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Middle & Senior School Academic Framework

The Middle and Senior School curriculum is going in for a major shift in terms of its curriculum, teaching & learning and assessment. This modification is executed keeping in mind the relevance of a programme that will enhance students' ownership in the learning process. Rather than making subjects as standalone qualification, the diversified curriculum will now have pathbreaking three dimensional design. The middle and high school will integrate the curriculum to the extent possible and emphasizes depth over breadth of coverage. The main objective of such an innovative approach is to show interdisciplinary connections so that students recognize that knowledge and learning are not isolated within a particular subject area.

- *Humanities courses are offered as interdisciplinary opportunities for students to see the connections between literature, language, history, social culture, the arts, etc. This discipline will be known as Language Arts.*
- *Themes or essential questions are used to drive the curriculum and thus encourage interdisciplinary thinking (e.g., is war inevitable in human society? An interdisciplinary unit focused on this question might ask students to read a war novel in English, analyze the causes of war in history, or sketch a warfront in the art class.*

The curriculum will expose students to a rich collection of perspectives, and experiences. It consists of more than just textbooks and draws upon a variety of original and supplementary sources. SNIS will inspire students to exercise critical judgment so that they understand the difference between fact and opinion and recognize how varied circumstances can produce contradictory explanations.

A detailed report on all these events are present in the following pages. You may also log into our website and our Facebook page for instant updates.

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Pick a Book...



The Book Week that was held from 23 April 2018 to 27 April was not a run of the mill affair; that's how, though, it is perceived ubiquitously. The end to this event was to inspire every student and every teacher to pick at least one book, if not every week, the best a fortnight, read, and re-read and then reflect.

From simple story telling sessions to book reviews, lecture talks by faculty to storytelling through dance, impromptu speaking to what's the good word, the week kept everybody vibrant with imagination.

The classrooms, the walls, the corridors all had a story to tell, an author to quote, a book to spell.. It was truly turning a new leaf...a new chapter...picking a new book...



ESL Camp...

SNIS has always been a great destination for students from Thailand, and other South East Asian countries. This year's summer camp commenced on the 2 April 2018 and concluded on 30 April 2018. The four week's thematic camp designed around the overarching principles of open mindedness and risk-taking, had equal measures of learning and entertainment. With more outbound learning, the entire ESL camp was orchestrated to ensure that students learned a lot of useful insights into the working of teams, and also had a meaningful exploration of selves and a deep understanding of their nature and changes they need to bring.

Visits to Radio Indigo, Clay station, Planetarium, Bangalore Palace, Wonderla, were extensions to the Knowledge beyond the classrooms.



Middle & High Fiesta

On 28 April 2018, our Middle and High School students organised a fund raising fiesta; probably the first of its kind. The learning was more valuable than the fun that embraced the day. With a noble cause in mind the entire Middle and High School fraternity joined hands to ensure that the fiesta meets its objective of collecting funds to support Karunasraya a Cancer hospice in Bangalore. From food stalls to game stalls, tattoo stations to lucky draw, the middle and high school block adorned the air of merriment, enlightenment, and encouragement.



Parent Teacher Conference

The post Mid Semester Exam 2 parent teacher conference was also held on Saturday, 28 April 2018. This reflective session at SNIS is not to inform parents of their wards shortcomings but to understand how a concord between the parents and teachers can yield a better learning experience for the students.



Upcoming Event

The Semester End Exam for the Middle & High school will commence from the last week of May. Grade 9 will have their exams starting 24 May 2018; grades 6-8 will have their exams starting 28 May 2018. The exam syllabus and the time table will reach you by end of this week.

Promotion Meeting combined with a Presentation for prospective IGCSE (grade 9) parents will be held on 9 June 2018.



Beyond borders...

Confining to the four walls of the classrooms is as intimidating as being caged for life. Learning has to be experiential, and convincing. One such interesting lesson happened for the entire Middle & High School Students on 24 April, when the Sun was at its zenith creating zero shadow moment, a phenomenon that happens twice a year; the next one being on 18 August 2018. This interactive session conducted by Ms Jayashree and Dr Kunal created true urge for learning through their simple lecture and demonstration.



Initiatives

Environmental Management and Art and Design will be now part of the electives for IGCSE students, starting August 2018. However, these courses will be offered considering the number of takers for them.

The Middle School is in for a major curriculum reformation from the next academic year. Language Arts- combining Humanities & Languages- Integrated Sciences and Global Perspective will now form the core and crux of the Middle School curriculum.

Final Touch

This is our earnest endeavor to update you with the events and activities of the Middle and Senior School. Ranging from academics to co-curricular, Inside provides you an album of student life; a kaleidoscope of episodes from the Middle and Senior school.

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"Learning is finding out what you already know. Doing is demonstrating that you know it. Teaching is reminding others that they know it just as well as you. You are all learners, doers, teachers" - Richard Bach

