



SUIS PUDONG NEWSLETTER



SUIS Pudong offers an opportunity for students to enter a continuum of education from Primary through to the end of Secondary to prepare them to become Global citizens for the 21st century.

Dear Parents,

It has only been a month between the Winter holidays and CNY but it has been a busy one. This week our IG2 and AS/A Level students completed their mock exams, we received lots of University offers, we raised lots of money for the 'Guangzhou Dogs' appeal and celebrated Chinese New Year!

We do wish you all a happy new year for you and your families, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the year of the pig.

The reports were sent home this week- please do ensure that you acknowledge the receipt of these by signing and returning the parent/guardian slip to form tutors. A reminder that IG2 and A Level will receive an additional report with their mock exam grades on February 27th, students will experience how it feels to open the all-important envelopes – did they get the IG grades needed for A level? Did they get the AS grades needed for university applications. They then have plenty of time to keep up the good work or fix any problems. The real external exams begin in April (your son or daughter has the external schedule). This is the time for our older students to reflect, set goals and focus on how to reach them.

University Offers: our current A2 have been receiving offers thick and fast, so far students have had offers from Liverpool and Surrey in the UK to name just a few. We will do a special report in this publication after the CNY.

After a long wait, we finally welcomed our International Secondary New Year event. A series of workshops were held, each with their own distinctive qualities, and each highly praised by teachers, students and parents. We continued with our annual New Year workshops, such as paper-cutting, sudoku, building blocks, Chinese chess, riddles, mask painting, and cooking dumplings. These activities helped the students enjoy and appreciate all the different aspects of the cultural holiday. We are confident that the workshops enriched the students' knowledge of Chinese culture and lots of fun was had!

Chinese New Year Celebration

In the afternoon, the students, teachers and parents gathered in the auditorium to watch the various performances. The poem "San Jiadian" expresses the core values of Chinese culture with motherly love. "Flower in the Rain" conveys romance in an eloquent dance. The up-beat performance of "Good Luck" excited us for the New Year. The ensemble of the Guzheng and the Pipa "Dance Dance" displays the melody of classical music. The show "News 1+1" filled the room with laughter. The student-teacher fashion show was a platform for everyone to express their love for the complicated and beautiful Chinese culture.

The performers showed our students strong enthusiasm and passion for performance arts; they showcased their talents, added to their experiences and further developed their friendships.



Approaching Lu Xun

—Review of Lu Xun's Former Residence and Lu Xun Memorial Hall



On December 18, 2018, all the IG1 students conducted a field trip. They visited the former residence of Lu Xun and his tomb. While Observing the life of Lu Xun, the students can further understand his spirit.

In conjunction with Xiao Hong's article "Recalling Mr. Lu Xun", the students first visited the former residence of Mr. Lu Xun. They saw the meeting room where Mr. Lu Xun met Xiao Hong、 Xiao Jun as well as the desk which Mr. Lu Xun wrote the preface for the "Life and Death Field". Through these old things, students can return to that era and appreciate the literary master in their imagination.



At the Lu Xun Memorial Hall, the students visited five exhibition areas with the narrator. They once again reviewed Mr. Lu Xun's classic works "THE TRUE STORY OF AH Q", "Kong Yiji", "Blessing" and so on.

In addition, IG1 CAL students also participated in this Field Trip. After they visited the Lu Xun Memorial Hall and learned about the life of Mr. Lu Xun. They interviewed passers-by on the theme of "healthy life style" and discussed the topic of "If Mr. Lu Xun has a healthy life style?"



IGCSE and A Level Results

We are very excited to share the fantastic IGCSE and A Level Results which we have anxiously been awaiting. We are sure that you will agree they truly are FANTASTIC!

On the back of outstanding CAIE Primary Checkpoint results we are proud to announce that our IG, AS and A Level students have achieved magnificent exam results. With over 200 IG examinations being sat, 99% resulted in A* - C grades with a remarkable 73% resulting in the top grades of A* and A. To put this into context – in the UK just over 20% of all examinations result in these top grades. A huge congratulations to all students with a particular mention to Daryna Lesniak and Rina Mitsutsuka who achieved an A* in all subjects.

Our AS and A Level students have also performed to an exceptional level. Within AS, 81% of examinations resulted in grades A – D and A Level 89% A* - D. A special mention to Xiao Hu (Owen) who achieved 2 A*'s and an A.

These set of results once again reaffirm that students at SUIIS Pudong are talented, hard working young people and are exposed to the highest standard of education. Here's to SUIIS Pudong being one of the top schools in Shanghai.

World Scholar's Cup

2018 was a year of achievements for SUIIS Pudong, and not least among them was the performance of three intrepid students who made it to the final round of the World Scholar's Cup, the Tournament of Champions hosted by Yale University. The SUIIS Pudong team of Yatharth Singh, Mike Yan (both IG1VG) and Dora Xia (8ZB) did the school proud, winning a number of medals and finishing in the top 30% of all teams. Yatharth Singh distinguished himself by finishing in the top 25% of scholars overall. Congratulations to Yatharth Mike and Dora for continuing in the tradition of excellence established by the school's first ever delegation to the Tournament of Champions in 2017, and let's hope there will be many future cohorts to come!

Yatharth, Mike and Dora kindly shared their experiences of the Tournament of Champions:

Dora Xia 8ZB

Yale university wasn't as cozy as I expected, mostly because it was a gigantic area instead of a few large buildings, and so quiet. We had our Scholar's Challenge and debate in the old campus which made me soooooo excited! I remember the front chairs in the main classroom were looking absolutely new, but on the other hand...the chairs at the back were covered in drawings and weird stuff. Compared to other places in New Haven, the old campus has very archaic looking buildings, with religious stained glass windows.

My favourite event that happened there were the debates! At least it had central heating for the scholars unlike the regional round in Melbourne where I almost froze to death. Here's some advice I learned from some students I met from Africa: say "lovely judge" instead of "honorable judge"! Actually, even though debating was my favorite part it was also very challenging; I was super nervous I must admit. The only two ways I found helpful were keep on breathing and look at your teammates for support, unfortunately both of my teammates were feeling the tension as well so all I could do was inhale and exhale.

The scavenger hunt was actually quite good. I made some new friends but unfortunately, I failed to persuade them to download WeChat. It was still an amazing memory that will follow me for a long time even though it will be really hard to see them again:({

Another memory is the alpaca adoption. Luckily I got a yellow alpaca instead of a brown one, like the one I "accidentally" lost in Melbourne. This activity was just before the scholars bowl which really made me feel a lot calmer. A special thank you goes to my teammates who gave me the yellow alpaca:p

And here's more weird tips for anyone who wants to join this event:

- 1.You MUST use the bathroom before you go to the old campus. I spent half an hour on waiting for the bathroom.
2. Go to New York and keep on shopping. It was the Black Friday when I went.
3. Listen to the tips the officials said, they usually help you to realize what is happening...

Overall, it was a great journey to America.

Mike Yan IG1VG

We were lucky enough to qualify for the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions, it was a celebration of knowledge. Over 2000 scholars from 58 countries gathered at Yale University to experience a one-week competition through debating, the Scholar's Challenge (pretty self-evident that it was 'challenging'), Scholar's Bowl and Collaborative writing, events in which we got to meet students who had various backgrounds but shared the same goal— to prove that we deserved medals and trophies. Dora, Yatharth and I won our first two debates, and we felt like we deserved to win the last one, but the adjudicator thought otherwise! Debating was an exchange of ideas and an opportunity to learn from other strong speakers, while touching upon different topics, for instance, the science of memory, diplomacy, and the use of social media. Our team did a much better job on Scholar's Bowl and collaborative writing than we did in Shanghai and Melbourne rounds . However, Scholar's challenge was still imaginable tough. Apart from the academic facet of WSC, it was entertaining at the same time. We also had activities like Scholar's ball and the Scholar's scavenger hunt, where we walked around Yale doing silly tasks, and the Cultural Fair, where people from other countries set up a stand and exhibited items that were the best embodiment of their culture. I believe WSC is an event that every participant would remember. Meeting different people could be awkward. But it was a chance for us to talk about contemporary issues around the world and explore different fields of study as a global community. Our team won over 15 medals (mostly gold) in the award ceremony. It was absolutely an experience of joy and being a scholar.

Q&A

Q What was it like being in Yale? How was the city/university?

A Yale was a magical experience , there's no other way to put it . The campus itself was in the complete autumn mood with orange leaves falling down the trees with Mike and I clutching onto our jackets in the bone-chilling cold. The city known as New Haven is just a small city , however we realised when we went there that everyone there had some sort of connection to Yale University , whether it be as a student , a professor or even a security guard. This showed us how a small city can be so inter-connected because of one fantastic university.

Q What will be your favorite memory of the WSC TOC 2018?

A My favorite memory would be the first gold medal that I won. It was an emotional moment and in front of thousands, which included my crying mom, it was a moment I will never forget

Q Which competition was the most challenging and why?

A The Scholars Challenge was by far the most challenging competition because it doesn't just test your knowledge, it also tests your application of the knowledge.

Q How did you do in the debates?

A We won 2 out of 3 debates and I performed pretty well as I saw my name in the top 50 debaters list I was extremely confident in my speech with valid points and strong rebuttals coupled with an authoritative tone.

Q Many students from our school took part in the first and second rounds of the WSC, but only you three got to the finals. What advice would you give to your classmates to help them reach the finals in future?

A I would say that firstly studying smartly would be important for example we used our own research notes and quiz let to help us expand our knowledge. I also think when you are researching, linking everything can be very good such as a poem with a similar theme as a painting, this is important for the Scholars Challenge. Also, debating often would help brush up your debating skills. Lastly, I think to qualify for TOC, you need to read extensively. Go for the details and try to memorize them.



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