



**THE BRITISH SCHOOL
OF BEIJING, SHUNYI**
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

Secondary School Weekly Information Letter
Friday 13th December 2019



Dear Parents,

Please find below the final Secondary school information letter for this Calendar Year. As you will have seen from all the previous information letters, BSB students, staff and parents have been incredibly active this term, I would like to thank every one of you for your unrelenting support and efforts in making BSB such a great community.

Please find below key dates and information pertinent to the Secondary section of BSB.

Dates for your Diary / (일정)/日期

Date	Activity/Event	精彩活动预告	활동 / 이벤트
Monday 6 th January	First day of Term 2	第二学期第一天	2 학기 개학일
Tuesday 7 th January	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams Start	11 年级模拟考试	11 학년 모의 시험
Monday 20 th January	Temple Fair	春节庙会	종교 축제 (템플 축제)

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BRITMUN

The 4th Annual BRITMUN conference, which is hosted by BSB, took place from the 6th to the 8th of December 2019. It was a successful event with over a hundred students participating from the Canadian International School of Beijing, International School of Beijing, Beijing World Youth Academy, BIBA and Daystar Academy apart from our very own BSB students. Over the course of the three days, delegates debated on several contemporary topics that particularly impact the youth of today. It was wonderful to see the students muster up the courage to engage in valuable debates. The exemplary efforts of the executive committee of BRITMUN comprising of students from Years 9-13, in organising an event of this scale, is to be applauded.



We asked Zilin (Jeremy) Cao who served as Secretary General of this year's BRITMUN and Seungwook Kim (Year 13) who served as Deputy Secretary to share their thoughts on the BRITMUN conference and their involvement in other conferences.

Zilin (Jeremy) Cao

It is with great pride that I can say this year's conference has been quite a success. Over the weekend, we had delegates from numerous schools across Beijing debating issues of great significance, ranging from the threat of cyberterrorism to the safe disposal of nuclear waste. The quality of debate has certainly improved since previous years and delegates were more engaged than ever. Planning the conference has not been easy – it's been rather painful, really, what with all the deadlines – but I'd say it's been worth it. BRITMUN 2019 has been a fitting end to my MUN career at this school, and this year I've been granted the honor of being the Secretary-General. It's been a fixture of my high school life, and something I've always loved being involved with. As the last MUN conference I will likely ever attend, I'm glad of what we on the executive team have accomplished and wish only the best for whoever takes over our positions at next year's BRITMUN conference.

Seungwook Kim- Last week, I served as the Deputy Secretary General of BRITMUN 2019. Over the course of the 3 days of the conference, I – along with the rest of the Secretariat – were responsible for making sure the conference runs smoothly. I am proud of what we have accomplished, especially as we spent months preparing for this conference. As I stated in my closing speech, this will be my last MUN experience, and one I will never forget.

Abi Warriar



MUN Coordinator

The Physics of Christmas

To wrap up the term with a festive feel, Mr Wheeler's Y10 and Y11 classes have been discovering why there would be no Christmas without physics. Since Y11 have just completed their Electricity topic, students had the opportunity to make and solder their personal LED Christmas tree that they could then take home. Over this term, Year 10 have been studying the energy and forces topics and were asked to design and build an elastic band powered car that Santa could use to deliver his presents on Christmas Eve. As you can see from the pictures below, both groups produced successful outcomes.



We are now excitedly waiting for Santa to come and decide, which elastic band powered car he will be using to deliver all the present this year.... maybe he will send Rudolph to decide for him!

Dave Wheeler



Head of Science

Tanzania - an opportunity of a lifetime

Last Friday our Y12 IB students returned from their CAS trip to Tanzania. During the 8-day trip they carried out community project work with the charity *SeeWay*, developed their outdoor skills on a camping excursion and spotted wildlife on Safari.

The 2 different projects that the students worked on were hard work, but extremely rewarding. On the first project they went to the home of a local family, built a goat shed, donated a goat, installed solar lighting and constructed a smokeless stove. They also got the opportunity to speak to the family to learn more about them and their daily life. The second project was spread over two days and involved work on a building site for a new secondary school. The students dug and filled in new foundations, laid bricks and plastered walls. Again, this was exhausting yet worthwhile work!



Another highlight of the trip was the Safari. Students visited Tarangire National Park and spent one afternoon, one night and the following morning experiencing the wildlife. Our students encountered a range of different species including elephants, giraffe, impala, zebra, warthogs and many birds and some were even lucky enough to spot lions and leopards.

Overall it was an amazing week. Long journeys, all types of weather, wildlife encounters and really making a difference to the local community make this a trip to remember.

Lucy Thompson



Tanzania Trip Leader

Christmas Fayre & German Market

For all the families that were able to support the Christmas Fayre and German Market on Saturday 7th December, we would like to extend a big thank you. I am sure you will all agree that it was a great event. There were plenty of opportunities to buy some last-minute Christmas presents; a range of different food vendors and the most anticipated event of all the 'Grand Prize draw'. The Music department were able to showcase our student's wonderful voices and the skills of the Orchestra through the Christmas Concert.



Rob Khan



Head of Secondary



Wishing everyone in the BSB community a well-earned break and Happy New Year.

Regards,

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