

Student Led Conferences KG – Year 5

March 2018

Dear Primary Parents,

Student led conferences will be held for all Early Years and Primary students on **Friday, March 23rd between 8:30 – 11:30** and **1:30-3:00** There will be no regular classes on this day. These conferences are part of the school's formal reporting system and are an opportunity for your child to share his/her academic progress with you. There will be a Presentation of UISZ *Strategic Plan* and *UISZ New School Development* information sessions in the Secondary Library from **11:30 – 12:30**, all parents are invited to attend this session.

Student led conferences are a time for students to take the lead in sharing their learning journey with their parents. It is an important component of the PYP, as it requires students to be communicative and reflective. It can be a very special time for the students and parents.

Conference times will be scheduled in **40-minute blocks**. During each of these sessions there will be 3 to 4 families involved in conferences in the same class. Your child will be directing what takes place during his/her conference and will be using this time to share his/her achievements and challenges of this academic year. Your child will discuss the work in their portfolio and will invite you to take part in shared practical activities in order to demonstrate some of his/her understandings and/or some of the work they have been doing. Your child will discuss both class work and work done in specialist classes. Either before or after your child's conference they will want to show you some of their work in the specialist classrooms, so please allow some extra time either before or after your scheduled time in the classroom to visit specialist classes. It may be easiest for you to do this with both/all your children at once, if you have more than one child.

If it is easier for you and your child to use a language other than English during the conference, please feel free to do so. This will help you get the most out of the conference. The teacher's main role during the conference will be to observe the conferences and intervene during problems of a practical nature. As the name implies, it is the student's responsibility to lead the conference and we urge parents not to initiate discussion with the

teacher that excludes your child's participation. The room will be set up with a variety of centres which you and your child will go through, the teacher will be at one of the centres to meet conference with you and your child.

If at the end of the conference, you feel that you need to have a meeting with the teacher to discuss further concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Yan Zhou to arrange an appointment.

The student led conferences are a time to acknowledge and celebrate your child's progress and discuss areas in which he/she feels they need to improve. We ask that cell phones be turned off during your child's conference.

Please find some information below that may be helpful for you during your child's conference

What Should I Expect?

- Your child has selected pieces of work from throughout the year and has reflected on these to include in their portfolio, to show growth over time. You will be shown completed work, work in progress and drafts.
- Conferences are scheduled in **40 minute** blocks. Your child will take you to some specialist classrooms before or after his/her conference to show you work that he/she does in those areas. Please be aware that the day will end at 3:00 PM.
- Your child will be leading the conference, however the teacher will be present to facilitate and support students during the conferences. Your teacher will meet with you for 10 minutes during within the conference block.

<i>Do.....</i>	<i>Don't...</i>
...let your child take the lead and be responsible for what happens	...take charge by talking too often, interrupting or asking loaded questions.
...believe that your child is the best judge of how he/she is doing.	...engage in detailed conversation with the teacher about your child's work. This will take away from your child's sense of responsibility.
... turn off your mobile phone!	...compare your child's work with that of others, but look at how it has progressed since the beginning of the year.
...listen to your child's explanations and then reinforce these with positive comments.	...rush. Let your child determine what is important for you to share.
...use open ended questions which allow for your child to	...look only for academic strengths and weaknesses, but

answer in a personal and individualized way.	also consider your child's social, emotional and organizational development.
...sit back and enjoy seeing your child in their new role.	... expect a performance from your child, they are not putting on a show.

The Do's and Don'ts of Student Led Conferences

We look forward to seeing you at school, with your child, for his/her conference.

Transportation Arrangements

On Friday, March 23rd, for those parents who require transportation from Dongguan and Zengcheng, two buses will pick up from 3 different locations, please see the times below:

- 1) **DYNATOWN, WESTGATE** at 7:10 am
- 2) **MOONBAY GARDEN** at 7:20 am
- 3) **PHEONIX CITY** at 7:30

Return busses will depart from **UISZ at 3:30**

Boarders:

Boarders will have the option of departing on Thursday afternoon, March 22nd, at 3:35 to return **if** their parents are not able to attend the conferences. Otherwise, boarders may remain in boarding on Thursday night if their parents are coming for the conferences. They can return home with their parents on Friday.

Year 6 Student

The Year 6 Student Conferences will be held later in May, it is unnecessary for parents to come in on Friday BUT we would like to invite the Year 6 students to school for the day to work on their Exhibition research. Mrs. Fuller will be available to work with the students all day.

Yours sincerely,
Liz DenHartigh
Head of Primary

学生家长会（幼儿园-五年级）

尊敬的小学部家长：

学生家长会(所有幼儿园和小学的学生)将会在**3月23日星期五早上8:30到11:30, 下午1:30到3:00**举行。当天将没有常规的课程。这些会议是学校正式的家庭报告系统的一部分,也是让您的孩子与您分享学业进展的机会。早上**11:30-12:30**,在中学部图书馆将会举行增城誉德莱国际学校战略规划和新校区发展信息讲座,我们邀请所有的家长参加这个讲座。

学生主导的会议是学生带头与父母分享学习历程的时间。这是小学国际教育课程的一个重要组成部分,因为它要求学生对此进行交流和反思。对学生和家长来说,这是一个非常特殊的时刻。

每个会议时间将安排在**40分钟**的时间内。每个时间段的会议里都会有**3-4**个家庭同时在一个课室里。您的孩子将会主导在他/她的会议上的相关事项,并将利用这段时间来分享他/她在这一学年所取得的成就和挑战。您的孩子将会讨论他们文件夹里的学习内容,并将邀请您参加一些与您分享的实践活动来展示他/她的理解和/或他们正在做的一些工作。您的孩子将会讨论在班级里的学习和专业课上的学习。在您孩子的会议之前或者之后他们会想要给您展示他们在不同科目的一些学习成果,所以,请您在安排好的会议时间之前或之后安排一些额外的时间来了解孩子在专业课上的表现。如果您在小学有不止一个孩子,可能最好同时安排您家的孩子一起完成这个部分。

如果您和您的孩子在会议期间更喜欢使用母语的话,请随意。这将有助于您从会议中获得最大的收益。在会议期间,老师的主要职责是观察会议,并对实际的问题进行干预。正如这个名字所暗示的,领导这次会议是学生的责任,我们希望家长不要在孩子不在场时和老师讨论有关孩子的问题。课室将会布置成各种课堂活动中心,供您和您的孩子参观,老师在会其中一个活动中心与您和您的孩子会谈。

如果在会议结束时,您觉得您需要和老师另外再开会讨论进一步的问题,请联系您孩子的班主任或者是小学前台 **Yan Zhou** 另外安排一个会议。

学生家长会是一个表扬和庆祝您孩子进步的时刻,并讨论他/她认为需要改进的领域。我们希望在您孩子的会议上关掉手机。

请参考以下信息，这在您孩子的会议上可能对您有帮助

我应该期待什么？

- 您的孩子从全年中挑选了一些作品，并都反思了在他们文件里的这些作品，展现出在过去这段时间里的成长。您将会看到完成的作业，正在进行的作业和一些草稿。
- 每个会议安排是 **40 分钟**。您的孩子会在他/她的会议之前或之后带您去其它科目的教室展示他/她在这些领域所做的工作。请注意当天的所有会议将在下午 3:00 结束。
- 您的孩子将主导这次的会议，但是老师也会在会议期间为学生提供便利和支持。您孩子的老师会在会议期间与您会面 10 分钟。

该做的.....	不该做的.....
...让您的孩子做主导，并对发生的事情负责。	...总是说话，打断孩子说话，或问一些其他问题。
...相信您的孩子对他/她正在做的事情的判断是最好的。	...和老师就您孩子的学习成果进行详细的交谈。这会减低您孩子的责任感。
...把您的手机关掉！	...比较您孩子和其他人的学习成果，但请看看自学年初以来它是如何发展的。
...聆听孩子的解说，然后用正面的评价去强化这些内容。	...急急忙忙的。让您的孩子决定与您分享什么是重要的。
...使用开放式的问题让您的孩子以个人和个性化的方式回答问题。	...只看学术优势和劣势，同时也要考虑孩子的社交、情感和组织能力的发展
...坐下来，享受您孩子的新角色。	...期待您孩子的表演，他们不是在表演节目。

学生家长会上该做和不该做的事情

我们期待，在学校见到您和您的孩子一同出现在他/她的会议上。

交通安排

在 3 月 23 日星期五，我们将会为东莞和增城，有需要乘坐校车的家长提供交通安排，我们将会提供 2 部校车分别从 3 个地点接送家长。请您留意以下的接送时间：

- 1) 星河传说西门，早上 7:10 准时上车
- 2) 金月湾，早上 7:20 准时上车

3) 凤凰城麦当劳, 7:30 准时上车

所有回程的校车将会在下午 **3:30** 从增城誉德莱国际学校出发回到早上的上车点。

住宿生:

如果住宿生的家长不参加这次家长会, 那么他/她可以在 3 月 22 日星期四下午 3:35 离校回家。相反, 如果住宿生的家长前来参加这次的会议, 那么他/她可以在星期四晚上留在宿舍, 并在星期五与家长一起回家。

六年级学生

六年级学生的家长会将在五月举行, 六年级的学生家长不需要在星期五来学校, 但是我们希望邀请所有的六年级学生在那天回来学校为他们的毕业展览做调查工作。当天 Mrs.Fuller 将会和学生工作一整天。

您真诚的
Liz DenHartigh
小学校长
2018 年 3 月