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GETTING A HEAD START ON IB – Y11 IB PREPARATION WEEK, 15-19 JUNE

Dear Year 11 Parents

The Year 11 students are immersed in preparing for their exams and I wish them every success. Looking further into the future, the exciting prospect of moving on to IB study next year lies ahead, and students have already made their provisional subject choices. I am writing to tell you about the first stage of the transition from Year 11 to Year 12, the Year 11 IB Preparation week, 15-19 June. Students often find making the step up from (I)GCSE study to IB study challenging, as different skills and approaches are needed. The Pre-IB course brings our Year 11 students back together after their (I)GCSE exams and gives them the chance to work together to develop and practise some skills that will be essential in making a good start to IB.

The course will be led by Thomas Housham, the IB Coordinator. Students will learn about academic research and choose a topic to focus on, within a topical overall theme. There will be a day of fieldwork in downtown Shanghai, plus some collaborative team building activities and a Theory of Knowledge activity that will really get them thinking. Presentation skills are important in IB too, so they will learn how to deliver their ideas in the most compelling and convincing manner. There will be some subject taster sessions, to assist their final subject choices. It will be a busy but interesting and enjoyable week. The course will end with an afternoon of presentations, showcasing all the work the students have done.

Taking part in this course will make a real difference when the students embark on IB in August. The skills learned will be useful in other environments too, and students who are moving on at the end of the year are also welcome to attend. Please return the slip below to your son or daughter's form tutor by Friday 17 April to indicate whether they will be attending. If you have any queries, please do get in touch with me at j-white@bisspuxi.com.

I wish you a happy Easter break.

Best wishes

Jane White
Head of the IB Academy

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Please return this reply slip to your son or daughter's form tutor by Friday 17 April

My son/daughter _____ in Form _____ will/will not** be taking part in the Pre-IB Course. ** Please delete as appropriate

Parent's signature _____