



## Finnway Sports Day 2026 – Learning Through Movement, Participation, and Community



At Finnway, Sports Day is much more than a day of games and races. It is a shared learning experience where movement, participation, and community come together in ways that support the development of the whole child.

From Pre-K to Grade 6, students took part in races, station games, house activities, and friendly matches that encouraged them to challenge themselves, cooperate with others, and enjoy being active together. While house spirit and friendly competition added excitement to the day, the most important goal remained the same for everyone: to participate, try their best, and experience success as part of a group.

This reflects an important part of Finnish-inspired education, where physical activity is closely connected to learning, well-being, and social development. Through events like Sports Day, children practise perseverance, confidence, communication, and teamwork in authentic situations where learning happens naturally through doing.

Throughout the day, students showed many important qualities that we value in everyday school life — encouraging one another, waiting their turn, adapting to challenges, and celebrating both individual effort and shared success.

An especially meaningful part of the day was seeing the whole school community together. Students, families, teachers, support staff, and leadership all contributed to creating an atmosphere where joy, encouragement, and belonging were strongly present.

Events like this help strengthen not only physical confidence, but also the sense of being part of something bigger — a school community where everyone's participation matters.

At Finnway, we believe that some of the most valuable learning happens in moments where children move, connect, and grow together.



**-T. Anniina**  
Kindergarten & Events Coordinator





As we move further into the term, I would like to thank our parents for their support during our recent sports event. It was a wonderful day for our school community, and it was great to see so many families cheering on the students and helping to make the event such a success.

We are also looking forward to one of our annual highlights at Finnway, **Book Week**. This is always a special time in our school community as we celebrate reading, creativity, and storytelling together. We look forward to sharing more details with families soon and seeing our students enjoy the many activities planned for the week.

I would also like to remind families that, as part of our planning for the next academic year, we are preparing to expand our Lower Secondary section with the **opening of Year 8**.

To provide more information and answer any questions, we will be holding a **Parent Information Session on Thursday, 26 March, from 2:00–3:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room**. This session is open to all Finnway families.

During the session, we will share an overview of the proposed subject structure, our approach to teaching and learning, and how Lower Secondary will remain aligned with our Finnish educational philosophy while incorporating the Cambridge framework.

We look forward to welcoming families who would like to learn more.

**Warm regards,  
Daniel Poulter  
Principal**



# Announcement



## **FINNWAY SECONDARY LEVEL OPENING IN AY 2026/ 2027**

**Finnway International School Phuket** is proud to announce the opening of its Secondary School programme in Academic Year 2026/2027, beginning with Year 8 or Grade 7.

Our Secondary programme is thoughtfully designed and academically rigorous, integrating the \*Cambridge Secondary curriculum with a Finnish-inspired educational approach in a distinctive way. This integration provides strong academic foundations while nurturing critical thinking, learner independence, and lifelong learning skills.

As Finnway continues to grow, our Secondary provision will expand year by year, providing students with a clear, coherent, and robust learning pathway through the secondary years and beyond.

### **Finnway Signature Learning**

Inquiry | Project-Based Learning | Real-world Skill Development

### **Three clear assurances for families**

- Deep learning with strong academic foundations
- Personalised support with wellbeing at the centre
- A globally recognised pathway grounded in human values



(\*Finnway International School Phuket is currently undergoing the application process for Cambridge accreditation for lower secondary.)

### **Learning in Year 8 (Grade 7)**

A balanced, future-ready curriculum that keeps strong academics and supports the whole child:

- **Core & Global Learning**
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Global Perspectives
- **Humanities & Languages**
  - Humanities
  - Thai Language
  - Modern Foreign Language (e.g., Chinese)
- **Creative, Digital & Practical Learning**
  - Art & Design
  - Computing
  - Digital Literacy
  - Music
- **Wellbeing & Development**
  - Physical Education
  - Wellbeing (pastoral / PSE)



### **Assessment & Progress**

Students' progress will be monitored through teacher assessment and \*Cambridge-aligned benchmarks. \*Cambridge Progression Tests (English/Mathematics/Science) and \*Cambridge Checkpoint at the end of Stage 9 may be used for international benchmarking as the programme expands.

### **Clear pathways for the future**

Clear academic pathways through \*Cambridge, leading to \*Cambridge IGCSE and as students' progress. \*Cambridge International AS & A Levels, supporting international university entry.

### **MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

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# Upcoming...

**MARCH**  
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**DRESS UP DAY  
PARADE**

**APRIL**  
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**STUDENT LED  
CONFERENCE**

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