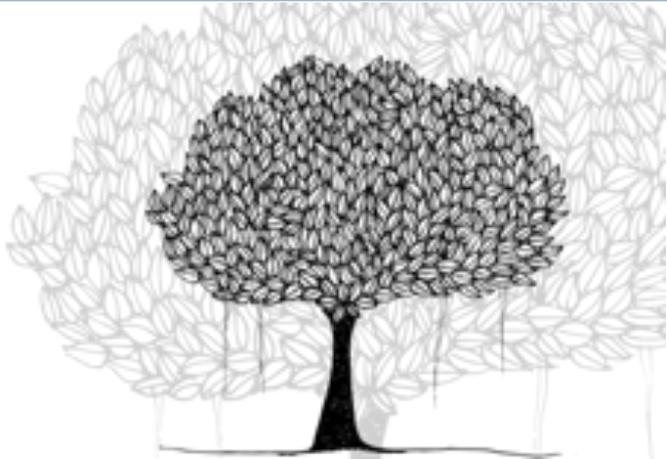


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Zhuhai International School: weekly newsletter

FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

Congratulations to the entire ZIS team for an outstanding start to the school year. From the students and teachers to the office and logistics team, everyone went above and beyond to make the first week a success.

After an action-packed week full of introductions, reunions, and discoveries, many more events keep the momentum going:

Parent Information Night - Tuesday, September 3 (6:00-7:30pm)

A great chance to meet other families, this is one of our more popular info nights with a focus on introducing programmes and getting to know ZIS faculty. Presentations and Q&A sessions will be delivered for each programme: PYP, MYP, and DP. Learn more about our academics, communication channels, Week Without Walls, and more. Refreshments available.

Sundowner - Saturday, September 7 (6:00-8:30pm)

Help us set the tone for the year during this social night with music, families, and food and beverages. Parking is available along the street once our lot is full. Enjoy the sunset on Qi'ao Island!

Stoke City FC Trial Week - October 7-11

We are excited to launch academy style football training for the ZIS community. Coach Kane from the Stoke City FC youth program joins us to introduce English football to our young people. Training programs for the rest of October, November, and December will be published shortly.

Week Without Walls - Week of October 21

We have a number of incredible learning adventures planned for a wonderful week. Younger students will explore locations close to home while classes from Year 5 to Year 13 will pack their suitcases to explore China.

These trips will be introduced during Parent Information Night on Sept 3.

<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Learning Focus</u>
Years 5 & 6	Conghua	Culture and Service
Years 7 & 8	Yangshuo	Culture and Outdoor Ed.
Years 9 & 10	Guizhou	Culture and Service
Years 11 - 13	Sichuan	Culture and Service

We have joined forces with the trip experts at Keystone Adventures to deliver each of these excursions. Together with our supervising teachers, their guides will guarantee adventurous, meaningful, and memorable learning.

I hope everyone enjoyed the first week of school - let's build on this great start!

Warm regards,
Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Information Night

September 3 from 6pm to 7:30pm

Sundowner

September 7 from 6pm to 8:30pm

Cross Country Meet (Secondary)

September 7 @ AIS Guangzhou

Mid-Autumn Festival Holiday

September 13

Stoke City FC Trial Week

October 7-11

Guest Author: Sean Karemaker

October 16

Stoke City FC Training

October 14 - December 13



Perfectly Primary



Dear ZIS Community,

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year. As I've gone around to visit all of the classrooms this week, the one word that stood out to me time and time again was collaboration. The first few weeks of school are all about building relationships with one another, finding ways to work together, and becoming effective communicators. At ZIS, we collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups. At the same time, we express ourselves confidently and creatively in varied ways.

For example, our Year 5 and Year 6 students worked on a cross collaborative provocation Wednesday to introduce their first Unit of Inquiry: "How we Express Ourselves." The two year groups worked together to rotate through seven different mini workshops in order to develop both their interpersonal and intrapersonal skills. These workshop topics varied from working to complete a puzzle, to working through a musical challenge, to deep breathing exercises. Upon completion, students reflected on how well they enjoyed each workshop. This gave them more insight into the things they enjoy, as well as how they learn. Because they were able to work together in small groups for each workshop, they also learned more about their classmates' strengths and interests.

From the nursery students to the year 6 students, each year group has blown me away with their willingness to work as a team this week. We have several new students this year, and it warms my heart to see all of them welcomed with open arms.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Lana Staton
Head of Primary





Dear parents and students,

The first full week of having students in school is coming to a close and what a week it has been. Students have been settling into their first classes with new and returning teachers and by and large it has been an orderly settling in time for our students. We have ordered more lockers and the full translations of the essential agreements are on their way. Hopefully by the end of the next week these things will have been ironed out.

Our Second Open Day for parents was on Thursday 29 August. It was a success with many parents having a positive taster experience of a representative lesson in secondary. Mr Tony Kietzmann volunteered to put on a sample lesson for Y9 Design students and together with our visiting parents. The lesson centred on the Design-thinking cycle and was introduced to everyone by planning creative drawings on a folded piece of paper. Everyone enjoyed the lesson.

From 10-11am on Thursday, August 29, we had a representative from Durham University coming to speak to us about his university and about admissions practices in general. Dr Colin Crowder explained how the UCAS application process is different to the US application process and gave an outline of application dates. All useful information for our Y10, 11, 12, and 13 students.

Our sporting year kicks off with a cross-country run at AIS on Saturday 7 September. This and football, basketball, volleyball and touch rugby are all activities many of our students have signed up for. They match the energy and enthusiasm of our teachers, and when channelled will provide the basis for a year's worth of learning.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Owen Henry as our experiential learning coordinator and Ms Amanda Chang as the assistant experiential learning coordinator. These roles will support students in their learning outside the classroom, helping them reflect on meeting the IB's learning outcomes and basic requirements across the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and Diploma Programme (DP).

This is a moment to thank all secondary teachers for their creativity and sheer preparedness in starting our first week of lessons so well. This and the above means we can look forward to week 2 being one of even greater levels of fun learning, curiosity, and actioning of dreams.

Welcome to the first week of the new academic year 2019-20.

Michael Coffey
Head of Secondary





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FROM THE LIBRARY

From the Library

Welcome back everyone! Hope summer break was a joyous time to travel, spend time with family/friends, and enjoy life at a slower pace.

Now that the school year is upon us, here are a few important notices:

1. On October 16, ZIS is pleased to announce graphic novelist Sean Karemaker will spend a day with our students speaking about what it take to be an author and artist.
2. Our books for **Battle of the Books** are expected to arrive by early September and will be available for checkout before the end of the month.
3. The library is looking for parent volunteers for this year to assist in the library. Last year's volunteers were a great help but sadly several have moved on to other opportunities. Any amount of time would benefit the library even if only a couple of hours per week.

Looking forward to a great 2019-2020 school year.

Warm Regards,

Miss. Crystal and Mr. Barbee
The Library Team

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Food, Drink
Family, Friends
&
Qi'ao Sunset

Saturday, Sept 7, 2019 6-8:30pm

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