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Puxi, Shanghai



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16 June 2014

RE: SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I am writing to welcome you and your child/children to the British International School Shanghai Summer School.

A warm welcome back to our returning families and an equally special welcome to those families new to BISS, who have chosen to be a part of the summer program.

I would like to give you a brief overview of our plans regarding arrivals and departures, teachers and class locations and important things to bring.

Monday 30 June at 08:45am

7-18 year olds

Students aged 7-18 should come to the Secondary campus.

Our Summer School teachers will be there to meet and greet them, and take them to their classes for 'getting to know you' ice breaking and assessment activities. We will also give them a tour of the campus and tell them about safety and rules.

All students at our Summer School will be assessed on Monday morning to determine their English/Mandarin level and to ensure that they are placed in the correct learning environment.

We will be very busy on Monday getting to know students so we ask that you or their supervisors leave the children to get to know their class teacher and fellow students. Our teachers will work hard to make all students feel welcome so you **do not need to stay**.



Overview - First week

- Monday: Welcome to Summer School, tours, ice breaking activities and assessments
- Tuesday: Normal morning academic routine and afternoon activities.
- Wednesday: Normal morning academic routine and afternoon activities.
- Thursday: Normal morning academic routine and afternoon activities.
- Friday: School excursion- permission slip required. 10am-12pm.

General English/Cambridge YLE Course/EAP

- Mr. Rus Ekel – English and Film - Secondary Campus
- Mr. Andrew Grimwood – English and Swimming - Secondary Campus
- Mr. Matthew Worley – English and Swimming - Secondary Campus
- Mr. Baj Islam – English and Shakespeare Club - Secondary Campus
- Ms Rebecca Kernaghan – English and Table Tennis - Secondary Campus
- Ms Meri Sanz – English and Basketball - Secondary Campus
- Ms Emma Waklin – English and Art - Secondary Campus
- Ms Mary Francis – English and Storytelling/writing – Secondary Campus
- Ms Shirley Xie – Mandarin and Chinese games – Secondary Campus

Teachers of Mandarin

- Mrs. Jane Zhang - Primary Campus
- Miss. Shirley Xie - Secondary Campus

Arrivals and Departures:

Students must wait outside the gates with their guardians if they arrive before 8.45am, as the teachers have meetings and preparation time. Then, except for the first day, students should go straight to their class and read quietly before the class starts.

At the end of the day, those students travelling on our school bus will be collected from the class by their bus monitor and escorted to the appropriate bus.

Materials and Clothing

It is very humid during Summer School weeks so we advise that students dress in comfortable, light clothes. All students will need:

Spare clothes for sports activities

Swimming kit

Goggles

Swimming cap

Sports shoes,

T-shirts,

Extra shorts and socks

Hat

Sunscreen



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Students will receive a schedule on the first day with regards to what they will be doing in the afternoon's activity sessions.

Friday Excursions

The excursions provide the students with an opportunity to use their English and Chinese Skills which they have learnt class. It is also a time where the student can get to know their teachers better in a less formal situation.

These excursions are paid for by the school and the 7-18 year old students will be bused to two destinations on the first two Fridays with their tutors. The two places currently being researched are an Aquarium Park in west Shanghai and a trip to Oriental Land, near Sheshan also in west Shanghai. **Please complete the permission slip and return them on the first day, 30 June.**

Cambridge Young Learner Exams Thursday 17 July

Starters, Movers and Flyers Cambridge University Young Learner English students will take their Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking exams on 17 July. Results and certificates will be available for collection from Monday 18 August. **Good Luck!**

On the Final Friday we will have a small graduation ceremony in the Secondary Auditorium where the students will share a little of their experiences and receive a certificate of completion of the course.

Please make sure we know of any medical issues your child has. Our nurse, Eve, is onsite at all times.

Finally I would like to wish you all the best for the coming Summer School and hope your children have fun and learn lots.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Kind Regards

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Please give this in on the first day your child arrives.

I _____ give permission for _____ to attend
the Friday trips to the Aquarium Park and Sheshan/Oriental Land exploring
morning.

Signed: _____

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.
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