



## Year 8 Newsletter - 25 September 2015



### New School Photographs a Success

Students in Year 8 were in high spirits for the new school photographs this week. Higher quality photographers who work with a range of Nord Anglia Education schools have come in to NAIS Pudong to give a fresh approach to school photos this year.

A more contemporary feel to the photos has allowed each child to express their own individual personality in a more informal and relaxed atmosphere than in previous years. As you can see from the pictures above, students in 8B really seem to be enjoying the individual and group photo opportunities. The style of photography highlights our role as a modern, global school that supports the individual ambitions of each child. We all cannot wait to see the results!



### Fun at the Family Picnic!

The Family Picnic "Music on the Lawn" proved to be a real success last weekend with over 500 people turning out to enjoy the band and activities. Pictured above from left to right; Chloe, Isabella and Antonia enjoying a piece of birthday cake in celebration of Isabella's birthday. Many happy returns and we hope you enjoyed the day!

### Who is the Beauty in this Beastly Bunch?

Pictured below are the Year 8s that were successful in the Beauty and the Beast auditions. Isabella and Tina cast as Principles in the play and Chaeyeon, Olivia, Michaela, Ida, Zuzana, Colin, Mia and Eli will all be singing in the Chorus band. As always the school productions are a major success and its thanks to confident and talented students such as these. Congratulations guys!





## Upcoming Events & Dates

**Settling in reports to be distributed:** Friday 25 September

**Mid-term break:** Saturday 26 September – Tuesday 6 October (inclusive)

**School resumes:** Wednesday 7 October

**Dads and Kids Camp out:** Saturday 17th Oct

**Project Week:** Monday 2 – Friday 6 November

**School closed to students (staff training day):** Friday 13 November

**Years 7 – 10 Academic Review Evening – Family Names A – M:** Thursday 19 November

**Years 7 – 10 Academic Review Evening – Family Names N – Z:** Tuesday 24 November

## Reminders and General

### Lesson Updates

#### Mandarin

Year 8 students have all settled according to their Mandarin level. New students have been learning how to greet people and introduce their own Chinese name. They have also been learning basic strokes to 叶圣陶's article according to different levels.

#### Maths

Year 8 have been studying a variety of topics from number machines to straight line graphs. We have seen some excellent work on the gradient and intercept of straight lines.

#### Science

Year 8 Science SPL have spent a long time this week revising and have made great progress for their test. I am really proud of the progress they have made. Year 8 Science KCR have begun to look at the Black Death and how it spread, highlighting how and why infectious organisms affect the human systems.

#### Music

In Year 8 music we have started work on the Blues topic. Looking at the different features and key features, we have also discussed the Slave Trade.

#### Geography

In Geography, students continue their study of coasts and coastal processes. They are almost ready to start to take on the role of coastal planners and decision makers, working to make the best decisions on how to protect a chosen stretch of coast from erosion.

### Xiamen – Programme Objectives

This programme is designed to build student's self confidence, communication and teamwork skills through a wide range of activities in a spectacular outdoor environment.



### Project Week

Many thanks to all parents that joined us last week for the Project Week Information Evening. It was great to see you there. Some kind reminders for you all:

- Please follow the link sent out this week to fill out 'essential information' for your child for Project Week: <https://yoo-pay.cn/event/201511NAIS?ref=STUDENTS>
- Check out the Project week presentation that was shown on Launch Night (this will be useful if you were unable to attend last week). All information was sent out via email to parents.