



# First Choice for Families

## ▶ *How old is the school?*

Our Pudong school opened in 2002 as the first British school in China, part of Nord Anglia Education. We are an established premium leader in education, and we now have 46 schools around the globe, dedicated to helping every child thrive.

## ▶ *How do you ensure each child achieves their potential?*

Our highly qualified and experienced teachers enable all our students to thrive. This is achieved through our Ambitions Based Learning approach, which is centred on a combination of guided learning, challenges and collaborative study in and outside the classroom. Our teachers work together across the Nord Anglia Education family to develop innovative and exciting new ways of teaching our students to become ambitious learners. Your child will have additional, extended and blended opportunities to learn through our Global Campus and CCA programme.

## ▶ *Do you have qualified teaching staff?*

We hire only highly qualified, motivated and continuously trained staff, who are able to develop young minds and help ensure our students become skilled and creative thinkers. All our teachers model life-long learning themselves and engage in continuous professional development. Our collaboration with King's College London ensures they have access to unique opportunities such as a bespoke Masters programme in International Educational Leadership.

## ▶ *How do you ensure good behaviour and manners at the school?*

We have a school culture that demonstrates respect for others and good manners, whilst promoting self-expression and self-esteem. We accomplish this through the teaching of BSG (Behaviour and Social Graces). Throughout the primary and secondary school, we actively reward our students for demonstrating respect for others, courteous behaviour and teach these values through assemblies and in lessons. All our students earn house points as rewards. At lunch time, teachers sit with the students ensuring good table manners.

## ▶ *How do you communicate with parents?*

Our website is the first port of call for all school specific news, notices, galleries and events. The schools social media pages showcase achievements and events. In addition Wechat is a fabulous communication tool here in Shanghai which our families utilise for school news. In primary school, a weekly year group letter informs parents of the focus in each subject and activities for that week. Additionally an online portal called Class Dojo allows you daily access to messages from the teachers working with your child and photographs allowing you to feel involved and informed about daily school life. Both Primary and Secondary parents will also receive daily emails with information about what your child learnt during each lesson. We also have regular parent meetings known as Academic Review Evenings throughout the year. At the start of each term comprehensive curriculum information comes home and you will receive four reports each year including a settling in report and one at the end of each term.

## ▶ *What is your foreign languages programme?*

As an international school we recognise and value the benefits of multilingualism and multiculturalism. Moreover, research has demonstrated the vital role that a strong foundation in the native language plays both in learning another language as well as in learning new skills and concepts through that language. At NAIS Pudong we offer French, Spanish or German as a second language option. All students learn Mandarin from EYFS upwards. We have both native and non-native sets. The number of non-native speakers who progress into native sets demonstrates the success of our Mandarin programme. NAIS Pudong is also authorised as an HSK Mandarin Proficiency Test Centre. Many of our parents also choose to study languages in our adult CCA classes, with parents sitting professional qualifications in both English and Mandarin. We also have links with the Dutch School run by LanguageOne who run lessons after school every week and we offer native German classes.



▶ *How well do students at NAIS Pudong do in their exams?*

- One in three of NAIS Pudong Students achieve a place in the world's top 100 Universities
- Last year over 1 in 4 of our students achieved over 40 points at IB Diploma, that's more than 4 times the global average of 5%
- In 2017 95% achieved A\* to C at IGCSE level and a fantastic 63% received A\* to A grades.

▶ *Which universities do NAIS Pudong students apply to?*

Our students attain places in the world's leading universities, on courses that suit them best. Offers span from Ivy League establishments such as Princeton and Berkley to Imperial College London, Durham University, and St Andrews in Scotland to Toronto and NYC. Our dedicated team have a proven track record for guiding your child through this process. University and career guidance will be provided by our teaching staff starting in Year 9. We also run an Oxbridge prep programme and as a registered SAT we centre support SATS prep programmes for US applications.

▶ *How do you encourage your students to connect with other students in your sister schools?*

The Global Campus is unique to Nord Anglia Education schools. It provides a way for your child to connect with their fellow students and selected experts around the world. It inspires innovation, collaboration and leadership by nurturing and enriching critical, creative and analytical thinking. Alongside online opportunities students come face to face through our Tanzania expedition, and at our annual attendance at the Cambridge Science fair as part of our MIT collaboration. Summer programmes from Julliard arts programmes to Alpine trekking expeditions provide yet further opportunities to connect NAE students .

▶ *Do you have Teaching Assistants (TAs)?*

We have teaching assistants in both the Early Years and Key Stages 1 and 2. Specialist TAs support learning in other lessons, such as art, music, science and PE.

▶ *Do you have any gifted and talented programs?*

There are many superb enrichment programmes for gifted students. Academically strong students are challenged in differentiated groups. In secondary school, we offer a fast track IGCSE programme for a number of our students.

▶ *Do you have an active Parents' Association?*

We welcome engagement from our parents. Our parent community is hugely active, with our Parents Community Association responsible for organising student and community events including BBQ evenings, regular coffee mornings, family outings and the summer festival! Our parent run coffee shop 'Chatterbox' provides a welcoming place for parents to meet up. We encourage each class to have a 'Class Rep', who is responsible for organising coffee mornings and communication within the class.

▶ *It would be great if my child could join a club after school. What do you offer?*

We offer a range of co-curricular activities which run directly after school. This ensures our students are well rounded and active. Our clubs offer a variety of opportunities covering academic subjects and the arts, plus many sports teams, and include art, Lego , dance, cooking, debating and coding to name a few. Many CCA's benefit from our collaborations with world leading institutions for example our STEAM CCA builds on our MIT collaboration encouraging our students to be creative and innovative. Our orchestra and choirs build upon our work with The Juilliard School who have developed our performing arts curriculum.



▶ *How will NAIS Pudong ensure my child settles in quickly?*

Our transition programme allows students and their families to have a smooth start at our school. We provide lots of information about the class and school prior to your arrival and are ready for you from day one. Your child is placed in the ability group and class that will offer them the support and challenges they need. To help students feel secure in class they have a 'buddy' to look out for them in the early days.

▶ *Do you have a pastoral care system?*

There is a superb pastoral care system in our school. In the primary school, the class teacher assumes this role, leading assemblies and circle time, being on hand for all students and watchful of the class social development. In secondary school, each student has a form tutor who is also responsible for delivering the Guidance and PHSE programme. One of our secondary leaders is also responsible for pastoral care with a school wide focus. Additionally, our advisors will provide support for careers and university entrance.

▶ *What age groups do you have?*

Our youngest children are 12 months old, going up to 18 years old (Year 13). We start our Early Year's programme in pre- Nursery and offer a full secondary education including IGCSE and IB Diploma.

▶ *How do you encourage future leaders?*

The leadership programmes in the Primary School include House Captains and Student Council; giving students as young as 6 years old a voice and responsibility for their school. In Secondary School, the Student Council, and Leaders for Sports, House, Arts and Culture, Internationalism and Charities committees provide some of the opportunities our students have to develop their leadership skills. Additionally all students from Year 10 have the opportunity to engage in the International Award, providing yet further leadership opportunities.

▶ *It is important my child feels safe and cared for. I want my child to be a risk-taker but in a secure environment. How do you facilitate this?*

Our school provides an intimate school experience with small class sizes - students and staff know each other well. Students are encouraged to participate in all school events and a true sense of belonging is engendered. Bullying is very rare and dealt with immediately in our school as we are watchful and take action swiftly and discretely should problems arise.

▶ *My child needs to improve their confidence, how can you help?*

Our students participate in year group or whole school assemblies. Each week a class presents a topic based performance. This opportunity allows our less confident students to participate and improve among peers and our more confident students a platform to excel. We have whole school musical events each term, as well as other special concerts and shows in which all students participate and parents are invited to watch. As part of our curriculum exit points in Primary School, parents are invited into school where students showcase their learning on a particular topic.

▶ *Why might my child take an entry assessment?*

Our entry assessments ensure your child goes into the right class and correct ability group. These assessments help us to spot talents that we give special attention to once the student joins our school. We will also ask your child's current school for a recommendation letter.

▶ *What are the class sizes?*

In PreNursery and Nursery we use a ratio of 1:3, 1:4 or 1:8 depending on child's age. From Reception up to Secondary it is 22. Each class in the Primary school and Secondary school has a native English speaking qualified teacher.





► *My child loves sports - will he/she be able to pursue them at NAIIS Pudong?*

Our sporting programme is second to none, with opportunities to join teams throughout the school. Our school aims to provide a high standard of coaching and competition for the best players while enabling the less advanced to find something they can enjoy and develop. Students are able to play sports every day if they wish and for the enthusiasts there are outstanding opportunities to join a variety of teams and excel. Our teams are known as the Pudong Tigers, a real sense of pride and school spirit and a lengthy history of excelling in sport is associated with this area of school life.

► *When do the students go on residential trips?*

From Year 4 upwards all students participate in residential trips across China. International trips are offered to destinations worldwide including our sister schools from Year 7. All year groups have a comprehensive programme of day trips to ensure learning is complimented through plays, exhibitions and festivals. Sports teams from Year 4 upwards travel to compete in FOBISIA and ACAMIS competitions.

► *My child loves music. Can my child learn an instrument at NAIIS Pudong?*

All students from age 3 have weekly class music lessons, where our specialist music teachers deliver our curriculum developed with The Juilliard School in New York. This collaboration with Juilliard also offers continued support from, and engagement with not only specialists, but also Juilliard alumni and affiliated artists. Every student over 5 years old has the opportunity to learn an instrument through private tuition with our exceptionally talented independent music team

► *Being a school for students from 1 to 18 years old, what opportunities are there for joint activities?*

There are many opportunities to work with students of other ages and across the school community. Senior students complete community work in the Primary School by reading with students and taking part in joint projects and themed events such as The Big Draw, STEAM days and Shakespeare week. Once a student reaches Year 6, we provide a comprehensive programme of transition opportunities as they approach secondary school.

► *Do you teach a broad curriculum?*

Our broad and balanced curriculum will develop students' skills and knowledge across many subject areas in primary school. In secondary, a range of over eighteen courses are available with IGCSE progressing onto the IB Diploma. The curriculum is enriched with language, music, arts, drama, design technology and sports programmes.

► *How do you differentiate or group the students?*

All of our teachers are experienced at differentiating within the classroom to allow children to develop and excel. English and Mandarin teaching is differentiated from Year 1 onwards and students in Primary School are taught in ability groups for Maths from Year 3. In the secondary school, students are arranged into ability groups for Mathematics, English, Science and languages.

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