



Dear Parents,

This term has seen some huge progress for the Music Department. Our school orchestra has now swollen to 32 members, the numbers singing in KS2 Choir and Rainbow Review are both very good and the recent Christmas performances were fantastic. Both Choirs were given pieces that would really push them and in KS2 the performers were only given music to learn the piece by.

With our collaboration with Juilliard really beginning to move along, we were treated to some delightful performances from our Juilliard visiting artist, Andrea Lee on cello, and equally as impressive in their own right, from our own pupils at the Spotlight on Music event. Andrea will be with us again in March as she continues to work with us on embedding the Juilliard curriculum in our music programme.

Last and by no means least comes Beauty and the Beast. Act 1 blocking is all finished and at the end of this term we successfully put our pit band and actors together to run through what we have already learnt to great effect. In January we will see the eagerly awaited dancers start to join the rehearsals. All pupils involved have been given a new schedule for rehearsals, from January to the performances in March, so if you have not received one please do get in contact with me.

This has been a very busy term for the Drama Department, too, with pupils across the year groups doing a range of performances. They have been exploring Drama in history and the different styles that have been created in these time periods. Students have taken roles from a variety of plays such as "Sweeney Todd" to "The Woman in Black" and they have also looked at basic acting skills and they should use these as they move on to the more difficult texts in the New Year.

It has been a long and creative term in the Art Department. The progress each student has made has been outstanding. Most importantly, their excitement and willingness to try out new media and learn new techniques is heartwarming. This has resulted in students producing some outstanding work of a very high quality. To celebrate the student's success we will be hosting a mini exhibition containing some of the outstanding artwork from Years 7, 8 and 9. This exhibition will be held in the school's Exhibition Space and will open to the public from the Thursday 7th January. If you are in school next term make sure to visit the NAIS Pudong Exhibition Space and enjoy the celebration of the Keystage 3 Arts.

Finally, in a desire to promote our school's fine Art department, NAIS Pudong created a small mini project based around the theme of 'My City.' To continue our strong desire to celebrate the Art work produced at Pudong, a small selection of Art work produced by students in Years 4 – 9 has been entered into a City Weekend online competition. You can see all the entries at the following link:

http://www.cityweekend.com.cn/shanghai/cw-art-contest-2015?&clear_fields=&page=12

Please feel free to take a look at some of our wonderful entries on this website and if you see any NAIS Pudong entries, please vote for them.

I look forward to seeing parents and students alike in the New Year and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Phil Bailey
Director of Music and The Arts