

HELPING OTHERS TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE

## THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL Puxi, Shanghai

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to enclose your son or daughter's end of term 'tracker'. As well as all of the usual information relating to progress in lessons this tracker also has results from the mock examinations which were recently completed by all Year 11 students. The results of these exams are a good indicator of your son or daughter's progress to date. Please do get in touch with your son or daughter's form tutor if there is anything on the tracker that you'd like to talk more about.

The exams have been a large focus of recent weeks, and I am sure all of the students understand that their approach in preparing for their exams will be reflected in their results. We have tried hard to replicate the conditions our students will be faced with in the summer and we will continue to encourage our Year 11's to work under exam conditions in the lead up to the their exams. We strongly believe familiarity with the papers will give our students a large advantage when they sit their final examinations.

With this idea in mind, each student has been issued with holiday homework which must be completed by the first week back at school. Much of this homework is in the form of exam papers. Ms Cavanagh and I have spoken to the Year 11's to explain that achieving excellence in the summer cannot happen without hard work and the holiday homework they have been issued will be part of the foundations on which their success can be built.

The next few months will be difficult for those taking exams, but rest assured Ms Cavanagh and I, along with the rest of the BISS staff will continue to support your children and help them to remain focussed on achieving their Golden Targets and being the best they can be.

Your son or daughter has been assigned a member of teaching staff as a mentor to talk over their work load on a weekly basis. We encourage our Year 11 students to be organised and proactive with attending these weekly mentor meetings, it is crucial they raise any issues or problems early with their mentor in order to maximise the time available to provide support.

We wish you all a very enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing everyone back after the holiday.

With best wishes,

Paul Kelly Head of Key Stage 4 Lisa Cavanagh Head of Year 11

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