



UISZ 2018-19 1st Semester Review



Message from Mr. Nick Evans, UISZ Head of School

Semester 1 has been another exciting time at UISZ. We should be extremely proud of all our community for embracing challenges in their learning and lives. This makes our school an active, enthusiastic, and enjoyable place to both live and learn. Throughout the semester, we have enjoyed a wide variety of successful and memorable events. The annual Peace Day in September was a great day, as well as the colourful

Arts Day Celebration and vibrant UEF Alumni & Family Day.

It has been lovely to see so many new students this Semester, all of whom are settling in well and making new friends. The school is continuing to grow in numbers, with increases in both Primary and the Middle Schools. Our reputation as the leading international school in the Dongguan region is evidence of this growth, with our focus on well-being and the education the whole person.

This semester has given us a wonderful spirit felt throughout our school and I can't wait to see what exciting events, activities and learning opportunities take place in Semester 2.



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Message from UISZ Head of Primary, Ms. Elizabeth DenHartigh

In the Primary, the first semester has been a time of growth and change. In August, students were greeted by a new playground; the best in this area, new art room, and new toilets. The renovations and updates to the school brought a sense of excitement and possibility to the community. During the first two months the Early Years and Primary welcomed many new students. We continue to grow in the Primary and are grateful for the way the new students enrich our classes and school.

This semester we have worked on creating and developing new units for each class. The newly adopted math standards have been implemented and we are in the process of adopting literacy standards. We are now developing a Math and Literacy handbook to go with the Program of Inquiry. Continued focus on aligning and articulating standards and skills for each unit will happen throughout the second semester and within the CIS domain meetings. Overall, it has been a busy, productive semester in the Primary.



Message from UISZ Head of Boarding, Mr. Jeremy Holt

Those who live and work in a residential community know, intuitively, that the boarders are at its heart. They are the *genii loci* – the protective and numinous spirits that define, guard and inhabit a particular space. UISZ is no exception. Dragon House and its boarders are the school's life-blood, energy and vitality and it continues to grow and prosper, rising daily to meet the challenges and joys of community living. The jewel in the Dragon House crown, the INSPIREd Boarding Program (IBP), built on the key idea that 'better people make better boarders', is now into its second year and also continues to develop and evolve as we look to enrich, inspire and dare our boarders and staff to become better in all facets of living and being. After all, our greatest asset is our people.

Overall, as a boarding community, we have come a long way in semester one, and we have much to be proud of. However, we would also be wise to remember that success has the potential to breed complacency and failure as well. And so we continue to beat on against those currents of smugness, arrogance and self-congratulation that can shipwreck our endeavours.

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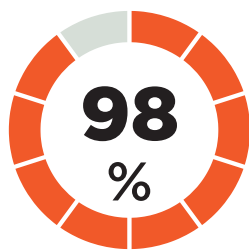
Celebrating 11 Years of Outstanding Success in IB Diploma Examinations

UISZ is celebrating 11 years of outstanding success after the release of the May 2018 IB Diploma examinations. We would like to congratulate our Class of 2018, Alex and Kenny for achieving outstanding results. As a school, we are extremely proud of all our graduates.



Highest IB Diploma points awarded to candidate

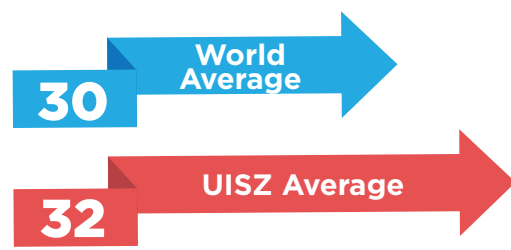
*out of maximum 45 points



No. of candidates who passed the IB Diploma in UISZ



Average highest score obtained at UISZ by IB Diploma candidates



UISZ results well above the world average

UISZ Top Scoring Students



*out of maximum 45 points

Top Universities Our Graduates Go To

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House Captains Election



New house captains have been elected in secondary school. Congratulations to Helena and Kathy (Earth), Christian and Nicholas (Wind), Jennifer and Helen (Fire) and Tommy and Harry (Water). These students will form the student council and will meet regularly throughout the year to organise events, meet with staff and represent the students of UISZ.

VYLC Visiting UISZ

Fifty students and five teachers from Victorian Young Leaders to China (VYLC) are visiting UISZ through the China New Horizons programme. The cultural component is a large part of the VYLC curriculum; and they have enjoyed working with students of different backgrounds and experiences at UISZ. This week, students visited primary and secondary classrooms, and assisted with CCA's.

VYLC students enjoy the experience, as they have opportunities to connect with younger students, role model expected behaviors, demonstrate leadership and teamwork skills, and practice problem solving skills.

"I find most interesting all the questions that we get to ask students here - they will tell you their firsthand experience." Gef, Year 9





Welcoming MGSE to the Primary Classrooms

In Primary, we have had the pleasure of welcoming our Melbourne Graduate Students (MGSE) to the Primary classrooms. Miss Sneha, Miss Renata, and Miss Jessica teachers have come to learn about international and local schools in China. They have been spending time in Years 2, 3 and 6, on the playground, helping with CCAs and participating in specialist subjects. Our students have benefited from having visiting teachers in the classroom to share their learning with.

"The students have so much energy, good energy to learn, like they are excited." ~ Melbourne graduate student.



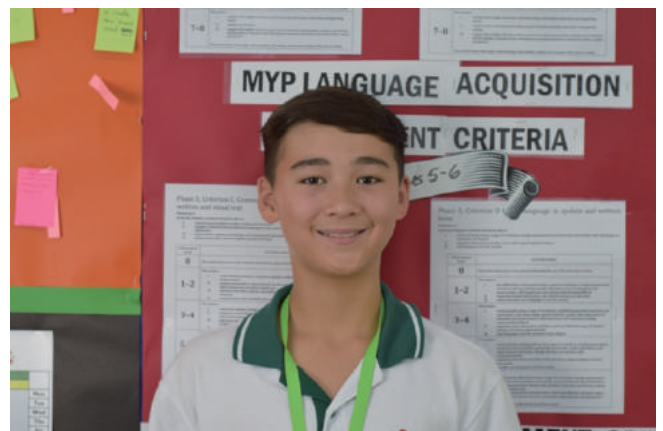
Year 2 has been learning about Jackson Pollock's life and art. Mr. D read to the class about some of the influences on Pollock's art, this connected well to their inquiry unit on Role Models. Students discovered that art does not need to look real to be beautiful. With the help of MGSE students, they had fun mixing, tipping and smearing paint to see what patterns it would create!



Students' Achievements in August

In August, we held our monthly praise assembly, recognizing students who performed well over the month of August. Awards included the merit winners for each House and the Learner Profile of the month, which was Inquirer. Merit winners for August were: Noah (Wind), William (Earth), Harry, (water), and Peter (Fire).

Congratulations to Noah, who was the overall winner for the highest number of merits in Secondary.



Mr. Fuller's Affective Skills class

Year 9 students were given the opportunity to recognise and develop strategies that allow them to take more control of their state of mind in Mr. Fuller's Affective Skills class. Students began with the concept of perseverance, and learned that as human beings, we sometimes like to take the easiest route to success. This concept can show up in school as well as in our lives. Most adverts promise us something better than we already have.

Students acted out a story about the grass on the other side being so much greener than the grass on our own side. Our year 9 students related this story to finding the "best school" or being the "best student". They discussed the reality of what the best school would look like and came up with a list of things it should have (you will be glad to know that our school has them!).



What they really discovered is that to be the best school, you also need to be the best student and that means developing affective skills. Providing an example of a time when they demonstrated perseverance in a learning situation helps students to recognize this conscious act and repeat it.

South China Leadership Summit



On Saturday, September 15, 13 UISZ students departed for NCPA in Nansha for the South China Leadership Summit. It was an early start of a 6am departure but everybody showed up on time with lots of positive energy. Students were given workshops on how to be successful leaders in areas of communication, time and work load management. Students had job alike sessions where they experiences.

discussed matters that were relevant to their roles and These discussions came from the perspectives of House Captains, Student Council and club organisers. There were interactive energisers and presentations given to small and large groups.

Our UISZ students took a lot away from the event and are keen to try out some of their inspired ideas.

Well done to the student organisers in NCPA and a massive thank you to Kate Lu for accompanying us on the trip.

Celebrating Peace Day



Early years celebrated Peace day with a variety of colorful activities and projects as seen in the photos.

All Primary students gather by houses and engage in meaningful activities. Students are challenged to work collaboratively and critically thinking as one.



Peace Day: Friday 21st marked the annual International Peace Day. This year the theme celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights: Everybody has a right to Peace. Our afternoon was opened by our House Captains who introduced the schedule of events and highlighted what was also happening around the world. There was 1 minute of silence followed by Peace activities. An example of this year's activity choices were origami peace doves, painting peace poles, t-shirt ink dye, plate painting and making a peace movie. Our evening concluded with a workshop on what it is to be a global citizen that was facilitated by Dr. Stephen Chatelier.





Orchestra @ CCA

The orchestra CCA students, under the direction of Ms. Kim, held a celebration event last week as part of an action associated with their CCA. In all MYP classes teachers and students strive to put their units into action and use what they have learned in the real world. With that in mind, Ms. Kim's class held a celebration event for the schools Ayis.

The students organised and promoted a party and played a selection of musical pieces that they have been working on throughout the first rotation of CCAs. This is a perfect example of MYP in action. Well done to Ms. Kim and her orchestra students.

Monthly Awards Ceremony

Secondary school held their monthly Awards ceremony, recognising students who performed well over the month of September.





Awards included the merit winners for each House and the Learner Profile of the month, which was Inquirer. Merit winners for September were: Linda (Wind), Kathy (Earth), Star (Water), Chauncy (Fire).

Congratulations to Linda, who was the overall winner for the highest number of merits in Secondary.

Our Learner profile winners for this month (Inquiry) were: Peter (MYP) and Henry (DP).

Year 7 Design



Year 7 Design have been learning how to manipulate resistance materials. This involved exploring different processes that are applied to plastics, metal and wood.

Congratulations to Dongguan Bulldogs!

Our Primary school students represented our local Rugby team, The Dongguan Bulldogs. The UISZ boys played magnificently, winning all their games and not even conceding a try! Our new FIFA standard pitch has been equipped with yellow rugby lines, which will support the school in providing more opportunities for rugby. Keep your eye out for this possibility during the CCA rotations. Many congratulations to the Dongguan Bulldogs on their success!



Year 4 students create acrylic paintings with Mr. Denhartigh

The Year 4 students created some very colorful acrylic pour paintings with Mr. Denhartigh to support their unit on Sharing the Planet. First, we added water to the acrylic paint, to make it flow a little better, then we poured and tilted out boards until the paint covered the whole thing. We let them dry and then Mr. Denhartigh put a coat of resin on them to make them glossy.



UISZ participate in Xiamen International School Model United Nations



Seven students with Mr. Peebles and Ms. Angel took the four-hour train ride to Xiamen to participate in Xiamen International School Model United Nations.

It was a vibrant two-day conference discussing issues ranging from the denuclearization of the

Korean Peninsula to solving the Rohingya crisis. All the delegates walked away with a beneficial experience and some new friendship. Special recognition to year seven student Liana Harper for being

recognized with the award of Honorable Mention in her committee. Well done Liana! UISZ also had two students, Jessica Kang and Linda Zeng, lead committees as President Chairs. Well done Linda and Jessica!

We were very fortunate to have Fazal Rizvi (Professor in Global Studies in Education) visit us from the Melbourne Graduate School of Education. On Tuesday, he delivered an engaging speech to staff members on "Current and Future Trends in International Education".

South China Model United Nations @ NCPA

Mr. Power and Ms. Angel accompanied eleven MUN students to South China Model United Nations on the campus of NCPA. This conference is an annual tradition for UISZ MUN Team and serves as a great warm up for our own schools annual U2NESCO MUN.

UISZ has traditionally performed very well and this year was no exception. Four students were recognized for exceptional work in their committee. Liana Harper earned Honorable Mention for her work as the Delegate of India in GA3. Jack Kim earned Outstanding Delegate for his work as the Delegate of the United Kingdom in the UN Security Council.

Danny Jo earned the top award, Best Delegate, in his committee as the Delegate of India in GA6. Sean Holt earned Best Delegate as the Delegate of the United Kingdom in UNDP.



Arts Festival



The Arts Festival was a fantastic experience for everyone in the UISZ community last Friday. It was a wonderful day of Singing, Dancing, Theater and Art Making.

Mr. DenHartigh would like to extend a warm thanks to all the people who helped out with this day, and everyone who performed. We were thrilled that so many parents were able to attend to join us in this celebration of Art.

Early Years started the morning with their production 'Rumble in the Jungle' based on the book by Giles Andreae. Each student had the opportunity to shine as they acted out their chosen animal.



Later in the afternoon they took to the stage again to sing and dance to 'Baby Shark'. At the end of the day we explored many different types of art making techniques. One of the favorites was the race car painting.



Primary School Sports Programme



On the 22nd of November, 11 boys from year 3-5 traveled to Thailand Phuket. This was historic for the Primary Schools Sports programme, no team had traveled outside of China.

The host school for this event was the British International School Phuket (BISP) and it was their 17th Annual event.

Over 1400 students, from 40 different international schools, from 10 different countries participated from as young as under 9 to Under 18 (both boys and girls).

The boys had only been training for 5 and a half weeks, with most taking advantage of the flexi-boarding program on offer at UISZ. They would train on a Monday and Wednesday evening and then stay and be part of the boarding programme on those evenings.

In the build-up to the tournament, we attended two 5v5 competitions in Guangzhou. The first was the Canton Cup and to be perfectly honest, this was just to assess how the boys would cope in a competitive situation. Results were not favorable, there were tears and no structure present in their play. The next was a tournament hosted by the British School Guangzhou and it was evident to see that the boys had progressed over the course of the 5 weeks, when they went on to clinch 2nd place, only losing the final match. The style of play and game understanding had improved immensely.

The remit prior to traveling to Phuket was always to enjoy the experience and try to stick to the football principles that we had tried to instill over the course of the 5 weeks. However, the standard of the team in Phuket was of the highest standard. Some of the schools attending had Sports Football Programmes that run all year, with their teams training 5 times a week.



Boarding Review

The boarding community continues to embrace new challenges, from typhoons to karting, baking to drama improvisation, thinking and beyond.



Year 7-9 students engaged in honing their drama skills. The CNH students led team-skill activities with our primary boarders. It was inspiring to see the level of commitment and joy gained by all in these activities.



First Honor Ceremony



To celebrate the end of term 1, Dragon House hosted its first Honour Ceremony and special dinner on Wednesday. The theme of the celebration was 'Home'. A number of awards were also presented. Apart from the August and September birthday acknowledgements, the following awards were made: Boarders of the Month were Karina, Liz (Primary), Anna and William (Secondary); the Active Award (Healthy Mind Healthy Body) went to Lawrence and Lucy and the Boarding Captain's Award to Oscar.



Lastly, the Heart-of-a-Dragon Award – presented to a non-boarding staff member who has gone above and beyond in their support of boarding – was given to Ms Cheryl George. The Boarding Community salutes you all!

Reading Programme @ Dragon House

Apart from the evening academic program run by our academic staff, all boarding staff have supported the primary program by flooding the afternoon activities and evening reading program as we continue to challenge and inspire with creative engagement across all areas and we thank them all for their commitment and willingness to be a part of it. It has been a joy to participate in these activities and to feel the enthusiasm and energy by both boarders and staff. Mr. Holt found Monday to be a rare privilege where he was able to read to a select group of boarders.

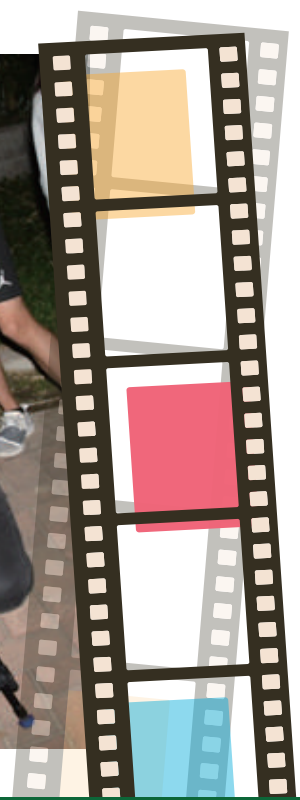


Boarders' Activities



Film Project @ UISZ

Our boarders have the opportunity to charge around in the dark dressed and painted as zombies, on our latest film project.



UISZ Facilities Improvement

There are some new facilities improvement in UISZ in the first semester including new primary playground, new tennis court, new soccer fields and residential field. UISZ would like to thanks UEF for the continuous investment in the school facilities to ensure a quality learning environment for all students.





UTAHLOY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The long-term mission of the Utahloy Football Academy is to ensure that children within our care receive access to the best coaching provision in the South of China.

The immediate mission of the program is to develop students love of the game, technical ability, gross motor skills and game understanding.

The program will consist of 10 sessions, with a heavy focus on the English FA's "Four Corner Player Development Model" (TheFA.Com)

Technical/Tactical

Psychological

Physical

Social



The sessions will be led and planned by Mr Grant, Athletic Director at Utahloy International School Zengcheng. Mr Grant holds the UEFA B Coaches License and has worked with professional Clubs in England such as Tottenham Hotspurs and Millwall Football Club.

Times: Grade 1 - Grade 2 – 9:00 – 10:15 and Grade 3- Grade 6 10:30 – 11:45

Dates:

Month	Day (Saturday's)
February	23rd
March	16th, 23rd
April	13th, 20th
May	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
June	1st



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Cost: 1000rmb (10 sessions)

For further information please contact SportsAcademy@uiszc.org



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