



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,

This week I would like to focus on our Post 16 provision. This is possibly the most important part of our young people's educational journey- as decisions made at this level can open up so many opportunities in the future. So this edition will focus on updating you on our A1 and A2 students.

It has been a busy time of year for the university and careers guidance counseling department, and there is a lot of good news to share:

Our A2 students, the second cohort of SUIS Pudong students to have gone through this painstaking and often stressful process, have received the majority of their offers and will be attending an interesting and diverse range of institutions next year.

Recent weeks have seen two particularly noteworthy milestones: the school's first ever university offers from the United States, and its first ever art school acceptances. Karen Chiwandamira will be attending her first-choice option next year, the University of Utah, while A-Level art students Cherry Chen and Sophie Ding have both received offers from Maryland Institute College of Art.

Cherry has also received an offer from Savannah College of Art and Design, who offered her both a place at the university and a generous scholarship after she impressed them at an interview. Seth Dong, the only student applying to the UK this year, has received offers to study astrophysics from some of the leading universities in the UK, including Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool and Surrey, adding to the eye-catching list of British institutions to have been impressed by the calibre of our students.

Congratulations are in order to all of these students, after all the hard work they put into their applications.

While university applications are not made until the students' final year of school, the earlier they prepare for this crucial period of time the better. With this in mind, we have been holding one-on-one sessions with all IG2 and A1 students to discuss their future plans in more detail, and it has been incredibly pleasing to see how thoroughly prepared they are.

The IG2 students are clear about which A-Levels to choose and what steps they need to take once their IGCSEs are completed, while the A1 cohort are already identifying which universities to apply to, and working on strengthening their applications well ahead of time. In addition, the students of IG1 and IG2 have started to attend bi-monthly university counseling sessions, in which they have been introduced to the key features of the world's leading university systems and what they can do now to benefit their applications in future.

Last but not least, we are delighted to be able to share the recently-completed SUIS Pudong University Application Handbook, a comprehensive 23-page document which we hope will answer the majority of questions students and parents may have. The Handbook is available in both English and Chinese, and we would recommend that students and parents in IG1 have a look through it and discuss its contents as a family.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

We all know that universities require good grades but they also want to see our students as 'people' too, they want to see that our young people are taking on leadership roles, imlemnting ideas and doing things for themselves. To this end our current A1 have been working veru hard on their personal projects, have a look below.

The A Level Personal Project

Alongside their academic subjects, A1 students are encouraged to identify, plan, carry out and evaluate at least one full scale project of their choice. This allows each individual the chance to investigate an area of passion in greater detail adding value to their educational journey and eventually their university application.

As you can see it is a varied an exciting list. All students now have a refined focus area and will

Rina	A design project
Susannah	A design project
Dara	Philosophy and language/SMG
Joy	The Light Bulb Club
Isaac	Podcasting
Gui	Podcasting
Timmy	Podcasting
Sean	Online system analysis and evaluation
Cathy	A guide to university destinations
Andrea	Mental health awareness project
Lexi	Why brands succeed
Tommy	Computer science app design
Andy	School magazine editor
Tony	Music appreciation society
David	House website design
Henry	Computer science club
Tomomi	Forensic science project
Samantha	Neurotoxicity and addiction
Grace	Photography project
Cindia	Dance club/SMG
Alex	Psychology website
Jade	An investigation into impulse disorders
Leo	House website design
Krystal	An investigation into real world physics

continue their work during form time and after the summer exam period. Each project will be completed in readiness for university applications by no later than November 1, 2019.

BridgeU

Mr. MacDonald and Ms. Chen of the SUIS Pudong University & Careers Guidance Counseling department hosted Cristina Michelini of BridgeU along with 16 university guidance counselors from around Shanghai and Jiangsu for a forum on how to make the most of this invaluable online university guidance platform, along with updates on new additions being made to BridgeU. Along with a growing number of schools worldwide, SUIS Pudong provides a BridgeU account to all students from IG1 and up, in order to help them research their university options, strengthen their personal statement preparation and manage their applications. From what was discussed at the event, BridgeU's already excellent service looks set to improve yet further, with improved integration with the American Common App application system and an increase in university data to include countries such as Germany due for release soon. The event also gave the assembled counselors a great opportunity to network and share ideas.

The A1 students' active use of the BridgeU university search and shortlist function has allowed the University and Careers Guidance Counseling team to have some very productive discussions with them in their recent one-on-one meetings, and we encourage all of our IGCSE and A-Level students to continue making full use of this fantastic service. Ask your son or daughter to show you their BridgeU profile!



Music

The SUIS first cross-campus arts festival closed on the evening of March 13. A level students David Pan, Cindia Li and Tony Tian, students from SUIS Pudong ISS, performed two programs and won the first place in the senior group. Congratulations to them!



Newsletter / School Notice Sent by SMS

In order to make sure parents timely read the bi-weekly newsletter and school notice, we would like to try to launch SMS function to send the newsletter and school notice from Friday 29 March 2019. SMS will be sent to both parents. If you would like any other family members to receive it, or if your mobile phone number has recently changed, please send the update to Ms. Cici Ye (ciciy.pd@suis.com.cn), Secondary Secretary. During the trial period, even if SMS works well, for the rest of Semester 2, all the newsletters and school notices will be sent via both SMS and email.

Ms. Kim Sahi
Co-Principal

Ms., Bonnie Cai
Assistant Principal and Head of Secondary



G7, A1 and A2 Parent-Student-Teacher 3-Way Conference on 26 March 2018

13 March 2019

Dear Parents,

G7, A1 and A2 Parent-Student-Teacher 3-Way Conference will be held on **Tuesday 26 March 2019, starting at 16:30 and ending at 19:45**. Parents need to sign up for the meeting(s) through SUIS Pudong online system. The signing up period will run from **18 March at 9 am through to the evening of 24 March (closes at midnight)**.

Online Booking Procedures - Please carefully read and follow these instructions:

1. Use the following link: <http://app.suis-pd.com/istas>
2. Select the grade of your child.
3. Select the date: **2019-3-26**.
4. Input your child's **first and last name in English** in the cell of 'Student Name', e.g. Smith JOHN.
5. Click the cell of 'Teacher' with whom you want to book the meeting. The entire row will turn into grey. Select a meeting time (meeting start time) that is available. Please be reminded that we will adjust the time slot for each meeting to 5 minutes this time. For example, if you succeed in selecting "16:30", it means that the meeting time is "16:30-16:35". If scheduling permits, please do not book consecutive meetings to allow for travel time between meetings.
6. After clicking the time available, it will show if your booking is successful.
7. If you want to book another meeting, click "Go back" to repeat steps 5 & 6.
8. Given the importance of each subject studied at A Level, Level parents of A1 and A2 students in these grades are permitted to book two consecutive slots i.e. 10 minutes for each subject.
9. In order to have a final check for all the meetings you have booked, click 'Search' next to your child's name. All of your bookings will be displayed. **We suggest you save a screenshot or write them down.** Please note that this action is very important as a confirmation of successful bookings and it helps you to find each teacher's location on the meeting day, which will be displayed at the school lobby.
10. If you change a booking time with a teacher due to a change of your plan, please remember to cancel the old booking by emailing the Secondary Secretary - Ms. Cici Ye (ciciy.pd@suis.com.cn) so that another parent can take that time. You will then follow the steps 1 to 8 to book the meeting(s) again.

Please note that if you have already made an appointment with the teacher, you do not need to book the schedule online again. If you experience any problems using the system, please telephone Ms. Cici Ye at 58869990 ext. 209. If you need any support on translation for the meetings, please arrange for your own translators.

Please note the following important information:

- School will end at 15:50 as normal **Tuesday 26 March 2019**, but we strongly encourage Secondary students to attend this Parent-Student-Teacher 3-Way Conference in the best interests of their education.
- You are not expected to meet all teachers. Meetings are booked on a "first come first served" basis. If you do want to meet some teachers but the time is unavailable, please schedule the meetings on another day by emailing the relevant teachers directly.
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On **Tuesday 26 March 2019**, please enter from the school gate on Xue Ye Road. If you drive to school, please use the parking lot at the corner of Xueye road and Hongshan road. When you arrive at the school, registration will be required at the reception area in the school lobby, where you will find the teachers' location. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent-Student-Teacher Meeting.



上海浦东新区民办协和双语学校
SHANGHAI UNITED INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PUDONG CAMPUS



Invitation

SUIS Secondary G7, A1 and A2 3 Way Conference

Date: Tuesday 26 March 2019

Time: 16:30-19:45

Please show the invitation card to school security guard on arrival

Kim Sahi
Co-Principal

Ms Bonnie Cai
Assistant Principal & Head of Secondary



Thursday 21st March: Secondary Open Day 2019

Dear parents,

you are cordially invited to join our Secondary "Open day". You will have the opportunity to visit subject classes as well as meeting staff and our Senior leadership and University Counselor.

This is a fantastic chance to see what goes on in Secondary and to learn more about our curriculum and our school community. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Time		Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	IGCSE1	A1
Period 1 (8.55-9.45am)						
8.55am	9.20am	Geography G6SD Mr Chua (C202) PSHE G6ET Mr Tan (B303)	Geography 7MS Mr Macdonald (B214) History 7AC Mr Ogden (B104)	Chinese Ms Wang (B101) Ms Sun (B206) Ms Li (B110) Ms Lu (B102)	English A114 Ms Carberry C102 Ms Gilkes C101 Ms Dodd	Maths Miss Bhayat (B215) Spanish Mr Vera (B207)
9.20am	9.45 am					
Period 2 (9.45- 10.35)		Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	IGCSE1	A1
9.45am	10.10am	Chinese Ms Wang (B108) Ms Xu (B102) Ms Li (B101) Ms Sun (B206)	Spanish Mr Vera (B104) Ms Berecibar (C201) Mr Tsui (B306)	Geography G8ZB Mr Chua (C202) Music G8NB Ms You (A205)	Science Mr Tan (B302) Ms Weeden (B303)	History Mr Macdonald (B110) Art Ms Hong (B201) Computer Science Ms Nagulendran (B202)
10.10am	10.35am					
Period 3 (10.50-11.40)		Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	IGCSE1	A1
10.50am	11.15am	Chinese Ms Wang (B104) Ms Xu (B102) Ms Li (B101) Ms Lu (B207)	Music 7MS Ms You (A205) History 7AC Mr Ogden (C201)	English A114 Mr Ford C102 Ms Gilkes C101 Ms Dodd	Science Mr Tan (B302) Ms Weeden (B303)	History Mr Macdonald (B110) Art Ms Hong (B201) Computer Science Ms Nagulendran (B202)
11.15am	11.40am					

Return Slip: Please complete and hand to your son or daughter's tutor by Friday 15th March

Please indicate which lessons you would like to attend; due to anticipated high demand we request that parents observe each lesson for 25 mins only (a bell will ring and teachers will invite the next group of parents in).

You are welcome to observe any session, regardless of which grade your son/daughter is in.

We are confident that we are offering a broad spread of subjects across the grades, however this is a 'normal' day for our students so we are unable to change the timetable, and interrupt learning. Due to the upcoming exams parents are requested not to disturb IGCSE2 and A2 lessons.

We thank you for your understanding.

I will*/will not attend the Open Day (please delete as appropriate)

** complete grid below:*

Student name: _____ Tutor group: _____

Time	Subject and grade I wish to attend	Teacher	Please tick
8.30am arrival	Arrive in reception: sign in and pick up map/schedule Parents may go to tutor rooms or KS4/5 assembly in the auditorium	All KS3 tutors in tutor rooms SLT greet in reception KS5/KS4 Assembly team in auditorium	
8.55am			
9.20am			
9.45am			
10.10am			
10.35am	Snack in the canteen: all parents welcome		
10.50am			
11.15am			
11.40- 12.15	Auditorium		
	Short presentations by: Principal and Head of School Mr Macdonald our University Guidance Counselor <i>Followed by Q and A</i> Also, in attendance: Miss Hart: Deputy Head, Pastoral Mr Ford: Deputy Head, Curriculum	Ms Sahi Ms Cai Mr Ford Miss Hart	



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