



THE BRITISH SCHOOL
OF BEIJING, Shunyi



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Dear Parents and Friends of BSB

As I write this letter on the last day of my first term at BSB, I am quite overwhelmed as I look back on what a term it has been. Beginning personally, my family and I could not have been welcomed more warmly into the BSB family. I use that term a lot and, the more I reflect on the term, the more I realise that it is exactly what our school is – a fantastic family. We don't always agree on everything but we all believe in the same thing – creating the best possible educational experience for your amazing children – and that holds us together, keeps us on track, and moves us to the next stage of achievement.

As you know, one of my prime aims this year has been to establish BSB as a school that is rightly recognised for its very high academic standards. I have just seen the latest progress data for our students, and we are on track for some stunning examination results this summer. I am particularly pleased with the attitude of Year 11 and Year 13 students as they enter the mock examination period ; their focus on study is quite remarkable and we will sustain that in the coming months. I believe we will shortly have an academic track record of which every member of our community can rightly be proud.

At the same time, the life of BSB continues to be full and very rewarding. As I sat last night in the Key Stage 1 production, I was struck by the quality and enthusiasm of our teachers, by the commitment of our children to do their very best, and by the sense of warmth and fun that was across the whole event. And I have loved the fact that this pervades across the whole school from age 1-18; most of you have heard me say that what BSB is about now is 'creating great learning', and that this great learning is in every aspect of our daily existence, including our academic and non-academic activities, but also in learning the life skills of human behaviour and respect. I see this as I observe lessons, as I watch the choir, the band or one of our many sports teams, and simply as I walk around the school each day. We don't have everything right yet; we never will; but I am proud of what our school has achieved so far and excited by our quest for continuous improvement in 2014.

So, in finishing, may I thank every one of you for your support. We would not achieve anything without that support, and we never take it for granted. I hope you have an excellent break from school, one that is relaxing and enjoyable in every respect, and I wish you all the very best for the New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again in January.

With very best wishes

Andy Puttock
Principal

