



# Secondary Spotlight

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## UN Day

The Secondary Students were delighted to be part of today's UN Day activities. The students began the day by leading the DCIS UN Day parade. Our Head Boy and Head Girl opened the event by leading students down and waving the UN Day flags proudly. Many of our other Secondary students then did an amazing job of guiding the Primary classes down to their starting positions.

The students then proudly showcased their tents; each Form Group had responsibility for one of the UN Global Goals as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Students had planned some amazing activities, designed informative posters and had even created videos or sound files to support their displays.

The students were then involved in two workshops with their Form Groups, where they took part in a UN Day quiz and created some Climate Change superheroes.

The students then gathered in the canteen for a Community Lunch; students brought in a range of food and drink items traditional to their home country. UN Day completes our Diversity Week which has provided our students with a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our cultural diversity.

## Student Wellbeing

Regular exercise should form a part of all our student's life outside of school - walking to the games console and back does not count! Fresh air and regular exercise all contribute to the physical and emotional wellbeing of our students.

## Sports Report

This week, we were delighted to launch the U12 Boys Rugby 2nd team. The team joined the 1st team in a round of matches against Dulwich, AIS and GWA.

## Our subject in the Spotlight this week is... MANDARIN


**Year 7:** Students in Year 7 Mandarin have been preparing for the Youth Chinese Test and are now moving on to work on the new topic of 'Employment', 'Everyday Life' and 'Travel and Transport' this half term. Students will continue to work on key vocabulary and sentences structure and they are required to complete the class bingo tasks to achieve the relevant learning outcomes. Some students will be also doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November.

**Year 8:** After practising the relevant content from Youth Chinese Test, students in Year 8 are going to work on the new topic of 'Hobbies' this half term. Students will continue to work on key vocabulary and sentences structure and they are required to complete the class bingo tasks to achieve the relevant learning outcomes. Some students will be also doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November.

**Year 9:** Students in Year 9 Mandarin have also been preparing for the Youth Chinese Test and are now working on the new topic of 'Health and Fitness' this half term. Students will continue to work on key vocabulary and sentences structure and they are required to complete the class bingo tasks to achieve the relevant learning outcomes. Some students will be also doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November.

**Year 10:** Students in Year 10 have recently completed the topic of 'Family' and are now moving on to studying a new unit about 'School' this half term. Students will continue to work on the target vocabulary and sentences structure from IChinese exam syllabus. Some students will be also doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November. They are encouraged to focus on exam technique and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.





**Year 11:** In Year 11, we are continuing to work on the IGCSE Edexcel Mandarin past papers for the Reading, Writing and Listening sections. Students will be doing the Youth Chinese Test Level 3 or 4 in the second week of November. Students are encouraged to focus on the target vocabulary and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.

**Update from IB Coordinator**

The IB students had a presentation by the Singapore Institute of Management on Tuesday, giving them an insight into the pathways available to them for university here in Singapore. They have also spent time this week preparing the Water Aid tent for UN day in order to raise awareness and funds for the charity.