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From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

The second semester is an intense time for the graduating ZIS Class of 2022. Spring brings exciting news of university acceptances and at the same time the pressures of final exams coming soon in May. These universities understand very well the value of the IB Diploma Programme and what it means to achieve this diploma. One item anyone who is not an admissions officer may not understand is the Extended Essay completed by our DP graduates.

The Extended Essay, known to the students as the “EE”, is an independent, self-directed piece of research culminating in a 4000 word essay where a topic of special interest, often related to the field in which the student intends to

study, is investigated. University admissions officers recognize the significance of such a study, and success in this component opens many doors.

This year's graduating class have produced an impressive array of investigations in a variety of subject areas. A brief sampling of their paper topics offers a snapshot of their research:

- Chinese A: How does Lin Haiyin use character development to portray the life of 1930s women in China?
- Technology: How has the pandemic impacted the global supply of graphics cards?
- Biology: Investigating the antimicrobial properties of tomatine.
- English A: How does Lee use point of view in "To Kill a Mockingbird" to explore 20th century racial tensions?

Guided by a teacher supervisor, the EE further develops the capacity to analyse, synthesize and evaluate knowledge. It is an arduous but rewarding learning experience and is a strong indicator of future success in academic research at the university level.

We wish the Class of 2022 all the best as they prepare for their final exams and anticipate acceptances to their schools of choice.

Warm Regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School

Upcoming Events

March 25: Primary Sports Day

March 30: Early Years Open Day

April 4-8: Qing Ming & Spring Break

April 15: Secondary Sports Day

April 12: Parent Workshop: 21st Century Literacy 1:45pm @ GUSTO

April 18-22: MAP Growth Testing

April 23: International Day

...view the school calendar online at <http://zischina.com/calendars/>



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Come learn with us, under the banyan tree

Wednesday, March 30 @ 9:00

Perfectly Primary

PYP EXHIBITION IS HERE!

This week starts one of the most important events at any IB PYP School, the PYP Exhibition.

Every student who goes through the IB PYP program will finish their time with the PYP Exhibition. The PYP Exhibition is a culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the IB PYP. The Exhibition is an authentic process for students to explore, document, and share their understanding or an opportunity of personal significance.

Students will have eight to nine weeks to research, present, and take action on their chosen topic. The students have agency as they manage their own time, organise interviews and field trips, and lead their learning under the supervision of the year six teachers.

The Exhibition is a moment of celebration and reflection. Students show that they are ready to go to MYP and have an opportunity to reflect on their primary school journey. This week finishes week 1! Let's go, Year 6!

Kind Regards,

Michael Lattimore

Head of EY and Primary





Secondary Segment

Dear secondary parents,

The annual Battle of the Books competition took place on Friday, March 18, with secondary students participating in two categories (Middle School and High School). They read all 10 books and answered 450 questions in preparation for the competition.

Battle of the Books aims to instil in young people a love of reading, to have loads of fun, and to inspire academic achievement.

The competition had its share of obstacles this year. With COVID restrictions in effect for the Pearl River Delta Area, the competition this year was held virtually. Our teams worked through all the technical difficulties and handled these stressful situations extremely well.

Congratulations to the middle school team: Y7 Audrey (Team Captain), Y8 Gloria, and Y7 Maite, who placed eighth overall.

Well done to Y11 Chloe (Team Captain), Y8 Favor, Y8 Isabelle, and Y11 Jenny who also received 8th place.

Warm Regards,

Charlotte Aucamp
Senior Librarian



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