



24 March 2014

RE: BISS PUXI SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Enrolment is now open for this year's Summer School at the British International School Shanghai Puxi. We look forward to welcoming new and returning families to what will be an academically rigorous and enjoyable summer programme featuring:

For School Students aged 3-6

- **English language programme.** Children will learn English based on the theme of **Explorers**.
 - **Week 1** - the children will learn English in the context of travel and transport as they explore their surroundings.
 - **Week 2** - will be about where the explorers go around the world, how they get there, directions, distances and numbers.
 - **Week 3** - will learn about the actual discovery of all kinds of exciting things including dinosaur eggs and treasure.
- **Mandarin language for non-native learners**
 - Survival Mandarin with similar themes as the English programme but also lots of topic based language regarding weather, clothing, shopping etc.

For school students aged 7-18

- **Cambridge Young Learner exams** for 7-12 year old children. These are Cambridge's Starters, Movers and Flyers exams. By taking one of these external exams students can get on the ladder to improve their English skills of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening and get an official Common European Framework [CEF] level and a certificate from Cambridge University proving and validating their level. The Young Learner exams that students will sit will take place in the last week of the course.
- **English for Academic Purposes [EAP]** is becoming more important for secondary students whose English still needs to improve in a way that will lead to academic success. Students will learn to write at a more formal level and learn how to imply and infer from both spoken and listening texts among other important skills necessary for success in school and university.
- **General English skills improvement** programme. Students will learn more grammar and vocabulary, and have more practice in the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking using for example fun role plays to practise.
- **IELTS preparation and practice.** Students will become familiar with this important university entrance exam which is taken by more than 3 million students in China every year. Students aged 15-18 will get tips and hints from

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experienced IELTS teachers and there will be a chance to take a full mock exam and receive valuable feedback in readiness for taking the real exam before entering university.

- **Mandarin Language training for non-native Mandarin learners.** Depending on their level students will be engaged in stimulating topic based learning covering a range of subjects to include role plays and different practising techniques.

The British School is an authorised centre for Cambridge University's lower suite of English Language exams. Course materials will be taken from the Cambridge English Language Assessment syllabus and a range of modern course books for all ages.

Afternoon activities provide an opportunity for children to socialise and develop confidence and practise their English in a wide range of activities, for example, sports, arts and crafts, and film making. There will also be a couple of offsite trips with an educational theme that will also be fun and interesting.

Our Summer School will be staffed by an experienced team of British International School teachers, Mandarin teachers and Learning Assistants, as well as a swimming coach.

If you would like your son or daughter to attend our summer school, please collect an application form from either the primary or secondary reception and to avoid disappointment return it to primary or secondary reception by Friday 13 June. If you sign up and pay fees prior to 16 May 2014, the registration fee of 500 RMB will be waived.

Fees include lunches but not bus fees which if required are 72 RMB per day.

English Courses

An intensive 10 or 15 day English language course with mornings devoted to English language study and afternoons to art, music, sport and drama.

30 June to 18 July, Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

6,850 RMB / 10,050 RMB (10/15 day course).

Chinese Language and Culture

A practical and hands-on Chinese language and culture programme for students aged 5-18.

30 June to 18 July, Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

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4,500 RMB / 6,500 RMB (10/15 day course)

Courses will run subject to student numbers

Please email me at j-carson@bisspuxi.com if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

James Carson
Summer School Coordinator