faced both with online learning and the pandemic situation generally, and so we feel that students will benefit enormously from getting back to a more normal situation. In fact, it will be a tremendous boost for us all when we see each other again in person.

## New Teachers

ISSR is very pleased to have welcomed three new teachers and we have now filled all posts for this academic year. We are also delighted to have retained a very strong academic team and we're sure our new staff will fit in well and enhance our teaching and learning experience here.

Mr. Liam, from the United Kingdom, is the new teacher of Physical Education. He has previous experience in teaching P.E. in Phnom Penh and his passion for his subject will no doubt enliven sports here at ISSR.

Ms. Claudia is our new English teacher. She is an extremely talented teacher, having gained a wealth of experience in both teaching and school management in various schools here in Cambodia. She comes from South Africa.

Ms. Lee, also from South Africa, takes up the post of Computer Science teacher. Her knowledge of the subject is very broad and she has experience of teaching the subject to a variety of ages both in her home country and in Cambodia.

### HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL STREAM ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 - 2022

 <small>USA</small> <b>Ms. Susan</b> High school Principal		 <small>CHN</small> <b>Mr. Taliv</b> Principal Assistant Cambridge Curriculum Coordinator Art & Design		
 <small>GBR</small> <b>Mr. Keith</b> Humanities Subject Leader		 <small>GBR</small> <b>Mr. Will</b> Business & GP Student Councilor		
 <small>USA</small> <b>Mr. Tony</b> Maths & Physics	 <small>VNM</small> <b>Ms. Annvinn</b> English (ESL) & GP	 <small>VNM</small> <b>Ms. Fatima</b> Science & Chemistry	 <small>GBR</small> <b>Dr. Chris</b> Science, Biology & GP	 <small>GBR</small> <b>Mr. Philip</b> Geography
 <small>CHN</small> <b>Mr. Pan</b> Chinese	 <small>ZAF</small> <b>Ms. Claudia</b> English	 <small>ZAF</small> <b>Ms. Lee</b> Computer Science & PSHE	 <small>GBR</small> <b>Mr. Liam</b> P.E & Maths	 <small>FRA</small> <b>Ms. Sylvie</b> French
 <small>ZAF</small> <b>Ms. Alicia</b> Art	 <small>VNM</small> <b>Mr. Visal</b> Maths	 <small>GBR</small> <b>Mr. Ray</b> Music & Psychology		

We would like to congratulate our students for their excellent results for the June 2021 series of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and GCE A & AS Levels examinations.

A total of 29 students sat for the examinations of which 24 students attained distinctions (A\* and A) and above. 6 students achieved all distinctions in their subjects while 4 students achieved 6 distinctions.

Across the subjects offered by the school, 81% of the grades attained were distinction grades, of which 72% were A\*.

Special congratulations go to the 29 students who achieved excellent results:

“We are very proud of our students’ performance despite the challenges that they had to face in the last academic year – unprecedented disruption of studies in Semester 1 and COVID-19 pandemic in Semester 2”, says Mr Taliv Mo, Cambridge Coordinator / Assistant Principal of ISSR.

The School is most grateful to parents for their love, care and support for their children during this challenging time. Not to forget, many thanks to all our parents and teachers for their support so that we can together bring out the best in our students.

The School would also like to thank all our teachers who have taught our students and for laying the strong foundations in their learning, as well as their support in the holistic development of our students. We would also like to extend our thanks to our support staff for their hard work and support in helping us achieve our educational goals.




Study the International **A** Levels at ISSR and progress to the best universities world wide

**SIEM REAP'S ONLY CAIE APPROVED EXAM CENTRE**

From June 2019 till November 2020 our A Level students have attained A\* & A grades

**JAEMIN KIM, GAIA GIANI, PEI SHAN TAING, KOKI YOSHIMOTO, JUNMIN KIM, AMANDINE ROSSIER, CENTINA C, VIREAKBODH YAY GAEUL KIM, DANESH CARMEL MARIAPAN**



*Well done!*

**ISSR STUDENTS IN THE 2021 CAMBRIDGE EXAMS IN ATTAINING AT LEAST AN A.**

**100%** Cambridge Assessment International Education International General Certificate for Secondary Education

**CHIARA 5 GIANI ALL-STARS**

<b>SOPHEA TURNER</b>	<b>4A*</b>	<b>1A</b>
<b>KIMWEY TANG</b>	<b>3A*</b>	<b>4A</b>
<b>CHAVELLI CABOOR</b>	<b>3A*</b>	<b>2A</b>
<b>HANEUL KIM</b>	<b>3A*</b>	<b>2A</b>
<b>KALYANE DUMAS</b>	<b>3A*</b>	<b>1A</b>
<b>AOI ITO</b>	<b>3A*</b>	<b>1A</b>
<b>PIERRE HELY</b>	<b>2A*</b>	<b>1A</b>
<b>HAN TAEYOUNG</b>	<b>2A*</b>	<b>1A</b>

<b>ROSITA WIJNBERG</b>	<b>2A*</b>	<b>1A</b>
<b>CHOI YOUJIN</b>	<b>2A*</b>	
<b>YUVAN DUMAS</b>	<b>1A*</b>	
<b>SANYA YANG</b>	<b>1A</b>	
<b>SRENG SOK HENG</b>	<b>2a^</b>	
<b>YUNSEO CHOI</b>	<b>2a^</b>	

**100% A&AS LEVELS PASS**

**3 A\* 4 A Mathematics 3 A Biology  
 2 A Psychology 2 A Physics  
 1 A Business, 1 A English**

## Device Addictions



Across the world students are grappling with isolation and devices have become our new best friends, entertainers and educators. How does this affect us though? We often hear people saying young people spend too much time in front of a screen but never before in history have we been confined to one location, sometimes even one room, with so little face to face human contact. Studies from around the world show that device addiction is on the rise and it could happen to any of us. It might start with an urge to check our device and

then before we know it an hour has passed, you feel anxious if you're away from your device - angry even - and just like that - we've become lost. If this sounds like you, then there is hope and some really positive strategies to regain control of your life. 1: Get at least 20 minutes device free exercise a day 2: Take a screen break every 40 minutes - move around, stretch out and focus your mind on something else. 3: Set a device free time every day; this could be a meal time or an hour where you speak to family or friends, or even read a book. The important thing to know is that this is happening all over the world and we can make our minds so much more peaceful and live happier and more fulfilled lives if we just remember to take a break.

## ISSR Cycling Club

During our recent holiday, ISSR staff from both High School and Primary set up a cycling club and our inaugural outing was around the temples of Angkor. It was a great day, despite the weather, and we feel it's a great way to promote the school and the wonders that lie on our doorstep.

As teachers, we wish to set an example to students, and one way we do this is to promote and engage in exercise. We live in an age where we spend too much time attached to our electronic devices so any excuse to get away from those, get some fresh air and spend time with like-minded people is welcomed!



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