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RE: YEAR 10 SPRING TERM 2015

Dear Parents,

Another busy term at BISS has come to an end. As our Year 10 students take a break from school, I would like to reflect on some of this term's many positive events.

Teaching and Learning remains central to everything we do at BISS and much of the work undertaken in class this term has been in preparation for coursework which almost all of our Year 10 students will submit by the end of the academic year. Coursework is the foundation on which (I)GCSE success is built. The skills learned and developed when preparing coursework for submission are directly transferable to exam situations, so we have worked hard to ensure the Year 10 students understand the importance of the work that will underpin success at (I)GCSE. Many Year 10 students will be undertaking (I)GCSE exams next term and they should therefore, spend time this holiday ensuring they are properly prepared to achieve the highest grades in these exams. Past papers for all exams can be downloaded from the school's Moodle site under KS4 – Year 11- Past Papers. I would strongly advise students to download and complete these papers over the holiday and in the lead up to their exams.

A significant part of next term's form time will be spent preparing our students for the work experience programme on 15 – 19 June. Work experience is a great feature of Year 10 and gives our students a clear insight into the world of work. As explained in previous communications, it is important the students organise their own work experience placement. Once they have completed this task they need to inform Miss Sharrock, who will deal with the company directly to sort out timings, dress code or any other queries from the employer or our students. Many of the students have already done this, but if your son or daughter has not, please organize this quickly as the first deadline has past.

It has been a very busy term for Year 10 students, with many being involved in extracurricular activities and competitions in Shanghai and further afield. Many students have been involved in sporting activities, with successes in football, basketball and swimming. In addition, the Maths department has been busy with the Maths Olympiad in which a number of Year 10 students performed extremely well. We also had students Travel to Tanzania for the Global classroom project and others travel to Nanjing for a Math challenge. A large group are also preparing for their IA trip in April. Finally, I would like to celebrate the success of those involved in "A Midsummer night's dream." Each night played to packed houses and the show was first class.

If you have any questions about the tracker or your son or daughter's progress, please direct your enquiries to their form tutor in the first instance or to Angela Sharrock (Head of Year 10, a-sharrock@bisspuxi.com),

With best wishes,

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