



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Dear Parents,

After a busy time, on behalf of all of the staff here, I would like to wish all of our families a very restful Winter break. It is a time where many of you may make trips to spend time with friends and family, please enjoy. To those in our international community who will celebrate Christmas, I wish you a very happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th January.

To promote school events more effectively, we established the SUIS Pudong Official WeChat Channel – Subscription Account recently. Please scan the QR code below or search the WeChat name to follow. Thanks!

Account Name: SUIS Pudong

QR Code:



WeChat Name: suispd\_dingyue

It allows us to send one message daily to the subscribers instead of only four messages monthly for Service Account. So, we will focus on posting school news and events reports promptly using this channel.

Our Service Account will be focus on selected news and other functions such as mini program to provide more advanced services.

## KS3 December Star of the Month

December's KS3 Star of the Month is Gary Wang. Gary was nominated by several different teachers for his politeness and respect, particularly as a student who always offers to help in the classroom, as well as holding doors open for his teachers, helping carrying their equipment, and always working at 100% in the classroom. Well done Gary!



## KS4 and KS5 Students of the Month – December

### KS4 Student of the Month: **Giovani Saut**

Giovani has been an asset to the after-school football club and to the IG2 geography class. He has been attending the training sessions and helping Mr. Chua coach the other students in the capacity of a student coach. He is always respectful and listens to others. He is a team player and often helps his peers in class. He takes feedback seriously and is constantly trying to improve. He has been nominated because of his positive attitude and contributions to the school community.



### KS5 Student of the Month: **Billy Zheng**

Billy has impressed staff with his proactive attitude towards his university planning, asking for extra reading material to allow him to demonstrate interest in mechanical engineering. Also for his outstanding effort and achievement in organizing the SUIS Super Football League this semester.



Congratulations to both of our students this month, it is fantastic to see awards being given in recognition of excellent academic achievement and also to our students' work outside of their lessons. All students in the International Secondary School are encouraged to send their nominations for KS4/5 student of the month to their form tutor.

# NSHSS-2019 Update

## Students Launch SUIS Pudong's First International Honour Society: the NSHSS

The National Society of High School Scholars is an internationally-recognised honour society based in the United States. It was founded by Claes Nobel, a senior member of the world-famous Nobel family to recognise academic excellence and high achievement and has inducted over 1.7 million members from over 170 countries since it was founded in 2002. Members are given opportunities including scholarships, college fairs, internships, career and leadership opportunities, partner discounts, and more.

Last school year, several of the school's older students became the founding members of the SUIS Pudong chapter of the NSHSS, and they have already gained a number of benefits, such as having articles published, and in the case of Linda Zheng, who is currently taking part in the Nobel Prize Week in Stockholm. This year, we are delighted to see a number of younger IGCSE students join their A Level classmates in accepting membership of the NSHSS, and we are looking forward to them leading by example as they undertake a number of projects on behalf of the school community. The first task of the school's NSHSS members will be to host a founding ceremony attended by Mr. Claes Nobel from the Nobel family, a big responsibility for these ambitious students who will be tasked with organizing the entire event.



**NSHSS Board of Advisors**

- Claes Nobel, NSHSS Chair
- Paul J. Crutzen, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate, Chemistry 1995
- Greg Goff, President and CEO, Tesoro Companies, Inc.
- Ed Harris, Actor, Producer, Director
- James J. Heckman, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate, Economics 2000
- Herbert Kroemer, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate, Physics 2000
- Anthony Leggett, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate, Physics 2003
- Rudolph A. Marcus, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate, Chemistry 1992
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairman & Managing Director, Biocon Limited
- Ferid Murad, M.D., Ph.D., Nobel Laureate, Medicine 1998
- Stanley Prusiner, M.D., Nobel Laureate, Medicine 1997
- Inge Thulin, CEO, President & Chairman, 3M
- Sir John E. Walker, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate, Chemistry 1997
- Di Yerbury, Ph.D., Vice-Chancellor Emeritus, Macquarie University (Sydney, Australia)
- Dr. Allan Zeman GBM, GBS, JP, Chairman of Lan Kwai Fong Group

**Mr. Claes Nobel**  
Senior member of the Nobel Prize family  
Co-founder of NSHSS



**17+** YEARS  
**1,800,000+** LIFETIME MEMBERS  
**170+** COUNTRIES  
**27,000+** HIGH SCHOOLS  
**65+** UNIVERSITY PARTNERS  
**USD\$ 2 M** SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED  
**TOP 1** TALENT POOL

We firmly believe that this is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop themselves, help the school community and assist with their university applications.

## University Application Updates

Preparations Well Underway for SUIIS Pudong's Largest Ever Cohort . With SUIIS Pudong students already having gained offers over the past two years from a number of the world's leading universities, including 12 in the Top 100 of the highly respected QS Universities Rankings, this year will see the school's largest ever graduating cohort of 24 students apply to and receive offers from universities from across the world. While most students are focusing on the UK, other applications have been and will be sent out to institutions in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, the Netherlands and the USA as well. The University and Careers Guidance team have been working closely with the A2 students to fine-tune their applications along every step of the way, by helping them to research and choose a suitable range of choices, assisting with their all-important application essays, holding practice interviews and coordinating with their A Level teachers to write the strongest possible letters of recommendation.

### Impressive Offers So Far

While there is still a long time to wait before we find out the results of all the applications - North American universities, for instance, mostly do not release their decisions until later in the second semester - a number of our early applicants have already received some impressive offers, mainly from the UK. Among them are offers from Top 100 universities including Warwick, Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow, Durham and King's College London, for courses ranging from English Literature to Computer Science. Most impressively of all, two offers so far have been received from UCL, which is ranked 8th in the world according to the QS Rankings, ahead of world-famous Ivy League institutions such as Princeton and Yale. We eagerly await a great many more impressive offers as the remainder of cohort finalise their applications.



## **Students' University Offer Highlights:**

- Rina Mitsutsuka receiving an offer from the University of Leeds within 48 hours of applying
- Isaac Wong receiving offers from the universities of Manchester and Glasgow within three days of sending his application
- Isaac Wong being offered a scholarship by the University of Glasgow - while fairly common in the USA, such offers are rare in the UK, especially for international students
- Rina Mitsutsuka, Cindia Li and Joy Zhuang receiving interview invitations from Oxford or Cambridge, and successful offers from all other UK universities applied to
- Joy Zhuang receiving offers from four Top 100 universities
- David Pan, Rina Mitsutsuka and Dara Lesniak receiving the school's first ever offers from King's College London, Warwick and SOAS London respectively

## **Interviews with Elite Universities**

As well as being a landmark year in terms of the numbers of students applying, this year sees our students apply to the world-famous UK universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial College London for the first time, as well as top universities in the USA such as Cornell and University of Pennsylvania. No matter how outstanding a student is, and regardless of how well the school prepares them, acceptance by universities such as these is always exceptionally competitive. With this being the case, we are incredibly proud that six of our students have been invited to interview by Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial and others. In addition to interviews held by Cambridge in Shanghai, four students have travelled to the UK to be interviewed. To get this far, after having their application essays, entrance exams and SAT tests scrutinised, some for courses which accept fewer than 10% of applicants, speaks volumes as to the outstanding quality of the students here at SUIS Pudong, and we hope that many more will follow in their footsteps in the years to come.

## **Guidance for Younger Students**

While university applications are sent in the first semester of the students' final year, preparation begins much earlier. Throughout this semester, Mr. MacDonald has been meeting all the students from A1 on a regular basis, in order to set them targets, advise them on their extra-curricular activities and to create a plan to ensure they are well prepared long in advance for their target courses and institutions. Tasks they have been set include research projects, learning how to choose a suitable American university out of the thousands available, getting in touch with university admissions staff and reading books from reading lists set for incoming students by universities such as UCL and Oxford. Later in the semester, Mr. MacDonald will meet all the students from IG1 and IG2 to discuss what steps they can take to prepare at a relatively early stage, to lay strong foundations for their future.

## Approaching Lu Xun to Remember the Classics

Our SUIS IG1 students visited Lu Xun Memorial Hall for a Chinese field trip on November 26th, 2019. We observed the life of Lu Xun, which can help us further understand his spirit.

The statue of Lu Xun stands at the front of the hall. His face is still the same resolute expression, and he still holds the fighting pen in his hand.

Students visited five exhibition areas with the guide and felt the profound spiritual world of Mr. Lu Xun. We also carefully studied Lu Xun's articles and manuscripts, as well as the cultural relics closely related to the works we're familiar with. For example, the only manuscript of *The True Story of Ah Q*, the manuscript of the little portrait of Lu Xun in his twenties, and the anatomical notes of Lu Xun at Sendai medical school are all rare and precious. Meanwhile, IG1 CAL students also participated in this field trip. In Lu Xun park, they interviewed people about their understanding of Lu Xun and learned how he influenced people in behavior and thought. They wrote an article relating to *Asking for Directions* according to what they have learned.



## Approaching Lu Xun to Remember the Classics



*Lu Xun created many works, such as *The Scream*, *Wandering*, and *The True Story of Ah Q*, etc., which made the numb people in the feudal era ponder over their own mistakes, and also made us better understand Lu Xun's "Shouting". Students understood that a person's thoughts can influence his behavior, and that Mr. Lu Xun is a warrior for the country and people. As Chairman Mao said, he was not only a great writer, but also a great thinker and a great revolutionist.*

— IG1 Amy

*Entering the Lu Xun Park, we came to Lu Xun Memorial Hall. A two-storey Hui-style building with white walls and black tile stands before us, which is simple but special. We gain new insights through reviewing old material. After this field trip, I had a more comprehensive understanding of Lu Xun. In the past, too much emphasis was placed on his warrior status as an incisive 'rebel' and irreversible fighter, but at this time I realize that he was also a pioneer and builder for New China and new thoughts.*

— IG1 Lily

*I've learned Lu Xun's legendary life and his strong faith, which act as his motivation for progress. For the sake of the national cause and Chinese people, he completed hundreds of works, including essays, old style poetry, novels, short stories, and literature newspaper, etc. The introduction of Lu Xun's life and works made me deeply understand Lu Xun's strong spirit, and also made me feel that he is a great man who strongly loves the motherland and worries about the country and the people.*

— IG1 Jessica

## Lost and found

We have noticed that our lost and found area is becoming very full of uniform items as well as non uniform items such as water bottles, books and other materials. Unless items are clearly labelled, it becomes very difficult to return these back to the right students. We would like your cooperation in order to solve this issue. Label all belongings clearly and encourage your child to visit the lost and found area as soon as the item is missing or lost. We are not able to store all of items left in the area for a long period of time therefore on the first Monday of each month, we will get rid of any items left in the lost and found area.

### Winter Break

— School ends Friday at 12:00 20th December, 2019

— Back to school Monday 6th January, 2020

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Ms. Kim Sahi

Co-Principal

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Ms. Bonnie Cai

Assistant Principal and Head of Secondary