



Year 9 Newsletter - 27 November 2015



A message from the Year Leader

It's a bumper sporting addition this week! Some of our Year 9 students have been very busy swimming, running, playing basketball and playing football for the school. A couple of weeks ago, our FOBISIA sports team travelled to Dulwich College Beijing to take part in the annual U15 FOBISIA games. 7 Yr 9 students were selected to accompany the Yr 10s as part of the team and they certainly earned their place, by winning a host of medals on the track, in the field, in the pool and on the football pitch. The Yr 9 girls were victorious in Athletics picking up a number of medals including Gold for Clarissa La Scola in High Jump and Gold for Victoria Deschamps in 400m sprint. Riccardo Perone and Thomas Wallace picked up medals for the boys team in the swimming event. The attitude and determination as well as the team spirit of all the athletes must be commended. They really showed the coaches how to Be Ambitious, to aim high and to be the best they could be. The coaches and PE staff were delighted with their performances in the tournament. Well done to everyone involved.

CISSA Football Cross River Tournament

C1 Girls

Pollution was green and the morning was set to be a good one here at NAIS Pudong, with 13 teams from around Shanghai set and ready to play in the annual C1 Girls Cross River Tournament. Despite the cold and the rain, it was a fantastic day of sport and spirits remained high. All of the girls played their socks off and with only eight players (that's one sub) all got to play a lot of football during the day. Some outstanding performances by Clarissa La Scola, Lovissa Lindquist and Josie Lonsdale aided in the team's success. Credit needs to go to all players however for never giving up in the games.

C1 Boys

The C1 Boys Team travelled to Dulwich on Saturday to play in the CRE tournament. Weather was cold and miserable but the boys went into it with confidence, having been undefeated all season. The tournament proved to be a lot tougher than anticipated and the boys came up against some stern teams and big players—eventually taking two draws, one loss and a win. All players displayed excellent sportsmanship and were a pleasure to coach. They showed dedication, spirit and teamwork all season. At times their football was scintillating and tore teams apart. The boys all have a bright future in the game.





Upcoming Events & Dates

Sunday 29 November – Christmas Bazaar

Friday 4 December – CCAs finish for Term 1

Friday 11 December – Term 1 ends

Wednesday 6th January – Term 2 starts

Through the Classroom Keyhole

Here is some of what is going on...

Design Technology

Students have now started to construct their hats, learning about seams and neatening techniques. There are clearly some excellent results being produced and I look forward to seeing the final results in the up and coming weeks. See opposite examples of workmanship from Andrew Kraus.

Modern Foreign Languages

Congratulations to Zerah Ace Bilgin who has been chosen as Miss Rodriguez' student of the month in Spanish. In addition, Mr Tsui is very proud of Lea who - as a total beginner in Spanish - prepared very well for a recent speaking test and gave an impressive performance.

Mathematics

This week Year 9 have been investigating angle relationships in parallel lines, polygons and other mathematical shapes, they have derived the formulae for the sum of the interior and exterior angles of a polygon and learned how to apply them to solve angle problems. They have also been working on constructing various shapes including perpendicular bisectors and angle bisectors, before the advent of GPS and computerised navigational systems, these were crucial skills for navigational officers on ships. I doubt any of our students will ever be at the helm of a boat when the digital navigational instruments fail but I suppose you never know when these old fashioned skills might come in handy!



Be Ambitious and the Global Campus

Be Ambitious is the new philosophy introduced across the Nord Anglia Education family of schools. We want students to aim high and create the futures that they want to live. The Global Campus connects our 42 schools and 32,000 students giving our students daily access to global opportunities allowing our students to develop a truly international perspective through outstanding online, in school and worldwide experiences. The Be Ambitious Challenge was addressed last week in Year 9 guidance. The challenge was to design a poster, presentation or video that portrayed their ideas on Being Ambitious. What they see as ambition and how they as individuals can be ambitious. The response from the pupils was excellent as were some of the uploads. Well done everyone.

