



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's citizens for the 21st century.

Dear Parents,

We are coming close to our exams so we encourage our students to study hard for them. During the 4th January to 10th January, students will have a series of end of semester exams. If students are not studying at home, they can prepare for these tests in school and they will be supervised and get support from teachers at all times when not sitting tests. We strongly encourage students to develop independent learning and revision skills from the outset of secondary school and will continue to do so as we recognise how essential this is to their future success.

Key Stage Three/Grade 9 Star of the Month Award

Once a month the staff in our International Secondary are asked to nominate one student for the 'Star of the Month Award', whom they believe encapsulates the school values of excellence, respect, resilience, curiosity, collaboration and community. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the Star of the Month Award for November is Chloe Xu in 9B!



Below are some of the comments made about Chloe by the nominating teachers:

'Chloe contributes brilliantly to all class discussions'

'Choe demonstrates her passion for her subjects in ALL the work she produces'

'Chloe is a fantastic debater (a real politician....in a good way!)

'Chloe is inclusive and kind to other students'

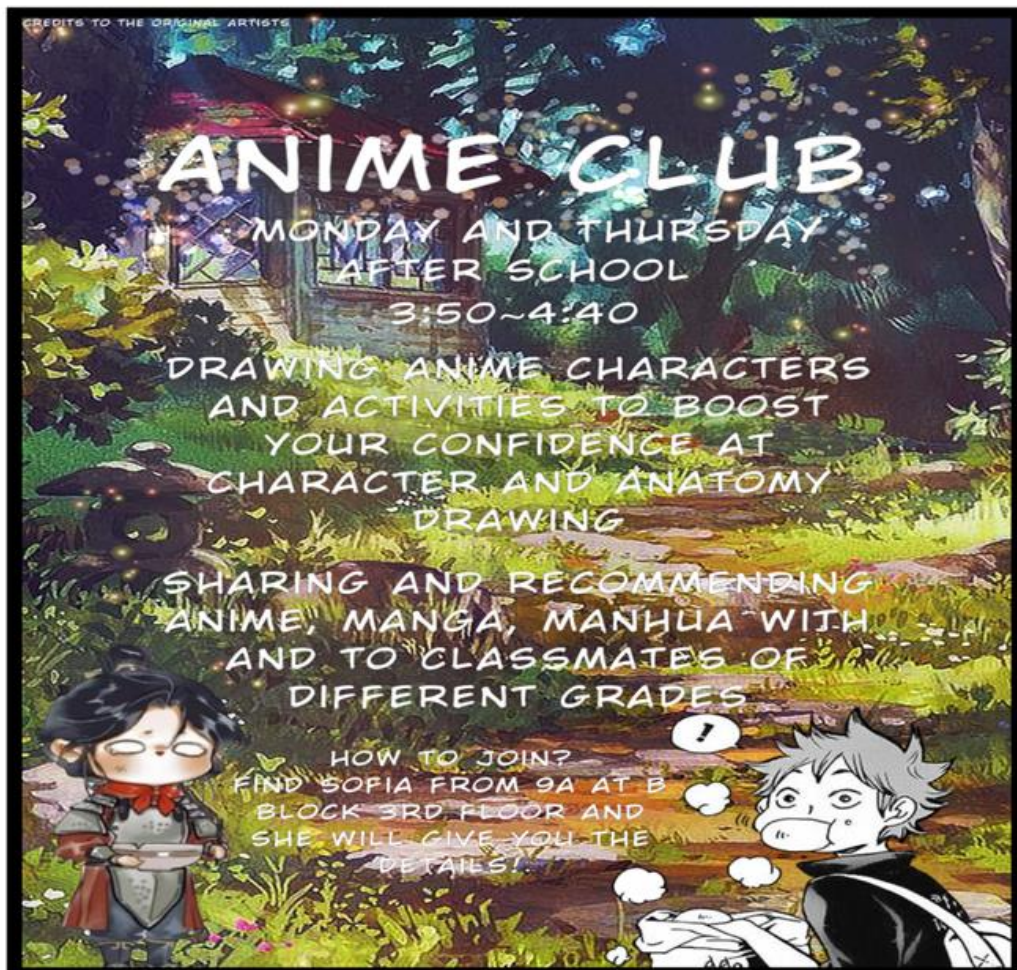
'Chloe is always looking for extra research and practice that she can do outside the classroom to broaden her knowledge and feed her curiosity'

'Chloe is already displaying study skills that would impress teachers of A-Level!'

'Chloe's attitude makes her a real pleasure to have in the classroom'

After school Anime Club

Sofia Dalle Luche in 9A has started an Anime Club afterschool on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:50-4:40pm. All students are welcome to attend and learn or develop their existing Anime, Manga and Manhwa art skills! Any student who is interested in joining can find Sofia or Mr. Ogden for more details.



Reading Days

Last month during registration some of our eighth graders here at SUIS Pudong paired up with their counterparts in fifth grade to help them develop their reading skills. Rather than it being a traditional ‘reading buddy’ activity, the older students wanted to model what it looked like to read with fluency and confidence.

Having pre-selected texts that they themselves had enjoyed and which they thought would also interest their junior peers, they organized themselves into groups of three and took turns reading a chapter in front of the class, who sat in their pajamas (it was a pajamas day) and listened in silence. They then asked some simple comprehension questions and fielded questions, some about the book and some about life generally as a secondary school student.

Though some of the older students were concerned that their younger counterparts might be made too comfortable to concentrate fully by virtue of being ensconced in their pajamas, they believe that their reading had a largely positive effect. They volunteered to do it because they are passionate about the importance of reading. According to Haslina, a student from the eighth grade who participated, ‘Reading is important because it draws you into whole new world which, because it is so interesting, pulls you through difficult vocabulary and enhances your writing skills.’ Commenting on the event itself she says, ‘My reading definitely improved [the fifth graders’] listening skills and broadened their speech with the difficult verbs and adjectives I used.’



Yash, another student who took part, believes he improved their confidence by modelling effective public speaking and says he chose to read simply because he wanted to 'add some happiness to their hearts and make their day a bit more joyful'.



Reflecting on the importance of reading, he says it helps us to 'dive into creativity and provides us with beautiful information about life which we might not encounter otherwise.' Olivia, yet another student who read, agrees: 'Reading can broaden your imagination and creativeness, especially fantasy stories. It can also help with your writing skills and vocabulary.'

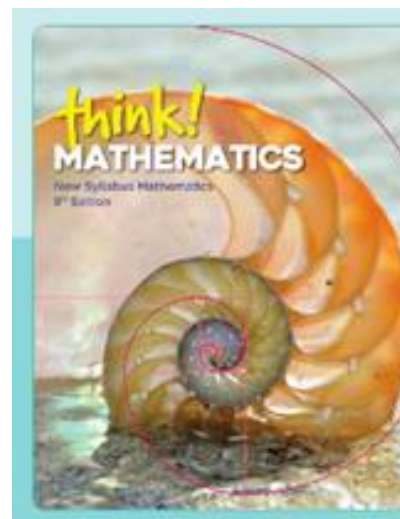
Asked what advice they would give to younger students who might be struggling with their own reading, our eighth grade students are not short of suggestions. One student says, 'Read more and don't be afraid to make notes in the book. Ask an adult or your friend if any questions come up during reading.' One thing all students agree on is that the reading itself must as far as possible be an enjoyable experience, so it is important to select something that genuinely appeals to you. 'Read more and enjoy your time reading. You can also read out loud to yourself in order to improve your fluency,' says Olivia.



Maths

KS3

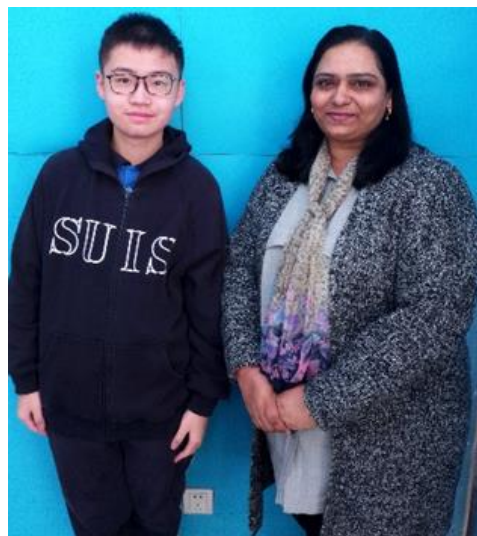
Key stage three have made a successful transition to Singapore Maths, a scheme of work that has much more challenge to it, especially in terms of Numeracy, Algebra, and Equations. Grade 7, who were familiar with the level of the previous learning have risen to the challenge and are embracing the tough solving and algebraic manipulation that they have moved into. The difficulty is especially noticeable in the assessments and students are having to really stretch themselves, think out of the box and push their non-calculator skills to the limit to keep the precious grades they are used to. Although there is a slight dip in the grades, we have all been impressed by how mature and willing they have been to rise to the challenge. This extra level of difficulty in these topics will prove very useful for them as they approach the Zhong Kao mathematics examinations in Grade 9 which has a larger focus on numeracy, and algebraic manipulation than the IGCSE. Let's all support our KS3 maths learners and encourage them to stretch their maths to the limit!



Maths

KS4-5 Results – Special Announcement

With the very impressive results in the recent IGCSE and A-level students of students mostly achieving either A or A* this summer, the maths department is overwhelmingly proud of the efforts and discipline of the KS4-5 students. Covid quarantine and online lessons for half a year proved no obstacle to our ever keen and ready-to-learn students who have shown they have what it takes to earn high academic achievements!



A special congratulations, however, goes to to Eric Yuan (Zhong Fang) who has achieved top of the world in the recent IGCSE Extended Mathematics examination. This means that Eric achieved the highest score on the planet for this examination session. Here he is standing next to his maths teacher Sadaf Saeed. It is a huge achievement, and we are very proud of his continual effort and aspiration to mastery. Eric is an example to others in his love of learning and also in his humility and good cheer in his learning.

Interactive Learning

The move over to PDA Sanlin Campus for our older students has been hugely successful for the mathematics department, where the AP-Calculus, A-Level Mathematics and A-Level Further Mathematics programs have significantly enlarged in numbers. The mathematics department is now teaching a greater level of calculus and mechanics to students, adding more diversity and challenge to the learning. Increasingly more students in our school are studying mathematics to the highest level the world of KS5 can offer. The more mature setting of the older-student culture in PDA has also given students a greater opportunity to develop themselves as leaders where we are able to increasingly able to invite students to present in more business-style settings their mathematical and statistical explanations.



Meanwhile, our KS3 at PD campus, asside from stretching with the new schemes of work is also keeping the maths alive with interactive puzzles and team-work challenges as teachers have a greater focus on younger learners. PD and PDA are developing their own unique culures of mathematical learning!



Competitions



Winners of the Kangaroo maths 2021 competition were presented with their certificates. We had an overwhelming number of students receiving awards including bronze, silver and gold, even with perfect scores! Kangaroo maths challenges require that you not only are good at mathematics, but are also humble about your ability since they delete marks for wrong questions, meaning that if you get a question wrong then your overall score lowers! Thus, it is sometimes better to not answer a question on the markbook if you are not confident you have got it correct. A huge congratulations to the students who showed that they are not only able to show excellent mathematical skill, but also the self-awareness to know when to take the risk and be bold or play it safely.



HOT NEWS!!!

SUIS Pudong, for the first time this year hosted the Continental Math League!

This competition. Growing out of the USA the Continental Math League has participants from hundreds of countries around the world.





The competition this year was held online and students gathered into meeting room C for an intense session of online mathematical challenges! Students from Grades 3 to Grade 9 were all crunching out the solutions and entering them in a frenzy into their online answers sections as the timer quickly ticked down.

To add to the competition atmosphere the Zoom link connecting to all other participants in China in a huge live stream was projected onto the main screen with ranking of students as they entered their answers. Students could see how quickly they were moving through the challenge with respect to the rest of the nation and if they were yet appearing on the top of the name list. Meanwhile, back to the challenge of the next question!



We eagerly anticipate the results of this competition as almost all our students finished early, with reports that it was easier than they expected! It goes to show that maths at SUIIS Pudong is strong right from primary and stays strong all the way through the school. Well done to all the teachers and students who create this strong culture of achievement!



Notice for Holidays

Due to the upcoming holidays, we have put a few procedures in place to ensure normal epidemic prevention and control work on campus. We would like to ensure that all students have a healthy and safe holiday. Please take the time to read through the following procedures.

- We would like to encourage you not to arrange any trips out of town or out of the country unless it is really necessary. Please do not travel to any medium or high risk area. During your journey, please pay attention to personal protection, comply with local epidemic prevention requirements, and keep in touch with the school.
- Any student who traveled outside of Shanghai to other provinces and cities are required to do a corona virus nucleic acid test within 48 hours of returning and ensure it is a negative result and submit report to school.
- If you are leaving Shanghai, please scan the following QR code to report to the school:



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- On the day you arrive back in Shanghai, please scan the following QR code to report to the school:



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We will inform you if there is any updates. Thank you for your cooperation and have a nice holiday!

Parent Sudoku Challenge!

Challenge yourself with this Sudoku challenge! Answers will be given in the next maths newsletter!

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Key Dates

Please note below the upcoming key dates:

- December 21st: End of Semester Reports Issued
- December 22nd: Christmas Celebration Activities (afternoon)
- December 23rd -3 1st: Chinese Culture Week
- January 1st - 3rd: New Year's Day Holiday
- January 4-10: Exam Week
- January 18: Chinese New Year Celebrations
- January 19: Last day of semester 1. School ends at 12pm

For those of you who celebrate Christmas we wish you season's greetings, and to you all happy holidays.

Kind regards,



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