

UISZ Community Summary – Week 21



Upcoming Events

- February 3: Y6 Exhibition
- February 5: CNY in-school celebration day
- February 6-21: CNY Holiday Break
- February 22: Class resume

INTRO

This week is a special week as students and staff eagerly make their Chinese New Year lanterns to enter into the Chinese New Year Lantern Design Competition.





Elsewhere PYP, MYP and DP classes on campus have been buzzing with teaching and learning activities. Let's take a closer look...

Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and friends of UISZ,

The Lunar New Year is approaching fast and so are its celebrations. Despite the current restrictions (not being able to invite parents to our school), UISZ is not at rest and will pursue the tradition of holding the New Year special activities next week with the Lantern Competition, and special games. We want to thank all of those are designing and presenting a lantern for the occasion.

Current Campus





The following information may be counter intuitive but... the current campus has expanded! We have indeed gained some land to the West and installed a permanent, 5-meter wall. The campus is now more secure, will be equipped with green spaces, and be less prone to dust. A similar action is also taking place North of the canteen (picture), where a similar, 3-meter wall is being built approximately 30 meters from the current boundary. More green spaces, a safer and calmer environment, better success at school, and an enhanced community experience!

New site





The excavation of the new site has progressed tremendously with the levelling of the Northern part (Boarding facility, football field, and secondary part). The groundwork of the Southern part is well underway with the excavation of the basement. A beautiful, **new 3D model** is now displayed in the reception hall and we are planning to invite the school's architect, Mr Thomas Chow, for an online Q&A session very shortly. More information in next week's community letter.

It will be a pleasure for me to reach out to our community more often. Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to email me at spelletier@uiszc.org or my PA, jackiep@uiszc.org.

Have a great weekend!
Mr. Pelletier

PYP
Message from Ms Lydia



During our 3rd Unit of Inquiry (UOI) –Where We Are In Place And Time, Year 2 students were asked to make connections between what people need and where they live. Together we began exploring what our own homes look like, where people around the world choose to live, how settlements have changed over time, and what the similarities and differences are between settlements. Towards to the end of the unit, students created a diorama of a settlement and designed how the settlement would meet the needs of the population. Students went on to present their learning to their peers. We also went on our first excursion during this unit of inquiry. We visited the local village to see how it was organized, learn about our local culture, and observe what happened to the historical houses. Everyone really enjoyed this experiential learning!







MYP

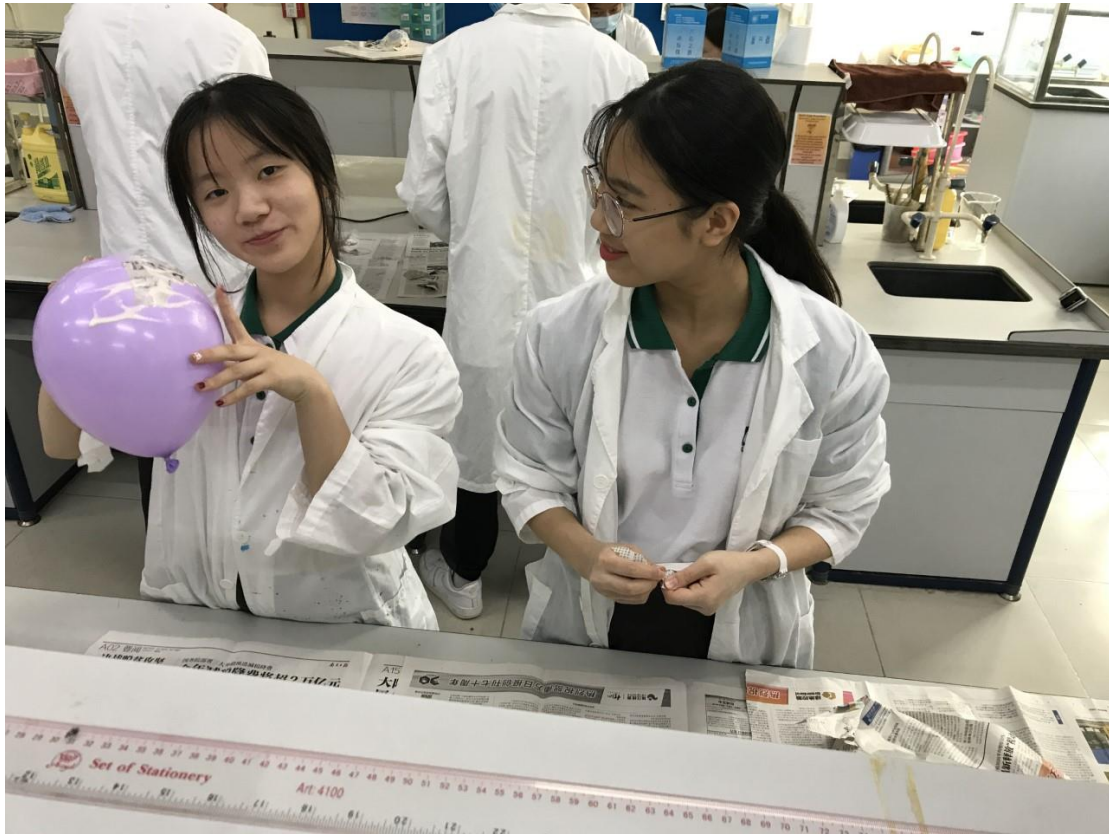
Message from Ms Ivy

Solar system is the unit that Year 9s want to explore after IDU week. At the first lesson students worked in groups to brainstorm what they already knew about the solar system. And then they researched the history of Ptolemaic model and Copernican model. They made simple planets and acquired a basic understanding of solar system.







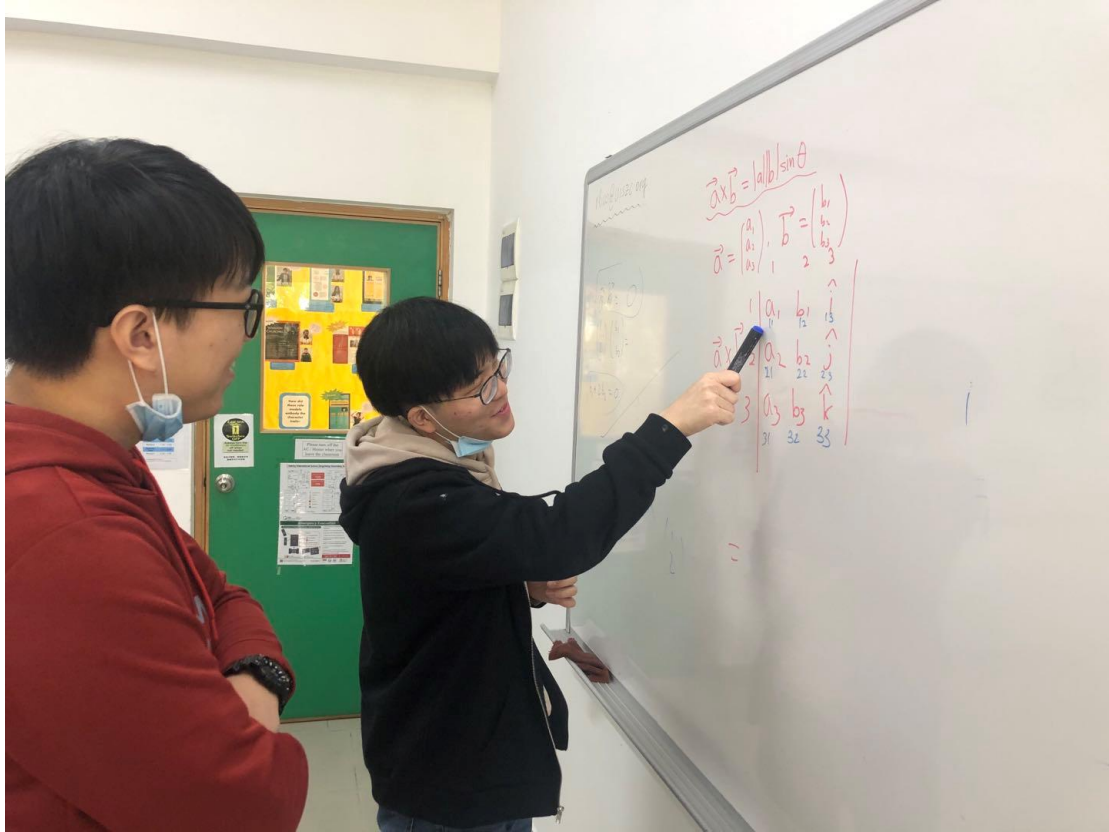


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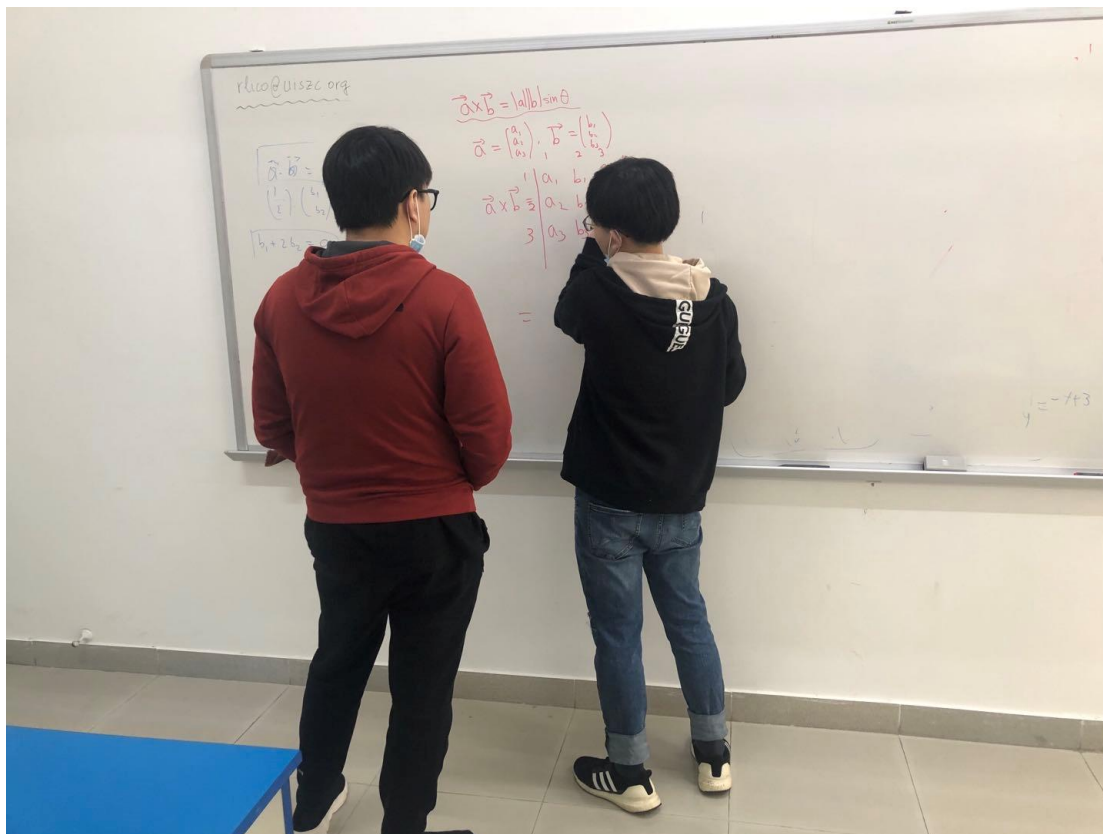
Message from Mr Rezart

The DP Math AA HL students are concluding their DP Math course studying Vector and Scalar quantities and how to express the equations of 2D lines and 3D planes in vector form. Students are having fun working together and supporting one another as they apply new skills to manipulate old concepts.









BOARDING

This is the second week of taekwondo class in the boarding school. The taekwondo class is run by Mr. Jackson, a black belt in taekwondo and a second-tier national athlete. He divides the students into 2 classes, AB groups, with about 8 students in each class. There are some students who have learnt taekwondo before and students who are learning it for the first time. They help each other and support each other. They create a good and harmony training atmosphere. During the taekwondo classes, the students take an active part in classes, they also show that they listen and respect the coach. We hope that by taking taekwondo classes, students will be able to strengthen their physical fitness and develop team spirit.





Last Saturday, 7 day boarders went to indoor shrimp fishing. At the beginning, 7 day boarders had no luck getting any shrimp hooked, but everyone remained patient, after some fumbling, everyone fished shrimp successfully. In the end, Leo even fished the only Easter egg in the pool – a turtle. In this shrimp fishing activity, the whole venue was filled with their happy laughters and cheerful voices. Perhaps the source of happiness is not the number of the shrimps they fished, but to encourage each other, to learn how to be patient in one thing, to succeed. In the afternoon, they ate sukiyaki, a delicious Japanese food in Zengcheng Wanda. After lunch, they played an X escape, and then they went shopping to make a happy end to the weekend.



OUTRO

We'll announce the winners of the Chinese Lantern Design Competition next week - so stay tuned. Meanwhile we wish all of our students and parents a relaxing and revivifying weekend. See you on Monday!

**Warmest wishes,
UISZ School & Boarding Community**

