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RE: SUMMER TRACKER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have reached the end of another year at BISS Puxi and we can reflect back on more exciting experiences and academic rigour. We have just had a week where all of our students have been in worthwhile out of school activities. From the community service of our Year 12 students in Cambodia; the valuable experience of our Year 10 students finding out about life in the workplace, or the thrilling encounters and challenges of our Key Stage 3 students in Vietnam, Inner Mongolia and southern China - the year has ended on a high.

You will see however from the reports that Activities Week follows closely on the heels of the school's exam week. Everything we do is interlinked in developing the character, thinking skills and aptitude of our students to be able to adapt and solve problems so that academic success is ever more likely. The experience of sitting exams is never pleasant for students of any age but the development of good organizational skills, revision techniques and learning to manage pressure, which at times is unavoidable, is the key to a young learner's success at IGCSE and IB. Our reports therefore, give you information on how the year has progressed for each individual and how they have performed in their end of year exams.

We have been celebrating the success of students in the last two days with prize giving ceremonies here at school where individuals have had their efforts recognised and fellow students given the aspiration to achieve. It is important to reflect on the evidence and points of view within the attached reports to help with the motivation of your child as they move into their next year. Please do not read this report then put it away for the summer not to be seen again; it will be very helpful to review the report again in August to continue the discussion into the new school year, whether you are with us or starting somewhere afresh.

Finally I would like to wish all our community a relaxing summer break. To our students I congratulate them on successfully getting to the end of another school year that has seen the student council have a voice and make a valuable contribution to the running of the school. I hope you agree the reports reflect the efforts of our teachers who have taught exciting lessons and experiences from sports days, to science experiments, flamenco dancers to maths and science competitions, business pitches to Shakespearean acting and of course pushed our

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exam students to succeed at every opportunity. Our students have been encouraged to shine in so many ways and the reports reflect this. Finally thank you to you as parents. You have showed your care, support and appreciation for the efforts of the staff and your children by attending parents' evenings, sporting fixtures, plays, musical recitals and the PTA events that make the school a central hub of the community. We look forward to warmly welcoming many of you back in August and for those that are leaving us, good luck on your onward journey.

Have a great summer,

Chris Share
Head of Secondary