



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,

Student Voice

A recent Association of Graduate Recruiters biannual survey states that employers say many graduates lack 'soft skills', such as team working

The report says that employers feel that :

' (there is) an 'inadequate supply of applicants of sufficient caliber ...'

' candidates are normally academically proficient but lacking in soft skills such as communication...'

' as students' progress through school and indeed their lives it is their personality that matters, a young person's future earning power is increasingly likely to be determined by whether or not they possess soft skills, rather than just their exam results' (IPPR)

At SUIS Pudong we are trying to bridge the gap and encourage the learning of 'soft skills' into all tasks. A key way of doing this is through our project based 'Student Voice'. This is a group led by students who plan and organise student activities, events, charity events, study opportunities.

For the last few weeks the student body have been applying to join the Student Voice. The group is split into three strands.

- Student Guidance
- Student Welfare
- Student Outreach



Student Leaders meet to plan and work on their projects independently, they meet the Student Voice Mentors monthly to give feedback/progress reports and then feedback to the student body/parents via this newsletter and through school assemblies.

Well done the students below who were selected onto the Student Voice *see attached list.



STUDENT VOICE LEADERS

STUDENT WELFARE	STUDENT OUTREACH	STUDENT GUIDANCE
Eva (G8)	Christine (G8)	Heads of House:
Christina De Bonafos (G8)	Isa (G8)	Susannah Hsieh (A2)
Jue Shan (G8)	Kevin (G8)	Henry Zhang (A2)
Isabella Chen (G7)	Emily Chan (G6)	Linda Zheng (A1)
Cici (G6)	Annie (G6)	Tomomi Kawaguchi (A2)
Purple (G6)	Kallie Chang (G6)	Kevin Xu (IG2)
Johnny Liu (G6)	Ruby N (G6)	Sophie Jing (IG2)
Marc (G6)	Tina (IG2)	Tiffany (IG1)
Josh Zhou (G8)	Kevin Wang (IG1)	Yasya (IG1)
Joanna Cao	Yuyue Zhu (G7)	Cata (IG1)
Mauricio (G7)	Mathilda (G8)	
AJ (G7)		
Eco Warrior Group: Mentor Ms Ali Valerie Siao, Coco Yang, Shirley Dong, Selina W, Yatharth, and Louise Liu. A1: Stanley, Hanson Sun, Sean Dube.		

Congratulations to Simon Wang for Winning the outstanding student of Cambridge—China's Top Award

Comments from classmates:

Andy: Simon is an intelligent boy who is capable of completing all the homework and tests easily. Also, he is willing to help his classmates when they're having a hard time doing questions or fixing mistakes; after listening to his explanation, we can understand where the key point is in the quotes and solve the problem. He barely had any problems throughout the two years of IGCSE course and I believe he is capable of receiving a good grade in A-level.



Grace: When Simon starts to speak Spanish, it is clear that he definitely has the talent for languages. The way he speaks clearly, precisely and calmly sets him apart from the rest of the class. Simon has a great passion for Spanish. When he is asked to remember vocabulary, or understand a certain tense's conjugation for homework, he digs deeper and tries to learn more from it. Combined with his gifted and hard-working character, it is no surprise that Simon has earned what he has always deserved. I am really excited to see what would be next for Simon, when he moves on to the next.

Kevin: When we talk about Simon, we always focus on his fantastic performance in Spanish, because he always nails all his exams and tests. But he does not only focus on his own grades, he will always be there if we need any help in Spanish or other subjects. He always breaks down problems for us to understand the questions easily. His outgoing personality makes all of us become more than just classmates. Simon is the best!

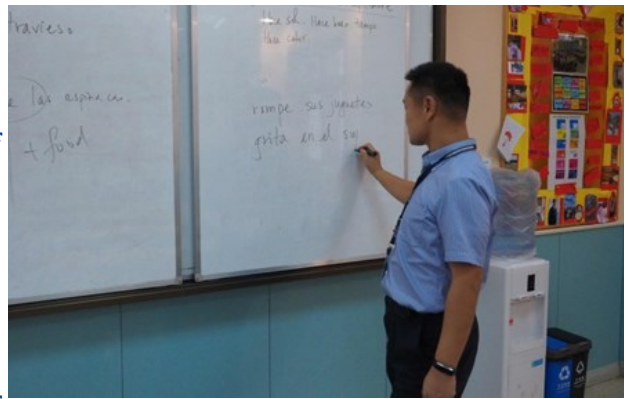
Linda: Simon is a very talented and friendly classmate in my opinion. He understands key points and memorises all the notes that the teacher has mentioned so quickly. Even after classes, he is still working on the grammar and vocabulary on different websites. Whenever we need a translation of a word or phrase or have problems with any of the Spanish question, he is always the first person who we come up to and he will patiently explain it to us. His explanation of questions and grammar is very logical and is easy to understand. We are so pleased to have him as our classmate. His speaking and writing are always our sample answers that we are willing to record and learn from. He is a wonderful friend and a talented scholar.



Dora: Simon is what we see as the "human dictionary" or the "answerbook". He understands thoroughly all the questions appeared in the Spanish syllabus. He is the first person who we will go to when we have any trouble with Spanish. He is always so patient and is willing to explain to us over and over again. In short, he is AMAZING!

Comments from the teacher:

Simon is a gifted and talented linguist who has achieved outstanding results throughout the course. He is inquisitive and acquires vocabulary and language structures very quickly and he is capable of incorporating new language into his work. Simon can express ideas with substantial development with a high degree of accuracy and his spoken presentation for IGCSE examinations could have been an A Level presentation – even native speakers (Ms Nerea and Mr Carlos) were impressed! His pronunciation and intonation are excellent and he answers questions of different types fully and confidently. It has been a privilege to work with Simon and he should be congratulated for getting this prestigious award through his hard work, positive attitude and enthusiasm for this subject.



Simon's reflection as a learner of Spanish (in Spanish)

Creo que lo que cuenta más al aprender cualquier idioma es usarlo y estar interesado. Aunque es fundamental saber la gramática y memorizar el vocabulario, uno se hará aburrido rápidamente haciéndolos si no habla con nadie o si no hay ningún lugar en el que pueda usar el idioma. Yo siempre hablo con el profesor del español, el Señor Tsui, (y con el Señor Javier antes de que viniera el Señor Tsui al colegio) en español, y me parece que eso me ha ayudado más que hacer ejercicios todo el tiempo. Es definitivamente una lengua interesante de estudiar, y también mejorará tu inglés (como existen muchas similitudes entre los dos, con respecto al vocabulario y a la gramática.) Otra cosa es que no te aburres en clases; es divertido que haya muchas actividades y que las conversaciones entre los profesores y los estudiantes siempre puedan ser interesantes. Al final, lo que quiero decir es que espero que todos los que estudian el español disfrutén de este curso.



Translation:

"I think what counts the most when learning any language is using it and being interested. Although it is essential to know the grammar and memorise the vocabulary, one will quickly become bored doing them if you do not talk to anyone or if there is no place where you can use the language. I always talk to the Spanish teacher, Mr. Tsui, (and with Mr. Javier before Mr. Tsui came to school) in Spanish, and it seems to me that this has helped me more than doing exercises all the time. It is definitely an interesting language to study, and it will also improve your English (as there are many similarities between the two, regarding vocabulary and grammar.) Another thing is that you don't get bored in class; it's fun that there are a lot of activities and that conversations between teachers and students can always be interesting. In the end, what I want to say is that I hope that everyone who is studying Spanish will enjoy this course."

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Ms. Kim Sahi
Co-Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bonnie Cai'.

Ms. Bonnie Cai
Assistant Principal and Head of Secondary