

## UISZ Community Summary – Week 22



### Upcoming Events

February 6-21: CNY Holiday Break

February 22: Class resume

March 26: Parent Teacher Conference

### From the Mr. Pelletier

We have concluded this Lunar New Year in a festive way today at UISZ and we sincerely hope that our students and parents will benefit from these two weeks of happy (yet safe) gatherings and rejuvenation. The Faculty and Staff of UISZ will make no exception by enjoying the celebrations AND by preparing the upcoming stretch of the academic year.

### A new permanent boundary



I would also like to highlight that our current school site has expanded and is free of temporary fencing with the installation of a permanent Western wall. Grass will be planted at the end of March, replacing the chrysanthemums that are growing at the moment. The campus is now quieter, cleaner, and safer than ever! The wall should be painted soon!

## POS System

*In order to better serve our students (and, admittedly, to restrict use of mobile phones), the Cobra Café and Canteen are now equipped with a device connected to everyone's ID card. Parents of secondary students can load their child's ID card from our [school's online store](#).*

***For the CANTEEN: It is essential to clarify that the use of the ID card at the canteen is only for inventory purposes, as the canteen fee continues to be embedded in the overall tuition fee you have already paid.***

***For COBRA CAFÉ: Cash will continue to be accepted, but WeChat pay will be disabled for students. A trial period will be effective until March 1<sup>st</sup>, after which we will ONLY accept cash and ID card payments by students. »***

**Happy Lunar New Year! AND thank you for everyone's participation in the Lantern contest! Your effort and dedication to make this school an ever-livelier place is truly commendable.**

Mr. Pelletier

## INTRO

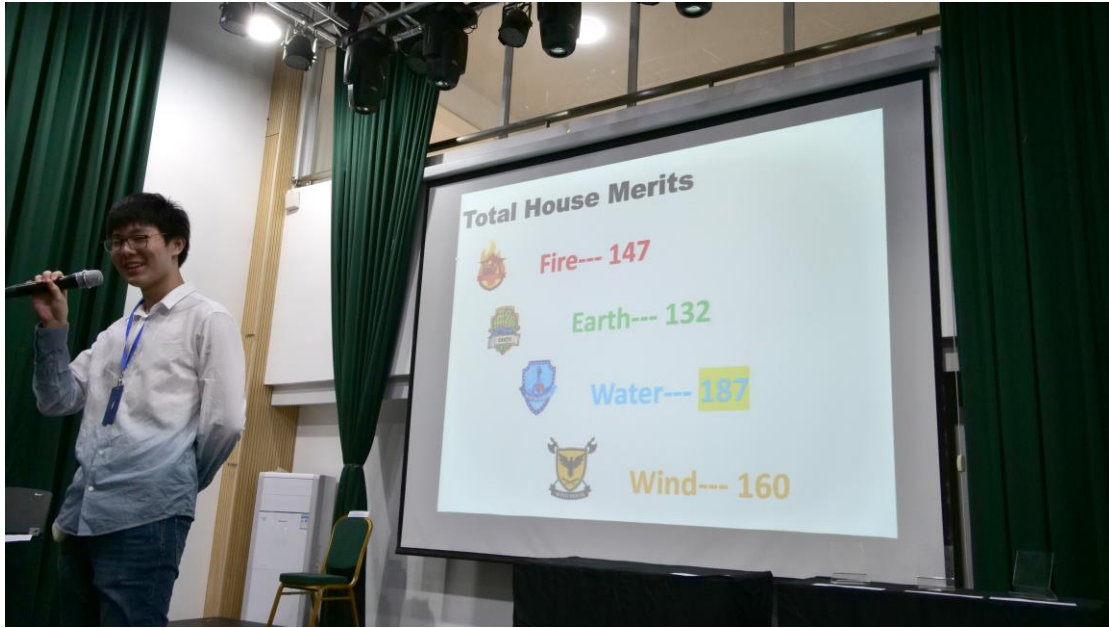
It has been another busy and exciting week in the run up to Chinese New Year. On Wednesday we held the end of term assembly where our hardest working students were honoured with awards for their achievements.















Also on Wednesday MYP students held their Exhibition in the Theatre in the afternoon.









Lantern Festival is an ancient folk culture in China, usually held around the Spring Festival to the Lantern Festival. In order to promote traditional Chinese culture, our school held the first lantern design competition before the Spring Festival Holiday. Teachers and students actively participated and brought us all surprises! We



announced the list of winners and awarded prizes at the Chinese New Year celebration on Friday.

The assessment of our Lantern Festival was also held on Wednesday.

















On Friday we held our Chinese New Year celebration which included fun games and tasty food stalls in the outdoor gym - manned by our hardworking Y12 students and staff.

### PYP

During Guided Reading, with Mrs. Lydia in Year 2, the students focused on levelled reading books. They also completed a fun writing activity after finishing with their reading, where they had to share interesting events from the book and their favourite part of the book.



### MYP

#### Message from Mr Chay

In Design, the Year 7 students are completing a unit on computational thinking. In order to program a computer to complete human tasks, we must think like a computer. Using the laser cutter, I quickly cut some tools to allow the students to play a game of checkers. Using this game, students must write down their moves based on the coordinates of the checker pieces and move systemically.

A great lesson on algorithms, strategy, and silent communication.







## Y10 E-Mocks



This week Y10 students were engrossed with revising for and sitting their e-mock exams. The photos below show the Humanities e-mock that took place on Monday afternoon.





## DP

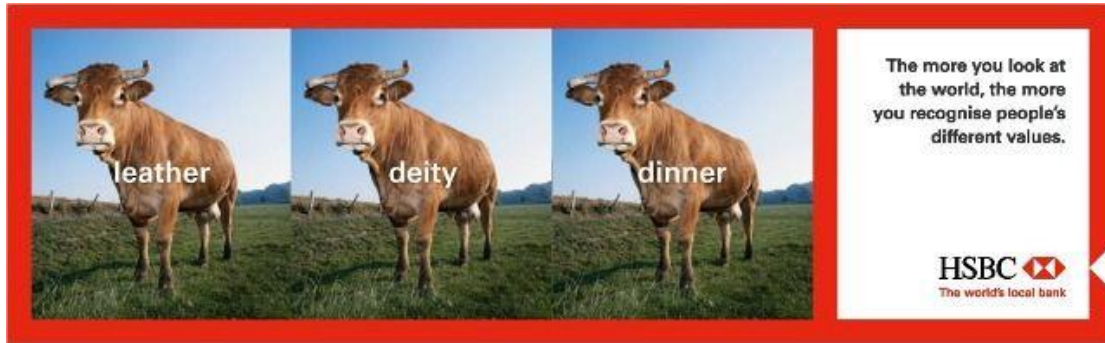
### Message from Mr Alfonso

The Y12s were exploring the significance of the buzzword of 'international-mindedness'. We frontloaded the discussion by stating that we overuse this word and its real power is getting watered down. We reminded ourselves the true



meaning of it, and after some brainstorming, we reached the conclusion that international-mindedness is the kind of mindset that acknowledges and accepts other points of view and interpretations of reality besides our own. To strength this concept, students needed to associate words to some certain images using their own interpretation and adopting a fresh point of view that did not match with theirs. It was very meaningful for students to hear their peers thoughts and interpretation. As a corollary, we analyzed the famous HSBHC outdoor campaign, which body texts beautifully epitomize what is international-mindedness "the more we look at the world, the more we recognize that people value the same things but in different ways"; "a point of view is simply the view from a place where you're not





### Message from Ms Valentine

In French, let's talk about Art!

In French, the 12th grade students could enjoy and take advantage of their classmates' art exhibition to work on their Internal Assessment! The students had to closely observe two pieces of art of their choice and described them in class, providing their own interpretation. It was great listening to the students sharing their personal opinion in French!



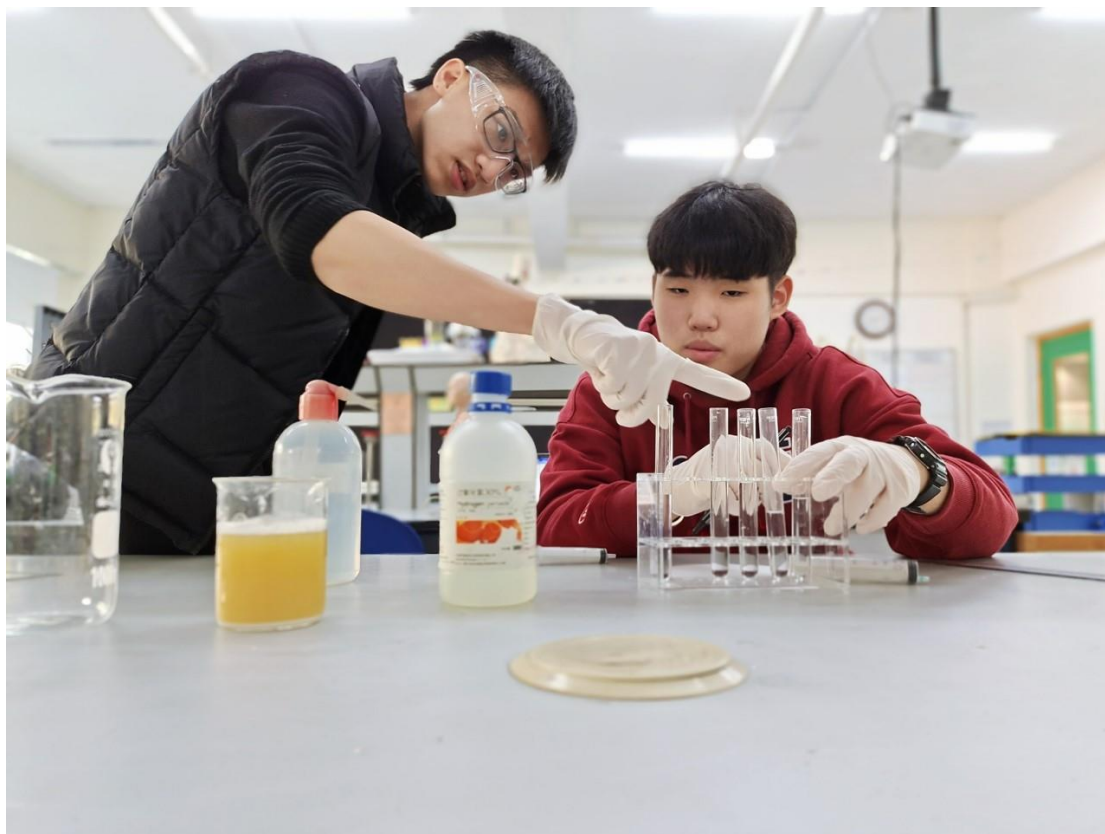






### Message from Ms. Dina (DP Biology Teacher)

Our DP biologists this week delved into practicing IA lab skills by designing and conducting an experiment with catalase enzymes. Students were designing an experiment to test the effects of temperature and substrate concentration on activity of catalase enzymes. Catalase enzyme is one of the most widespread enzymes. It catalyzes the conversion of hydrogen peroxide, a toxic by-product of metabolism, into water and oxygen. By understanding the product of a reaction, students were challenged to find out what and how the dependent variable can be accurately measured. And they succeeded.





## BOARDING

Last Saturday, the day was sunny and breezy. 7 day boarders, together with teachers and their families, went to a strawberry farm in the countryside to pick strawberries. The students were all looking forward to this activity. We left DH at 10 am and arrived at strawberry picking place around 11 am. As soon as we got off the bus, the fresh air came from the pavement. At a glance, a long orderly strawberry field appeared in front of us, lush and full of vitality. We happily got the baskets and scissors from the farmer then picking strawberries happily. Strawberries grow very well. We were busy in the field and picked a lot of strawberries. There was a smile on everyone's face at the end. This is an interesting activity, let us get close to the nature at the same time, but also feel the joy of labor. After picking strawberries, we set out on a picnic trip with a full harvest. The place for the picnic is the Gualv lake in Zengcheng, where the scenery is very beautiful. We enjoyed walking along the lake in a gentle breeze. We had a picnic under the tree.



The delicious food was prepared by a student Jenny and Ms. Danna. All of us liked all the food. Jenny and Ms. Danna are great chef. We also flew kites, blew bubbles, and enjoyed a rare leisure time together.



## OUTRO

We wish all our students and their families an enjoyable and restful Chinese New Year holiday - with family and friends. And we look forward to seeing you all back on campus on Monday 22nd February refreshed and ready for the new term.

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

