



IB Newsletter - 16 October 2015



A Busy Fortnight in the IB Academy

No sooner were the IB students back through the school doors when the male and female D1 volleyball teams were jet-setting off to Hong Kong to compete in this year's ACAMIS tournament. With tough opponents from BIS Beijing, KAS Taiwan, BCIS Beijing, SCIS Hongqiao and the host RC Hong Kong, our students had their work cut out for them. There were some excellent performances and the girls were particularly proud to get through to the final. Well done to all our IB students who took part:

D1 Girls – Lucy Sapsford, Diane Sautter, Anna Lamieri, Grace Todd, Jennifer Thornton, Kiesha-Marie Chong, Marta Malnes.

D1 Boys – Nils Scholten, Joe Paveley, Adriano Aguedas, Emiliano D'Angio, Aidan Wong, Kartik Khosa, Gabriel Jang, Yoav Shimoni.

University Visits and Applications

With visits from Accademia del Lusso—School of Fashion in Milan, The University of British Columbia and Manchester University this week alone, the students have had plenty of opportunity to get informed about the application process and courses available. Whilst all students may not know where they want to study or even what course they will choose, these visits provide an excellent opportunity to gather information and we hope that they will take full advantage of the forthcoming visits highlighted overleaf.

Work Experience Opportunities

Gautam Nair was fortunate enough to gain work experience at The Peninsula Hotel this month. With a clear eye on his future career, Gautam writes this reflection:

During my time at the Peninsula, I was given the opportunity to work at the different food outlets: fine dining and less formal. I experienced working at the reception, the restaurant floor and the coffee pantry. I also spent half of my cross exposure at the kitchens of the bakery. I learnt how to act in a restaurant and kitchen which requires absolute discipline and good grooming as I was the face of the hotel for the customer. I also learnt that the customer always comes first and no matter where you work, cleanliness and safety are paramount. This exposure made my decision to join the hospitality and hotel industry even more firm and resolute. I feel very fortunate to have had this experience.

Year 12 CAS Interviews

Thursday and Friday of this week saw the completion of the Year 12 CAS Interviews where marked progress has been seen through student participation across the three strands: Creativity, Action and Service. Where there are shortfalls, students have been given feedback on areas that they need to fulfil in order to gain the best possible point score in this area.

Ms Kathryn Watson—IB Pastoral and Higher Education



Reminders and general...

- In the spirit of Project Week, we would be very grateful if parents and families would be willing to donate any old or unwanted music and musical instruments to the Year 12 Fundraising effort
- Wednesday 21 October is the Year 12 Academic Review Evening: an excellent opportunity to talk to your children's teachers about their progress so far. Please arrange appointments through the online booking form that will be sent out to you from the school. If you are unable to attend, please do let us know and we will arrange for comments to be sent to you by email.
- Deadlines are looming for University and College Applications. Please ensure that you have researched thoroughly the relevant application deadlines and join us in encouraging your sons and daughters to complete their College essays and Personal statements in due time. Any help needed, Ms. Watson is contactable by email at k-watson@naispudong.com
- The Year 13 Extended Essay deadline is fast approaching—6th November— and all students have been given feedback on areas in which they can improve their contributions.
- The Global Campus is now up and running and this fantastic resource is available to all of our students. We strongly advise that you take a look around the site and the 'Be Ambitious' forum. There is also the opportunity to showcase linguistic talents through the World Languages Challenge whose deadline is 11th December
- There will be ALIS testing for some Year 12 students next week. Don't worry, no preparation needed.

Events

- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 October: Dads and Kids campout
- Tuesday 20 October: SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) visit 12.30-13.30
- Monday 26 October: Bard College visit 15.30-16.30
- Thursday 29 October: Carousel of London Universities visit 12.25-13.25 for Y12 and 13 students
- Friday 30 October: Trinity College, Dublin visit 12.30-13.30
- Monday 2—Friday 6 November: Project Week
- Tuesday 10 November: Queen's University, Canada visit 12.35-13.00
- Thursday 12 November: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology visit, 12.30-13.30
- Friday 13 November: Staff Training Day (school closed to students)
- Saturday 21 November: University of Sydney Open Day in Shanghai 14.00-17.00 at Le Meridien
- Thursday/Friday 26/27 November: Mock TOK presentations
- Sunday 29 November: Christmas Bazaar
- Monday 30 November: Friday 11 December: Year 13 IB Mock Examinations
- Friday 4 December : CCAs finish for Term 1
- Monday 7 December: International College of Hotel Management, Adelaide visit 13.00-14.00
- Friday 11 December – Term 1 ends