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Puxi, Shanghai

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Dear Parents/Guardians

After the end of a long and demanding first term, the Year 12 students are looking forward to their Christmas break.

It has been a successful start to the two year IB programme with our students being expected to work harder than they have ever done before. This tracker is the first which includes predicted grades from each teacher, which will give you an indication of the final grades that your son or daughter is heading towards at the moment. Of course, there is a long way to go before the final examinations in Year 13 which means there is every opportunity to work at improving those grades.

At the start of the year, we asked each Year 12 student to take an ALIS cognitive test. From these we have generated Baseline Grades which show how students with similar scores in those tests have fared in their final IB exams. Of course, these grades are an average of how students have done across a large number of schools and we would expect our students to work rather harder than average. With that in mind, we have asked each one to specify an aspirational 'Golden target' for each of their subjects. Both of these grades are included with each subject report.

It has been a busy term outside the classroom too, particularly in terms of getting to work on the Creativity, Action and Service element of the IB course. Students have been involved in RAG week, preparing for the Christmas Fair and working as mentors to children at a local migrant school, among many other week by week activities.

Next term will be very busy for Year 12 with coursework also beginning to appear for many subjects. There is also a field trip to Yangshuo in March for students studying ESS, Biology or Geography. I would strongly recommend that students spend some of their winter vacation reviewing the work for the first term, ready for a strong start in what promises to be a busy and exciting new year.

With best wishes for a great holiday and a very Happy Christmas.

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Head of the IB Academy