



Message from Secondary Principal



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Secondary Principal

Dear SBS International School Bangkok Families,

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, I want to take a moment to express how incredibly proud I am of our secondary students. Their focus, determination, and maturity over the last few weeks have been exemplary.

First and foremost, congratulations to all of our students! Their excellent attitude and rigorous approach to these exams were outstanding.

The students have already started receiving their papers back and we enter a crucial phase: Reflection.

- **Celebrate the wins:** Acknowledge the areas where hard work paid off.
- **Identify the gaps:** Look closely at mistakes not as failures, but as data. Where can improvements be made?

We encourage all students to use this feedback constructively over the coming weeks, ensuring they are primed, prepared, and ready to hit the ground running at the start of the new academic year.

A massive thank you to all parents and carers for returning the paperwork for our forthcoming expedition so promptly. Getting admin sorted for a big trip is no small feat, and your cooperation is highly appreciated.

Behind the scenes, the students have been phenomenal. They have continued working hard on planning and perfecting their teaching activities in preparation for the trip. It is wonderful to see them taking ownership and leadership of their learning experiences abroad/outdoors!

We concluded the week on a massive high by celebrating the Green Cobras' birthday! This marks our fourth and final house birthday celebration of the year.

The energy, house pride, and camaraderie on display were the perfect way to wrap up the week. Thank you to everyone for bringing such fantastic spirit to the celebrations.



Maths

Year 7 mathematicians have been digging deep and working incredibly hard as they gear up for the end-of-year assessments. Revision can feel like climbing a mountain, but the students have approached it with fantastic focus, understanding that true confidence in mathematics comes from revising smartly and practicing questions actively rather than just reading through notes.

A major focus of the week was learning how to strategise. Students spent time organising the order to revise, prioritising the topics they find most challenging to ensure they have ample time to master them before the exams.

Here is a breakdown of the comprehensive curriculum we mapped out and reviewed this week:

1. Recent Horizons: Terms 2 and 3 Topics

Students revisited the core topics covered in the winter and spring terms, which expanded heavily on their problem-solving and spatial skills:

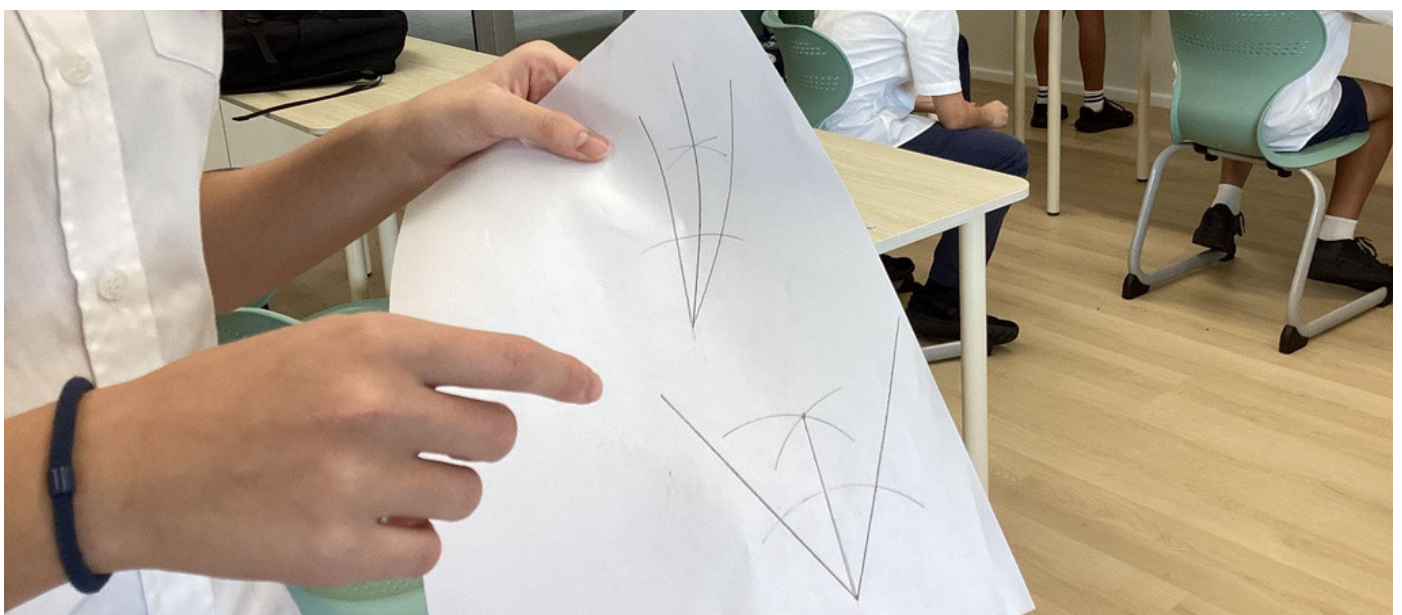
- **Algebra & Relationships:** Decoding patterns with Sequences and Functions, and mapping them out using Graphs.
- **Proportional Reasoning:** Mastering the visual and numerical worlds of Fractions, Percentages, and the balances of Ratio and Proportion.
- **Geometry & Space:** Analyzing Shapes and Symmetry, moving objects with Position and Transformations, and calculating the spacing within Shapes, Area, and Volume.
- **Data & Chance:** Calculating the likelihood of events using Probability and making sense of data by Interpreting Results.

2. Back to the Foundations: Term 1 Topics

A successful mathematician never forgets their roots! The students spiraled back to the beginning of the academic year to sharpen their foundational skills:

- **Number Sense:** Strengthening the basics with Integers, Place Value and Rounding, and working precisely with Decimals.
- **Algebraic Basics:** Building and solving using Expressions, Formulae, and Equations.
- **Practical Geometry:** Constructing accurate diagrams and measuring using Angles and Constructions.
- **Statistics:** Understanding how to start an investigation by Collecting Data.

The Golden Rule of Revision: Mathematics is not a spectator sport! Keep organising your study schedule, tackle a few practice problems every day, and don't be afraid to make mistakes, that is exactly how the brain learns.





Year 8 mathematicians have also launched themselves into focused revision mode as they prepare for their end-of-year assessments. It has been an incredibly busy and productive week, with students working hard to consolidate a massive amount of mathematical knowledge from across the entire academic year.

Rather than just diving in blindly, students started the week by organising the order to revise. By auditing what they already know and what needs a bit more attention, they created structured game plans to ensure no topic was left behind.

Dynamic Classrooms: How We Worked

Revision wasn't just about staring at textbooks; students utilised a mix of learning styles to make the concepts stick:

- **Working Independently:** Students took quiet, focused time to tackle exam-style layout challenges, revising core concepts and practicing questions at their own pace to build individual confidence.
- **In Pairs and Groups:** Collaboration was the theme of the week. Students teamed up to tackle complex multi-step problems, learning from alternate methods and supporting each other collaboratively through tricky hurdles.
- **Teaching Each Other:** They say you don't truly understand something until you can explain it. Our students took turns acting as the "teacher," breaking down formulas and concepts for their peers, which massively reinforced their own understanding.

The Revision Roadmap: What We Covered

Students systemically reviewed topics from all three terms, bridging foundational concepts with more advanced reasoning.

1. Term 1 Foundations: The Building Blocks

We spiraled back to the autumn to sharpen the essential skills that underpin all higher-level mathematics:

- **Number & Accuracy:** Refining skills in Integers, Place Value and Rounding, and calculating with Decimals.
- **Algebraic Fundamentals:** Writing and solving Expressions, Formulae, and Equations.
- **Shape & Data:** Constructing geometric diagrams using Angles and Constructions, and understanding the origins of statistics by Collecting Data.

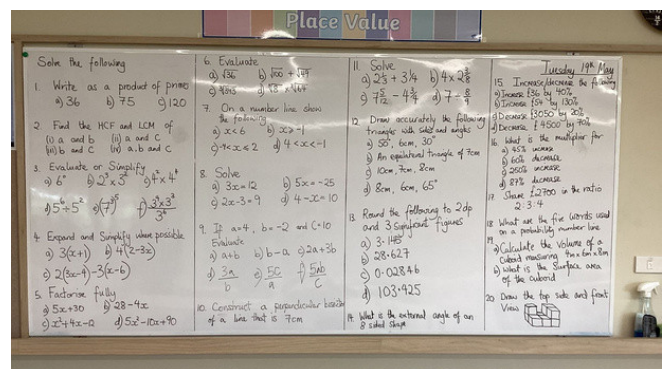
2. Terms 2 and 3: Advanced Concepts and Applications

Next, students dove into the more recent topics covered throughout the winter and spring, which require deep problem-solving skills:

- **Proportion & Scale:** Navigating the interconnected worlds of Fractions, Percentages, and Ratio and Proportion.
- **Algebraic Relationships:** Spotting patterns in Sequences and Functions and plotting them visually on Graphs.
- **Geometry & Space:** Analyzing Shapes and Symmetry, shifting them across grids using Position and Transformations, and measuring 2D and 3D spaces with Shapes, Area, and Volume.
- **Chance & Data:** Calculating risk via Probability and making sense of the bigger picture by Interpreting Results.

Looking Ahead: The secret to success from here on out is consistency. Keep practicing questions, lean on your peers for support, and trust the revision order you've built.

Fantastic effort this week from all students across Year 7 and Year 8! Keep this momentum going!





Mandarin

Y8 PATHWAY A

This week, students successfully completed the entire HSK Standard Course 1 curriculum together with all workbook exercises, marking an important milestone in their Mandarin learning journey. Learning focused on practical communication and real-life application, including:

- telling the time and describing time periods in Chinese;
- discussing different modes of transport and daily travel routines;
- designing and creating Chinese resource posters connected to transportation and everyday travel.

Students combined language learning with creativity through hands-on classroom projects and visual resource design activities.

Y8 PATHWAY B

Students continued developing their Mandarin through project-based and inquiry-led learning:

1. **Current Affairs Chinese Project - Trump's Visit to China** Students explored key vocabulary, news-style language and cultural discussion through a special current affairs Mandarin project focused on Donald Trump's visit to China. Activities included discussion tasks, headline analysis and presentation work.
2. **The Story Behind Animal Performances** Students designed and produced informative display boards investigating animal performances and the ethical questions behind them. Topics included the treatment of performing animals, audience awareness and wildlife protection. The project integrated Mandarin vocabulary, research skills, creativity and visual communication.

Y7 - Current Affairs Chinese Project — Trump's Visit to China Special Report

Students used simple Mandarin to identify and describe the six key elements of a news report (who, what, when, where, why and how) through a special project connected to Donald Trump's visit to China. The focus was on developing confidence in understanding and expressing basic current affairs information in Chinese.

Additional Mandarin Highlights

Expansion of Chinese Reading Resources We purchased a wide range of new Chinese books to further support students' classroom and independent learning, including Chinese character recognition books, fable stories, cultural readers, guided reading materials and handwriting practice resources.



Growth of a Student-Led Mandarin Learning Community A highly positive Mandarin learning culture is gradually forming beyond lesson time. Students from different year groups now voluntarily choose to spend time in the Chinese classroom for activities such as revising classwork, making crafts, completing Mandarin resource bank posters, peer-support learning, reading Chinese books and playing Mahjong using Mandarin vocabulary and communication. This student-initiated learning environment reflects growing enthusiasm, confidence and ownership in Mandarin learning.





Physical Education

This week, students began our new Striking and Fielding Unit through the introduction of Softball. The lessons focused on helping students understand the basic rules, gameplay structure, and key principles of the sport.



Students practised fundamental softball skills including passing, batting, and pitching, with activities designed to develop coordination, control, accuracy, and confidence. Emphasis was also placed on teamwork, communication, and applying correct technique during practice activities.

It was an exciting and engaging start to the unit, and students showed strong participation and enthusiasm as they explored a new sport and developed their striking and fielding skills.





Thai Language

Year 7 students learned about Thai idioms, their meanings, and situations in which they can be appropriately used. They also created individual projects based on idioms they were interested in by designing Canva posters to explain the meanings and demonstrate how the idioms can be used through illustrations and examples.

Year 8 students practiced discussion and speaking skills by exploring various issues and themes from the folktale projects they completed in the previous week. They developed their critical thinking skills by identifying important ideas from the stories, expressing their opinions, and asking questions about parts they did not fully understand.

In addition, students practiced reading comprehension and answering questions, while also developing analytical thinking and teamwork skills through classroom quiz activities.



Scuba Diving Club

It really is fantastic to see our founding members of SBS Bangkok Scuba Diving club meet every Wednesday as they work their way through the SSI Open Water Qualification.



The students are excited as they look forward to their practical session in the pool after expedition week. This will then see them off on their travels to Koh Tao in the summer break to complete the Open Water component of the course!



Global Reef

I am excited to share that Piers from Global Reef is back in school next Friday - working with students in Years 4-8 ahead of their expedition week. Following on from his excellent workshops back in February he will focus on:

- How animals perform roles to help maintain coral reef health, and diversity
- How animals are adapted to survive living on coral reefs (camouflage, warning colours, weapons etc.)
- An introduction into some of the other work Global Reef are doing to help protect these key species/corals in Thailand

Piers will also be offering VR Sessions again:





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VR EXPERIENCE 2.0

Global Reef returns to SBS Bangkok for another immersive VR experience, inviting students from EY to Year 8 and parents to explore the ocean through virtual reality.



Friday, 29 May 2026
Time: 3:20 PM / 3:40 PM / 4:00 PM
EY to Year 8 (parents too!)

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Time to Reflect

Thai Language and Culture Reflection on Our Founding Year

To our wonderful students and parents of SBS Bangkok's founding year.

This year has been a very special and exciting journey as we started building Thai Language and Culture at SBS Bangkok. One of our main goals has been to help students improve their Thai language skills and feel more confident using Thai in everyday life.

As this is our founding year, our students came from many different schools and backgrounds. They all have different abilities, experiences, and interests in learning Thai. This made our mission both exciting and challenging. However, it has been wonderful to see every student grow, learn, and improve step by step throughout the year.



This year, students have practised all four important language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. They learned through fun and meaningful lessons using Project-Based Learning and Literature-Based Learning. These activities helped students improve their language skills, think creatively, and work well with others.

Technology has also been an important part of learning. Students used tools such as Canva, online dictionaries, presentations, and interactive games to make learning more enjoyable and engaging. They also learned through hands-on activities and real experiences. Students enjoyed cooking Thai food, creating posters, giving presentations, joining Thai traditional games, performing Thai dance, and taking part in special cultural celebrations such as Loy Krathong and Songkran.

We also wanted students to learn more than just the language. We hope they can understand and appreciate Thai culture, traditions, and values. Our goal is for students to use Thai correctly and confidently in modern life while also respecting and keeping Thai culture alive.

I am very proud of how much our students have improved this year. They have become more confident in speaking Thai, sharing ideas, and presenting their work in front of others. Their hard work, positive attitude, and willingness to try new things have made this year very memorable.

Next year, we look forward to helping our students grow even more and making Thai learning more fun, meaningful, and inspiring.

Thank you to our students for your effort and enthusiasm. Thank you to our parents for your support and encouragement. Together, we have built a strong start in our first year, and I am excited to see what we can achieve next year.

Khob Khun Kha.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Pichcha representing Region 1 at the 41st Thailand Youth Games in Surat Thani last weekend, achieving a spectacular success in Cheerleading, bringing home the highest honors in the Pom Doubles Category (Age 12-15).

Pichcha delivered an amazing performance, securing top placements for her category:

THE OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD (รางวัลนักกีฬาดีเด่น): Pichcha won the highest and most prestigious individual award of the year for her category. She was deeply honored to personally receive this trophy from the Governor of Surat Thani Province.

1st PLACE / GOLD MEDAL: She captured the Championship title, standing at the top of the podium for Region 1.





GREEN COBRAS BIRTHDAY in Photos





Upcoming Events

- Monday 25th May - INSET Day - School closed to students

Next Week

- Monday 25th May - INSET Day - School closed to students
- Friday 29th May - Global Reef Day 2 / VR Experience 2

Looking Ahead

- Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June - Y6-8 Expedition to Sam Roi Yot
- Wednesday 17th June - Winning House Surprise Reward Day
- Friday 19th June - Final day of Term - 12.00pm finish

Service Reminders



Don't forget about our ongoing Service Learning Drives!

Get your RING PULLS and LOOSE CHANGE in by the end of
Friday 12th June 2026

Closing Note

We are incredibly proud of the focus, character, and hard work our secondary students have demonstrated this week. As a reminder, school will be closed to students this coming Monday, May 25th, for our INSET Day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday as we dive straight into our final weeks, upcoming Service Learning Drives, and exciting end-of-term activities. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making our founding year so memorable.

Warm regards,
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Secondary Principal





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