



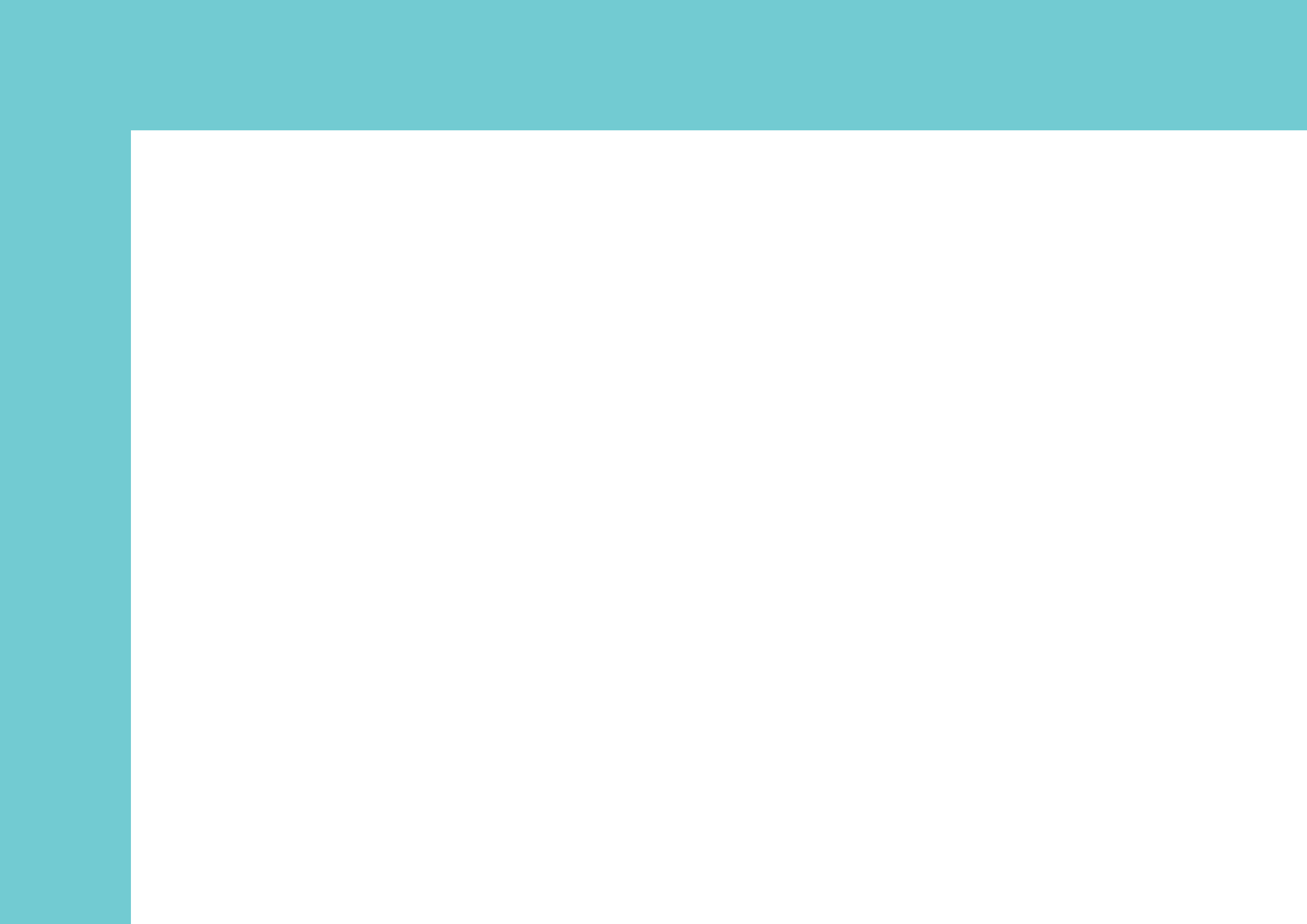
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Puxi, Shanghai



OUR PROSPECTUS





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Welcome to the British International School Shanghai, Puxi. We are proud of our students and our school, and we hope that this prospectus will give you a first glimpse of why we feel this way. Our passion is education: preparing young people to embrace the challenges ahead of them and to prepare them for life in the global society in which their futures lie. This guide can only give you a flavour of who we are and what we do, and we will be delighted to help you find out more.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors, and to talk with you by phone or e-mail. You'll see that partnership with parents is at the heart of our educational philosophy, and you can find contact details for us at the back of this book.

I look forward to welcoming you in person, parents and children, when the opportunity arises.

With best wishes



Kevin Foyle, Principal







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OUR CURRICULUM



We follow the English National Curriculum, used by over 30 000 schools in the UK and overseas. This brings reassurance to parents and stability to students, important when moving between countries. We all benefit from its rigorous training for teachers, its reliable assessment system and its rich supply of books and other resources. We start in the Primary School with Early Years, progressing through Key Stages 1 and 2, following a well planned and tested programme of study in a range of subjects. Class teachers are familiar with British education and with our international environment.

In the Secondary School, specialist teaching programmes in Key Stages 3 and 4 develop deeper understanding across the arts, humanities, languages and sciences. Aged 16, students sit examinations in up to ten subjects, earning IGCSE qualifications that are recognised worldwide. For their last two years, our students study for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, valued by universities and colleges around the world as ideal preparation for future study. The Diploma's international focus makes it ideal for our students, whose experiences and skills mark them out as today's global citizens and tomorrow's global leaders.





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OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL



From the first day in school in Early Years to the end of Key Stage 2, students learn through experience. Access to specialist facilities lets children experience a broad and balanced curriculum at all ages. Starting with the Early Years Foundation Stage, we create an environment where everyone feels secure and valued. Skilled teachers challenge children to think creatively and make connections in their learning. These connections are developed in Key Stage 1, where children start to become more aware of different subjects, recognising the common strands that define areas of study.

In Key Stage 2, teaching and learning become increasingly based on skills, with investigative work a key part of each day's activities. Literacy and numeracy also remain very important. Innovative use of the latest classroom technology helps teachers to make sure that all students enjoy learning, while new resources from the UK ensure that they make progress and achieve highly. We build confidence in all our students, preparing them to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives. Our students will make a strong and positive contribution to society, and our curriculum gives them the skills and knowledge they will need.





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OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL



The certainties of children give way to the questions and doubts of young adults, as our students grow and thrive in an atmosphere of independent learning and guided study. A blend of practical experience and experimentation, books, discussions, lectures and new technology allows students to learn at a rapid pace. Careful assessment, linked to UK standards, allows us to be sure that everyone is reaching their potential. Regular reports to parents provide reassurance and maintain the link between home and school, and we encourage students to reflect on their own work and to believe in themselves.

All subjects are taught by specialist teachers, making use of an extensive range of facilities. Science laboratories, computer rooms, a film and media suite, a theatre, a gym and rooms for music, music technology and dance all ensure that our students learn through experience. Technology complements learning, with every classroom equipped with projectors and interactive whiteboards to help teachers bring learning to life. We take pride in our students' achievements, and teachers are committed to helping each individual succeed. This is at the heart of our community.





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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Education is about much more than lessons and qualifications, important though they are. We offer our students experiences designed to be fun, challenging, inspiring, and motivating. First steps on the stage in the chorus of a year 3 play to the lead role in a whole school performance: these are the journeys that students make as they develop and grow with us. We see passion and pride in our students as they represent the school in a football tournament in Hong Kong or Beijing. We applaud their triumphs as members of dance groups, orchestras, bands and choirs, or as they experience the thrill of solo performances.

We offer the challenging International Award, combining service to others with expedition and adventure. Shared experiences lead to lifelong friendship, and memories that will endure long after tired bodies have rested. To extend their curriculum, primary students cruise the Yangtze River, and secondary students spend time in southern China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Cambodia. Living and working with others brings out the best in everyone and, through service projects in Shanghai and further afield, our students see how life looks through other people's eyes: education that can't come from books and lectures.





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PREPARATION FOR LIFE



Our work experience placement scheme allows students to gain first-hand insight into future careers, and our curriculum extends understanding of life after school. Our dedicated IB study centre allows senior students to develop the independent learning habits they'll need, and our students leave us well prepared to study at universities in the UK and around the world. Experienced staff help with all aspects of the application process, and are familiar with admissions processes around the world. As a registered SAT centre, we are well placed to help with US applications.

We support children's social and emotional development throughout their time at school with a comprehensive personal, social and health education programme, led sensitively and carefully by experienced staff and visiting speakers. Our House system is a focus for teamwork and friendly competition, with students' achievements contributing to their House's success. Our Model United Nations programme allows students to debate, adopting and defending positions on many contemporary issues. Students learn about democracy and representation in the School Council, and we find opportunities for leadership for students of all ages.





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OUR FUTURE



We are part of Nord Anglia Education, a leader in the provision of high quality, innovative international education. As part of an international family of 12 schools and over 6000 students, we draw on expertise from educationalists in the UK and across the world. We are in the heart of the new Hongqiao Hub in western Shanghai, surrounded by some of the best residential complexes in the city and with easy access by metro and new roads to Puxi and downtown Shanghai. We are a community of 1000 students and staff, and we are growing as the government invests heavily in this part of Shanghai.

In August 2011, our secondary school moves into a brand new, purpose built campus, next to our primary school. With tennis courts, swimming pools, an astroturf pitch, gymnasiums, three theatres, art and design spaces and many more specialist areas, our students will have access to top quality facilities and a modern, stimulating educational environment. Many of our students are able to walk to school from nearby compounds, and we are proud of the sense of community that we are continuing to build, supporting parents and children who live and work in our vibrant and exciting city.





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CONTACT US

We pride ourselves on being accessible. We believe in what we do and we like talking about it. You can contact us in a number of ways: in person, or by phone, fax or e-mail. Our reception staff speak both English and Chinese, but if you want to speak with us in another language, let us know in advance and we can arrange that too. We've listed some of the more useful contact details below, and you can find more on our website.

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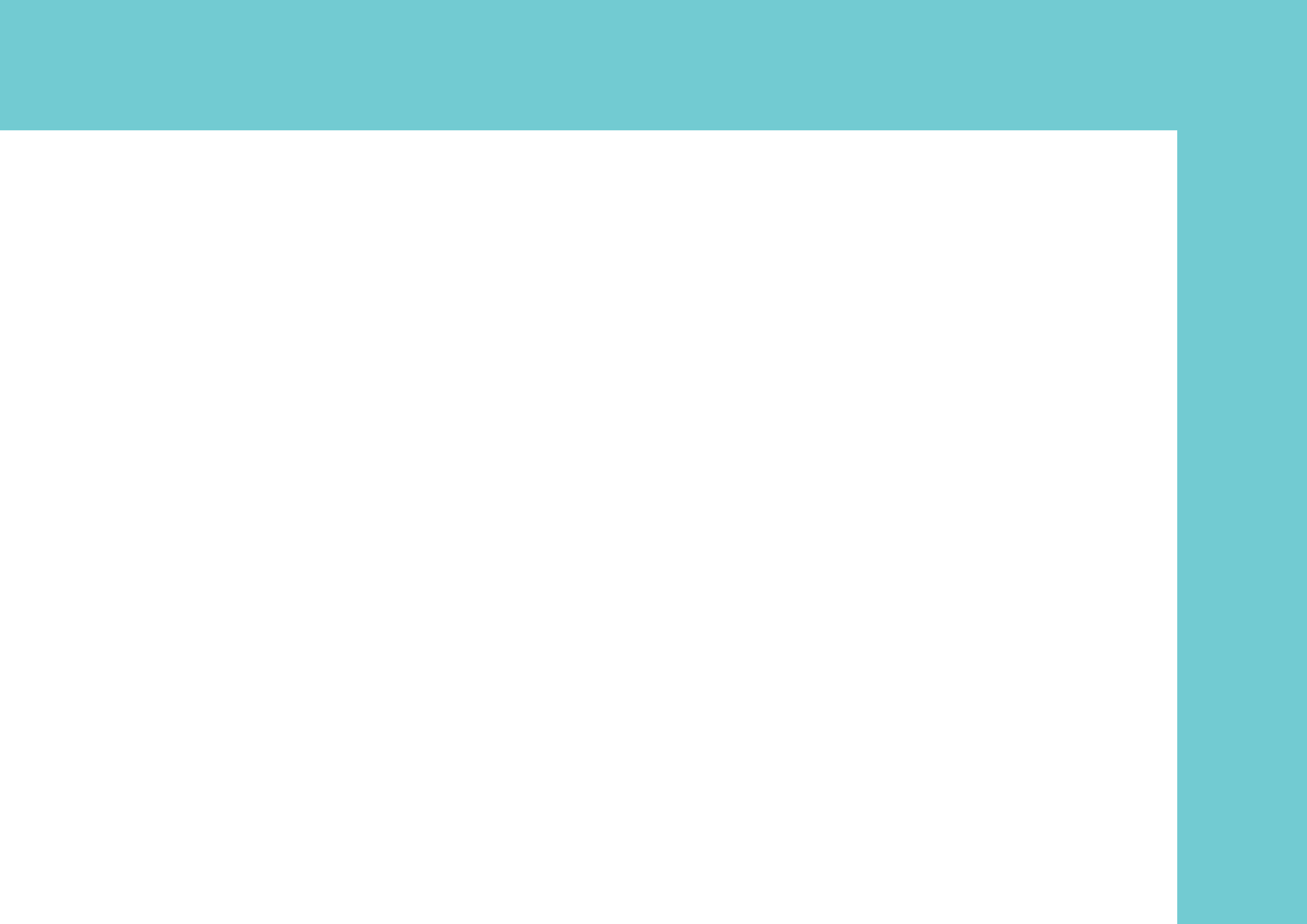
We hope this prospectus has given you a flavour of our community. We look forward to meeting new parents and students, and talking with you about your plans. Whether you are an experienced international traveller, or whether this is all new to you, you will find friends to help you settle in. Over the years, we've learned a lot about moving to Shanghai, and we're happy to help in any way we can.

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