

## IB Newsletter - 27 November 2015



### Congratulations to our newly elected House and Service Reps

After all of the good work done by this year's service reps we were delighted to hear that Ashley Fung, Sebastian Arguedas and Kavya Subramanian have been elected to the roles for the remainder of this year. We were also pleased to hear that the school Houses of De, Dao, Qi and Li will be well led by this year's rising stars Anna Lamieri, Grace Todd, Jennifer Thornton and Alice Lindquist. We are sure that they will lead by example and contribute in a wholly positive way to the school community.

### Project Week Assembly

It was a real pleasure to watch all of the Project week presentations on Tuesday in our Assembly. The students from Year 7 to Year 12 reflected on all that they had learnt over the week long trip and how it had changed the way they think about their daily lives. We know that it has spurred many on to continue providing service through fund raising and making other people aware of the good work that is being done in these projects throughout China. I think it is safe to say that the Project Weeks were a great success in terms of helping the year groups bond, pushing the students out of their comfort zones and thinking about how they work in a team.



### Global Campus

This fantastic resource is a 'must-see' for our Year 12 students in particular who should take advantage of the Thinking Futures page where there are online courses linked to applying to university, academic integrity, how to write in English, applying to US universities and how to succeed in interviews. In addition to this there is an interesting section asking 'do you have what it takes to be a veterinarian?' Students are encouraged to 'Be Ambitious', extend themselves beyond the curriculum and perhaps enter some of the competitions available on this site.

Ms Kathryn Watson—IB Pastoral and Higher Education

## Reminders and general...

### An Introduction to HE for Year 12 parents and students

On Monday 30th November there is an informal meeting for Year 12 parents and students to introduce the application process to universities in a range of countries. We will also be discussing how the predicted grades are calculated, IELTS and Toefl tests and SAT/ACT requirements. We encourage as many people as possible to come along and ask as many questions as necessary to demystify the process ahead. This will take place in the IB Academy from 17.00-18.30.

### Wechat

We are aware that there are often discussions on Wechat that we can help with from the outset. Please always feel free to discuss any questions with us as soon as they arise so that we are all collaborating effectively to improve student outcomes.

### Year 13 Mock examinations

Monday 30th November brings the start of the Year 13 examinations. All students should now have a list of their examination times and venues. When they do not have an examination students are not expected to be in school except if they have one in the morning and then again that afternoon. In this case the intervening period should be spent working at school. The Year 13 students are really at a crucial time in terms of deadlines and pressures but they are tackling these challenges with their usual gritty determination and conscientiousness and we wish them all the very best with achieving their goals.

### CCA Registration

This closes for Term 2 activities on Monday 30 November. A gentle reminder to all parents to log on to the new system which is found at the bottom of the school website. You will need your login details, please contact c-haley@naispudong.com if you are unsure of anything.

### University Applications - DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

Most university applications are now completed for the UK, USA, Hong Kong and Canada and we are now on the final two week countdown to finish off the last remaining pieces of the puzzle. Offers are flooding in from the UK and we hope to hear from others after Christmas. We must have all references called for before Monday 7th December to allow teachers to get these processed before the Christmas break so please join us and encourage your sons and daughters if they are still finishing their application forms.

## Events

- Sunday 29 November: Christmas Bazaar
- Monday 30 November - Friday 11 December: Year 13 IB Mock Examinations and TOK presentations
- Monday 30 November: An Introduction to Higher Education for Y12 students and parents 17.00-18.30
- Friday 4 December : CCAs finish for Term 1
- Monday 7 December: International College of Hotel Management, Adelaide visit 13.00-14.00
- Monday 7 December: Final deadline for all Y13 university applications to US, Canada, Hong Kong and the UK
- Friday 11 December: Term 1 ends
- Wednesday 6 January: Term starts for all students

