

August 13th 2019

**RE: Welcome to the 2019-2020 Academic Year**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019/20 school year! I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our 2018/19 IB MYP & Diploma students on their recent results.

Congratulations to all of the class of '19 and thanks to their teachers and parents who supported them during the past two years. We wish our graduates well as they take on new challenges in the future. A special mention must go to Pei, who obtained the highest score of 40, as a school, we are extremely proud of all our graduates.

The year 12 students achieved a 100% pass rate, with UISZ being very strong in Economics, Languages and Science. Across the other subjects, UISZ was above the world average, which highlights the outstanding education we provide.

As well as the IB Diploma results, we have had outstanding success on the IB MYP with a 92% pass rate. Our reputation as an educational institution of excellence offering all three International Baccalaureate programmes grows. Our focus on academics, student development and wellbeing make UISZ stand out as one of the best international schools in the region.

This year, we are welcoming into our community 30 new students and their families, as well as our new staff and their families. UISZ is a strong community and so please make everyone feel welcome. You will have the opportunity to meet all our teachers, in person, at our upcoming Welcome Evening & UPAZ BBQ on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**.

We have welcomed into the Primary and Secondary Schools our young KG1, Year 1 and Year 7 students. Our school counsellor Mrs Francesca Ferrari will be helping them settle into their school routines and daily life over the coming days and weeks. If you would like to contact Mrs Francesca Ferrari, please email her at: [fferrari@uiszc.org](mailto:fferrari@uiszc.org)

I would like to remind parents of our *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) initiative. Letters will be send to new parents outlining devices students from Year 5 to 12 are to bring and the expectations of correct usage. If you are unsure about this policy please email Mr. Chay Cheng, our ICT Coordinator on: [ccheng@uiszc.org](mailto:ccheng@uiszc.org)

This year we are excited to begin with our new vision, mission and guiding statements. The school worked collaboratively with students, parents and teachers during last year to develop our new vision, mission and guiding statements. It focuses UISZ on learning and the future: **Explore, Adapt, Impact!** I have attached details of this to the email, please take a look!

Finally, we are looking for any parents who might be interested joining UPAZ, our parent association. UPAZ plays a very important role in uniting parents, students and teachers in harmony. If you are interested, please send an email to: Rex Luo on [rlo@uiszc.org](mailto:rlo@uiszc.org)

I look forward to greeting you in the near future and encourage you to come to our Welcome Event & UPAZ BBQ for parents on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August at 7:00PM**. Further details are to follow. There will be many opportunities during the school year for parents, students and teachers to come together. During these activities, such as sporting events and celebrations, we continue to build our sense of community.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest Wishes,



**Nicholas Evans, MEd**  
**Head of School**