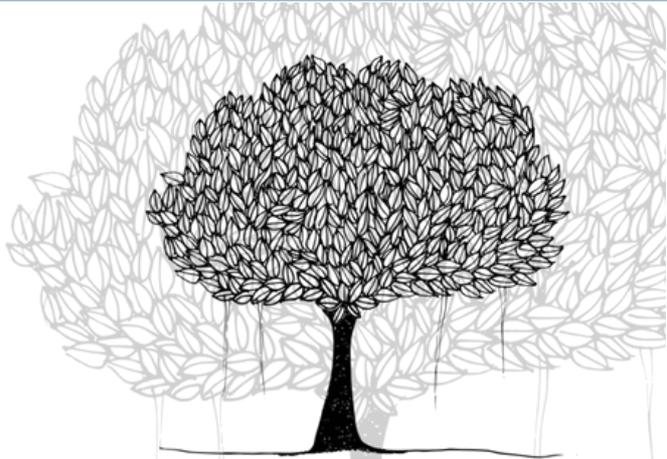


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FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

I hope you will join us this Saturday, May 4, at our annual International Day. Discover the tastes and traditions of the world as the nations and regions of our community share their very best with us. Thank you to Friends of ZIS for organizing this wonderful event yet again. Thank you too for all of the generous prize contributions donated by companies and families for the raffle draw as well. There will be an international parade beginning at 10:15am, and other experiences throughout the day including music, international food and drink, cultural skill challenges, and of course the raffle draw. For those of you looking to stretch your legs, football friendlies for students and parents will be run after the event concludes at 3pm. Sign up will be done during the day – remember your athletic gear if you hope to play.

Take the opportunity when on campus this Saturday to visit the PYP Exhibition prepared by the Year 6 students on the second floor and the MYP Personal Projects shared by the Year 11 students in and around Learning Services. These student directed investigations demonstrate the range of knowledge and skills of these impressive young people – you will find there is no questions too difficult to handle!

There have been some new additions to campus recently. The play structure funded in part by the Art Auction Fundraiser has been installed – it still needs a few more days for the concrete to settle and will be open for play late next week. Thank you again to Tiffany and her fabulous CAS project for contributing to this addition. The remainder of the funds were sourced from this years' campus development funds which have also allowed us to further add ten new computers to our IT provision.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Secondary Teachers arriving this August:

Deon Boshoff joins our Secondary team as our Physical Education teacher. Trained and certified in South Africa at Rhodes University, Mr. Boshoff brings his passion for competitive sport and triathlons to the Physical and Health education of his students. Moving to Zhuhai from Guangzhou allows him to continue his work with the Pearl River Conference where he has already been impressed by our young athletes.

Anthony Kietzmann arrives in August to deliver MYP Design and Visual Arts courses to our students. Specializing in digital technology, photography, sculpture and art history, Mr. Kietzmann brings his IB experience from schools in Spain and China. His most recent posting in Shenzhen means he is familiar with our city and campus – he and his family are excited to enjoy the Zhuhai experience.

Danielle Tucker has taught English over her 13 year career in Secondary education. She holds a Masters in Education from Arizona State University and has been the Instructional Leader for the past three years in her present school in Phoenix, USA. This will be Ms. Tucker's first experience with the IB, and her approach as a learning facilitator will no doubt align perfectly with bringing English alive in the MYP and DP.

Eric Mitzel has fifteen years experience teaching Mathematics, Physical Science, and Biology and holds a Masters in Secondary Education. Mr. Mitzel will primarily teach Mathematics to our Secondary students, and during his career in the US he has taught the subject to all levels. In his summers Mr. Mitzel founded and directs a camp dedicated to citizenship and leadership skills.

Once again, we wish all of our departing teachers the best of luck as they continue their teaching journeys and look forward to welcoming our new staff to our community in August.

I hope to see you all during International Day this Saturday and wish you all the best in the remaining weeks of the school year.

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Day

May 4

MYP Personal Project Exhibition

May 4

Secondary Production

June 5 - UIC



Perfectly Primary



Hello ZIS Community,

It was a special week for our Year 6 students. This Friday the class presented their PYP Exhibition inquiries. This was the culmination of 7 weeks of hard work for our students. It began in March when the students were asked to think about the world they live in, and consider an aspect of it that they would like to improve. Our Year 6 teachers Ms. Vanessa and Ms. Lin inspired the class to be the change they wanted to see in the world.

The Year 6 students formed groups around a global issue they were most interested in exploring. They then formed key questions, and began researching to find the answers to these questions. After gaining a lot of new knowledge, the students worked with their Art

teachers, Mr. Mike and Ms. Judy to think about how they could express their learning in a creative way.

The end results were fantastic! With help from their mentors, our Year 6 students rebuilt the old art room into a presentation space for 5 different student groups. The students also did an amazing job all day Friday presenting their work to their parents, teachers and classmates. Congratulations Year 6 students!

The PYP Exhibition projects will be open to anyone who would like to see them during the International Day this Saturday. Feel free to come and see our students' work.

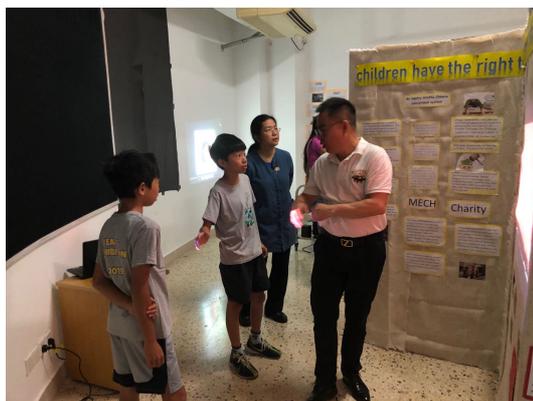
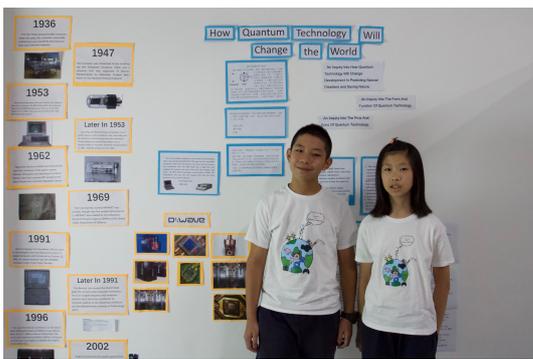
Thanks for reading and have a great weekend!

Best regards,

Jordan Rose

Head of Primary & Early Years







Dear Parents and Students,

This week I want to give a hearty "well done" to Year 11 who complete their Personal Project journey on Saturday at International Day with their Exhibition. You will find them inside and just outside Learning Services. Please take the time between 10.30-12.00 to go and see the fruits of their labour and passions.

IT'S TIME!!!!!!

Yes, our DP examinations began today with Business Management. Every Year in May we prepare ourselves for the three weeks of hell on earth that face the students - well...in their minds anyway.

This group should feel very proud of themselves as they face their final exams. Diligence and consistency have been their watchwords for a number of years.

I am sure that they will appreciate a nod and a smile in the next three weeks, just to let them know that they are supported and you share their school journey as it comes so close to the end.

Our Year 11 students will be watching closely, I expect, as they have one final week to prepare for their own MYP examinations.

Some helpful study/examination tips:

- Get enough sleep
- Drink enough water
- Don't study for more than 2hrs in a single stretch
- Do some exercise after your break before you start again to get the blood pumping and to re-focus your mind.
- Don't talk to people before the exam - keep a quiet mind and a calm persona.
- Read the question TWICE and highlight key words.
- Write an answer for every question. Even if it is not fully correct, you may get some marks.

Good Luck to one and all.

Warmest Regards

Vanessa Leah
Head of Secondary



SUMMER READING

As we head into the final stretch of the year, our department looks at how students have grown and progressed over the past 10 months. One of our primary roles here at ZIS is working with our EAL students. A main concern for any language acquisition program is maintaining language levels while away over the summer.

No matter what language a student is learning over the year or at what level, 8 weeks is plenty of time for forgetting. At the start of each school year, you can quickly determine who has had a chance to continue to practice and who has not. The solution? Summer Reading!

In order to help our EAL students, Mr. Alan and I took a look in our library to see which authors would be a good consideration for summer reading. There is a photo below to guide you but here is the list from order of least to greatest difficulty:

- **Elisabetta Dami:** *Geronimo Stilton* (check out the website too: <https://geronimostilton.com/WW-en/home/?fw=1>)
- **Dav Pilkey:** *Mighty Robot* (a series)
- **Liz Pichon:** *Tom Gates* (a series)
- **Lauren Tarshis:** *I Survived* (a series about real-life events like the sinking of the Titanic)
- **Andrew Clements:** *Frindle* and other novels
- **Erin Hunter:** *Warriors* (3 series)
- **Gordon Korman:** *Ungifted* and other novels

Each of these authors has written multiple books at the same level - allowing you many options to keep a young reader busy over the summer months. Remember, whether they are graphic novels or more traditional chapter books, **all** support English language learning.

Tomorrow, during International Day, Oink 'n' Oink will be here again with books for sale. See if you can find some of these books there.

Happy Reading!

Warm Regards

Mirjam Berghuis
Head of Learning Services

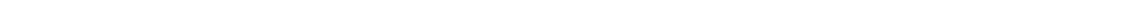


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ZHUHAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

International Day



MAY 4, 2019 - 10am until 3pm

ZIS CAMPUS - Qi'ao Island

**Let's celebrate our
international community!**





ZHUHAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

International Day

珠海国际学校
— 淇澳岛



一起来庆祝我们的
国际日吧！

2019年5月4日星期六 — 上午10点至下午3点

国际日




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