



1 April 2018

**RE: THE GREAT URBAN RACE -THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2018**

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the Humanities programme, all Year 9 students will take part in the Great Urban Race on Thursday 12 April.

Students will travel to downtown Shanghai and participate in a series of activities which are designed to help them to deepen their understanding of design thinking and its links to History, Geography and Business Studies. They will be placed in a real world context and face challenges as a team which will require them to show skills in empathy, problem-solving and evaluation.

Groups of around ten students will each be accompanied by a member of staff and will explore a slightly different part of the city. There is a small competitive element, with prizes for the most tasks completed successfully, as well as for the best presented findings after the trip. The students will be preparing for the trip in History and Geography lessons and the event will end with presentations and awards, once the follow-up assessments are completed.

The trip will be during school hours. We will leave after morning registration and will return to school in time to take buses home as normal at 3:35pm. Students should bring a packed lunch, and may wish to bring a small amount of money to buy extra drinks etc, but there will be no time for shopping! There is no charge for the trip.

Please do get in touch with me if you have any concerns or wish to discuss any of this further – my email address is [n-lecornu@bisspuxi.com](mailto:n-lecornu@bisspuxi.com).

Students need to wear their school uniform for the trip. There is a significant amount of walking involved so students may wear comfortable shoes or trainers if they wish to as long as these are smart and dark in colour.

We are very much looking forward to what will be a great day out and an exciting part of the Year 9 Humanities programme - and of course to give our students a taste of these subjects at IGCSE level.

Yours faithfully

Nadine Le Cornu  
Head of Geography