



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
HO CHI MINH CITY

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL



Overseas Learning Guide

Secondary Campus

Dear Students and Parents,

A warm welcome to BIS HCMC. We are delighted to support your learning through our Virtual School and are looking forward to working in close partnership with you in the coming weeks.

At BIS HCMC we are committed to providing the highest quality educational experience for all our students, an educational experience that is tailored to their individual circumstances, that challenges and supports each to thrive. In the current context where you cannot be in Ho Chi Minh City, this commitment means us adapting our provision, whilst still retaining the holistic approach to ensure you are connected to our school community in the key areas of learning and wellbeing as well as Co-Curricular activities.

Since February 2020, when we first established our Virtual school provision for all students, we have moved fluidly between virtual and physical school, ensuring we maintain a structured and balanced, high quality educational experience.

This has been further refined based on feedback from teachers, students and parents and so as we commence our new academic year we are able to ensure that returning students who remain overseas and new students joining BIS, experience the quality education afforded to all members of our school community. We look forward to working closely with you in the coming weeks ahead of your arrival in Vietnam and BIS HCMC.

Warm regards,

Sean O'Neill
Headteacher, Secondary Campus

The BIS HCMC Approach

Our holistic Virtual School covers 4 main areas:

- Student Support
- Curriculum & Learning
- Learning Technology
- Co-Curricular/Enrichment



Curriculum



All Secondary students will follow their formal curriculum across the full range of subjects delivered by subject specialists.

- Lesson materials and activities will be accessible remotely via a range of platforms incorporating a blend of synchronous and asynchronous learning activities.
- Overseas students will receive full feedback, either via Video Conferencing or in written form on learning activities, receiving the support they need to make progress across the curriculum and so be able to join face-to-face learning seamlessly when able to arrive in Vietnam.
- Overseas students will participate in collaborative activities as well as more independent tasks.
- Subject teachers will be available to offer additional one-to-one support in any areas in which student require extra guidance.

Student Support



Pastoral Liaison

To support all our overseas students, we have a Pastoral Liaison Lead in place. Their role is to act as a specific support for each overseas student-ensuring their learning and wellbeing is supported.

This will include:

- Regular check ins with individual students
- Small Group video calls with overseas students to connect students with each other

They will also

- Act as a Point of contact for students and parents for any queries about any aspect of school life
- Access Individual Subject support for students as required

Individual Learning & Language Support:

All students who benefit from EAL or Learning Support will have additional bespoke support from an individual specialist.

Wellbeing Curriculum:

In order to develop the skills and awareness to be responsible for their own wellbeing and that of others we have developed our own BIS HCMC Wellbeing Curriculum. We know that the current situation presents many challenges and so we have developed a full range of wellbeing activities and resources for students to access whilst participating in Virtual School.

Counselling & Student Support Team:

All new students to BIS receive transition support from our Counselling and Student Support Team. This is either on a one-to-one or small group basis and is there to ensure students are feeling positive about their transition into BIS life. Our team will ensure students who remain overseas also benefit from this provision.

Peer Support:

To increase connection to school life and help form relationships each new student will also have a “buddy”. The role of the buddy is to facilitate a smooth transition to BIS life, and give new overseas students a student perspective on all aspect of life as a BIS student.

Learning Technology



Learning at BIS operates in a technology rich environment, which enables us to move fluidly between approaches to learning. This makes for a dynamic learning experience but can be daunting for new students

To enable all new students to access this confidently from Day 1:

- Our Learning Technologies Team will lead a Tech Induction for all new students to all the technologies used at BIS.
- Students and parents will be able to contact our Learning Technologies Team for any further support.
- Students will also have ongoing support from our Student “Techsperts”

BIS Virtual Library

8 MUST READS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN 2020



BIS Secondary Library has a range of carefully curated digital resources and eBooks for all of our students reading interests and learning needs. Click on the buttons above to access.

Need help finding an eBook or resource?

Email Ms Curley, BIS Secondary Teacher Librarian: anita.curley@bisvietnam.com

Co-Curricular



A key part of the BIS experience is participating in our Co-Curricular Programme. We connect overseas students with each other, students in Ho Chi Minh City and the wider Nord Anglia family through enrichment opportunities in the areas of Creativity, Activity and Service.

Activities such as Model United Nations, Global Campus including MIT, Julliard and UNICEF challenges will be available for our overseas students to access wherever they are in the world.



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Be Involved

A Virtual School Week at BIS HCMC Secondary Campus

Synchronous Learning

Sharing Content
Providing Explanations
Consolidating Understanding

Asynchronous Learning

Independent Tasks
Student-to-student Collaboration

Connections

Learning Dialogue - Audio/ Video
1-to1 Check-ins
Small Group Check-ins
Formative Feedback
Co-curricular Involvement

Wellbeing

1-to-1 Contact
Small Group Social Contact
Wellbeing Menu of Activities
Co-curricular Involvement



What do we expect from our students?



- Always try your best
- Ask for help if needed
- Participate in the opportunities available
- Communicate with other students and your teachers- **share your learning experience**

Stay Connected

What do we expect from our parents?



Work in partnership to **create the conditions** for your child's learning by:

- Ensuring they have the tools necessary to access our Virtual School, including a good space to learn
- Ensuring they maintain healthy, balanced lifestyle of sleep, diet and exercise
- Keeping in regular contact with us, making sure we are informed if your child is unable to access learning
- Communicating with us anything that could help us support your child's learning

Work in Partnership



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