

## UISZ Community Summary – Week 25



### Upcoming Events

March 23: Sing Tao Online Information Sessions

March 26: Parent Teacher Conference

April 2nd: UISZ Open Day

### INTRO

This week we heartily congratulate the following talented students for their prestigious international university offers:

Minseo (Danny) Jo:

MassArt (accepted with \$20,000 Scholarship)

California College of the Arts (Accepted with \$52,000 Scholarship)

MICA (accepted with \$46,000 Scholarship)

School of the Art Institute Chicago

Helen Wong:

Media at CityU Hong Kong

Garwen Wu:



Foundation Programs at Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts, University of Arts London, Nottingham Trent University and University of Liverpool.

These students and others are still waiting for more responses, after which they will make their final decision. We will send out more updates as we get them! Well done to all of you who have offers so far!

### **Message from the Head of School**

Thank you Mr. Jang and Mr. Peebles!

Dear parents,

I am writing to inform you that two of the pillars of our school will be leaving us this July. Our one and only Paul Jang, after 17 years in China, will join a reputed school in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to pursue his career overseas. We will keep a fantastic memory of Mr. Jang's stay with us, as he maintained fruitful and nurturing relations not only with our Korean families but also with the whole community. I sincerely wish him the best in his new environment, and perhaps most importantly, a sweet and long-awaited reunion with his loved ones this summer.

Mr. Peebles is also moving South, but not too far, to Macao where he will also be working in an international IB school and reunite with his spouse. His five years tenure at UISZ has profoundly strengthened the school's offer, from his efficient leadership in different positions to shining and ever-popular MUN events. I will be forever grateful for his help to smoothly transition to UISZ.

Both Mr. Jang and Mr. Peebles are liaising with Mr. Chung and Mr. Naseem, respectively our incoming Korean teacher and Head of Secondary, to ensure a smooth transition. As you all know, the recruiting period being at its peak, I will regularly inform the whole community about our new hires.

Thanks again to Mr. Jang and Mr. Peebles!



Best regards,

## Welcome Our New Staff!



### **Mohammed Zawid Naseem**

#### **UISZ Head of Secondary (August 2021)**

Thirty years ago, Mohammed was busy preparing himself to become a marine biologist. A twist of the task took him to the Maldives in 1999, in what was then the only A level school of the islands, and the budding Maldives National University.

In 2006, Mohammed moved to the world of IB, working with a Qatar Foundation school, the Canadian International School in India, and later in China at the United World College (UWC) Changshu, and The International School of Rhodes of the Suzhou International Foreign Language School.

Mohammed uses his time as an IB educator to volunteer for the IB Asia Pacific (IBAP) region. He worked with the IBAP as IB Recognition Ambassador for India and as an IB Educators Network (IBEN) member. As an IBEN member, he worked as a Consultant, School Visit Team Leader for authorization and evaluation, and Workshop Leader. He has led IB regional and in-school workshops for different categories of subjects and themes such as Biology and DP Coordination.



Curriculum and assessment design is Mohammed's passion, which he has used to develop contemporary curricula for schools in Qatar and China. Mohammed has led the accreditation (CIS/NEASC/MSA), evaluation, and program authorization initiatives of his schools during the past two decades as an educational administrator.

Mohammed has a daughter who studies in Australia, and a wife who works as a School Counselor in Tianjin. Mohammed loves to go for learning expeditions, SCUBA diving, and playing golf when free and active.



## UISZ Korean Teacher (August 2021)

*Jaemin Chung's favorite quote is “上善若水，水善利万物而不争。The greatest virtue is like water.” by Lao Tzu, which reminds him of being respectful of the community he connects with; students, parents, neighbors, and colleagues from different cultures and beliefs. He enjoys building a close relationship with his colleagues and students playing on the local netball team and badminton team.*

*Jaemin has taught Korean Language and Literature in public and international schools in Korea and Vietnam for more than 10 years. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Korean Education from Seoul National University. He is also qualified by Korean government as a middle and high school teacher.*



*As UISZ's new Secondary Korean teacher, Jaemin is keen to engage with his students building on student-led lessons through various discussions and activities. His spouse Eunhae and his five-year-old daughter Hayden are also very excited to belong to UISZ community in China this summer!*

## PYP

### Message from Ms Lydia

As part of the Unit of Inquiry (**Production has an impact on people and the environment.**), Year 2 students had been exploring into How Food Is Processed and What Is the Healthy Snacks. So together we decided to make strawberry jam and pancake in the Primary kitchen. We learned to use the measurement tools to help us to get the right amount of ingredients and the cooking tools to make the food products . We had a great fun!







### Message from Mr Steve

“For the last 3 weeks, year 3 has been looking at artifacts and learning about how they can tell a story. We decided to start with prehistory, stone age people, the tools they made, the houses they lived in and the art they created. After attempting to recreate these things, the students developed a better understanding of how difficult life was for our ancient ancestors and an appreciation of how far we as a species have come.”









## MYP

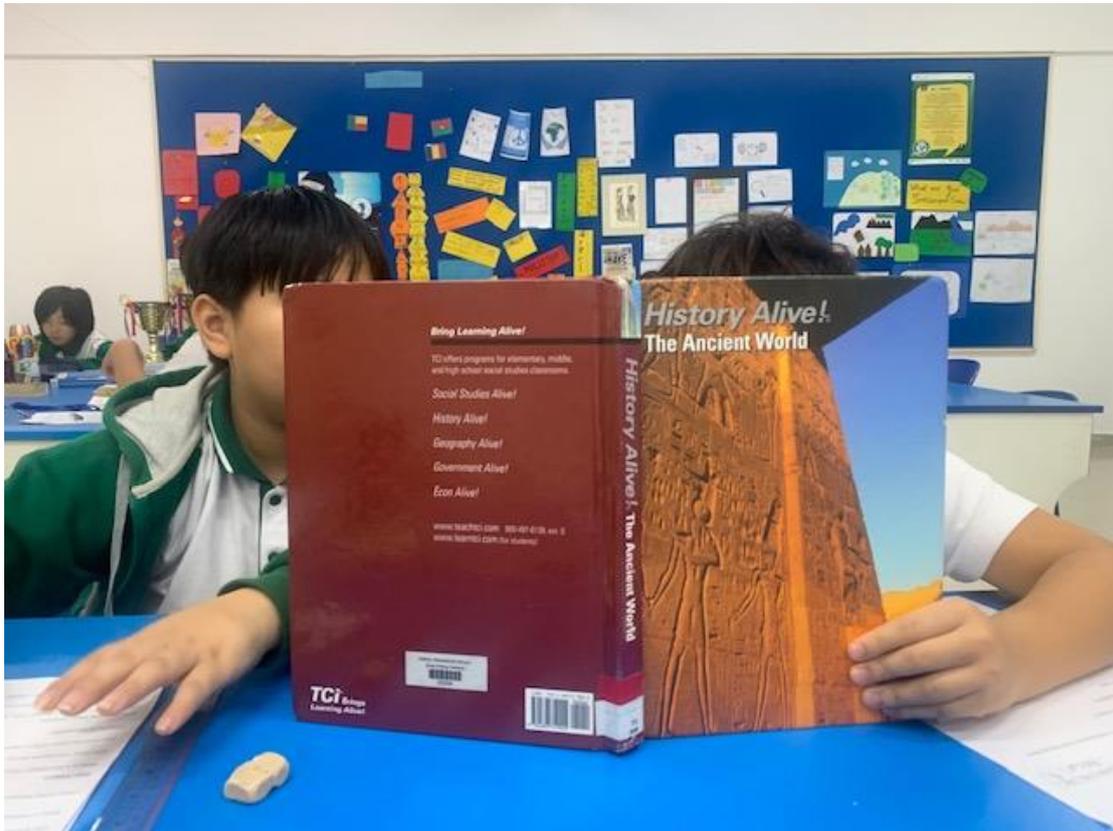
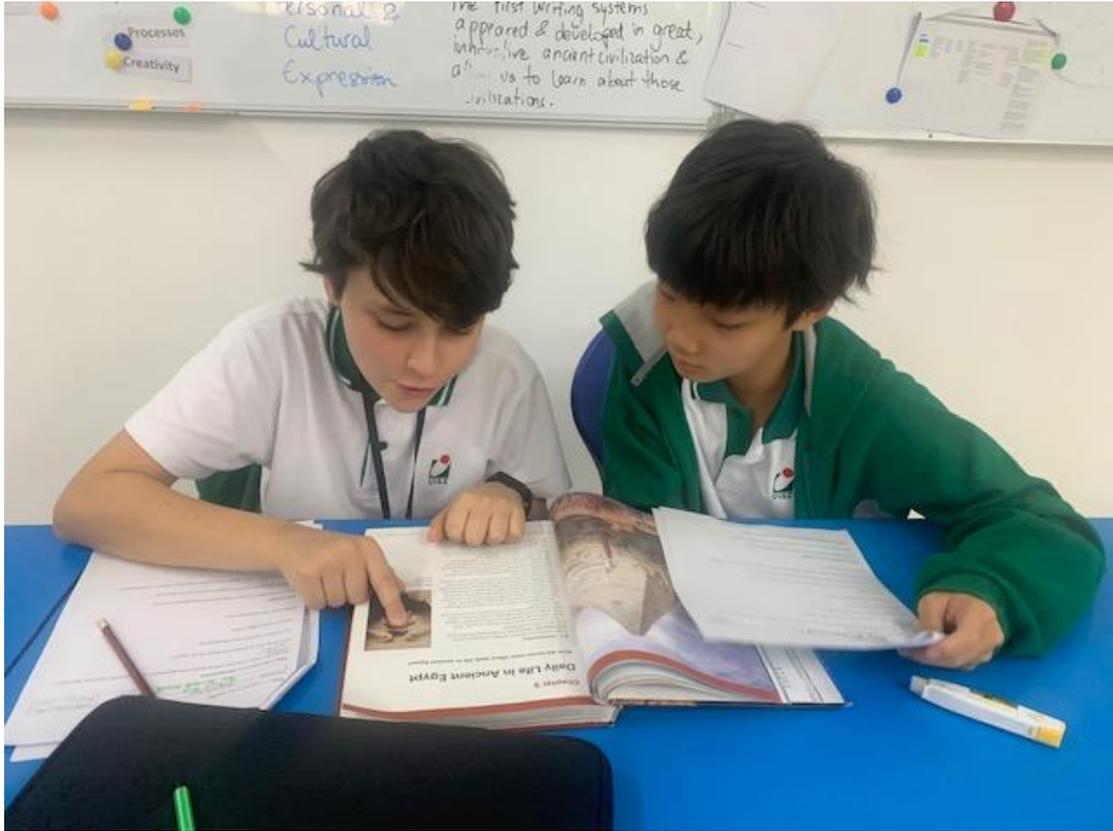
### Message from Ms Valentine

Let's continue to use books instead of devices! Last, week, as a part of their summative assessment, the year 6th students started a new research topic to explore a little further ancient civilizations' innovations, from Mesopotamia to China, from by Egypt to India, using a specific History book.

This was an occasion for them to show how inquirers and thinkers they are!





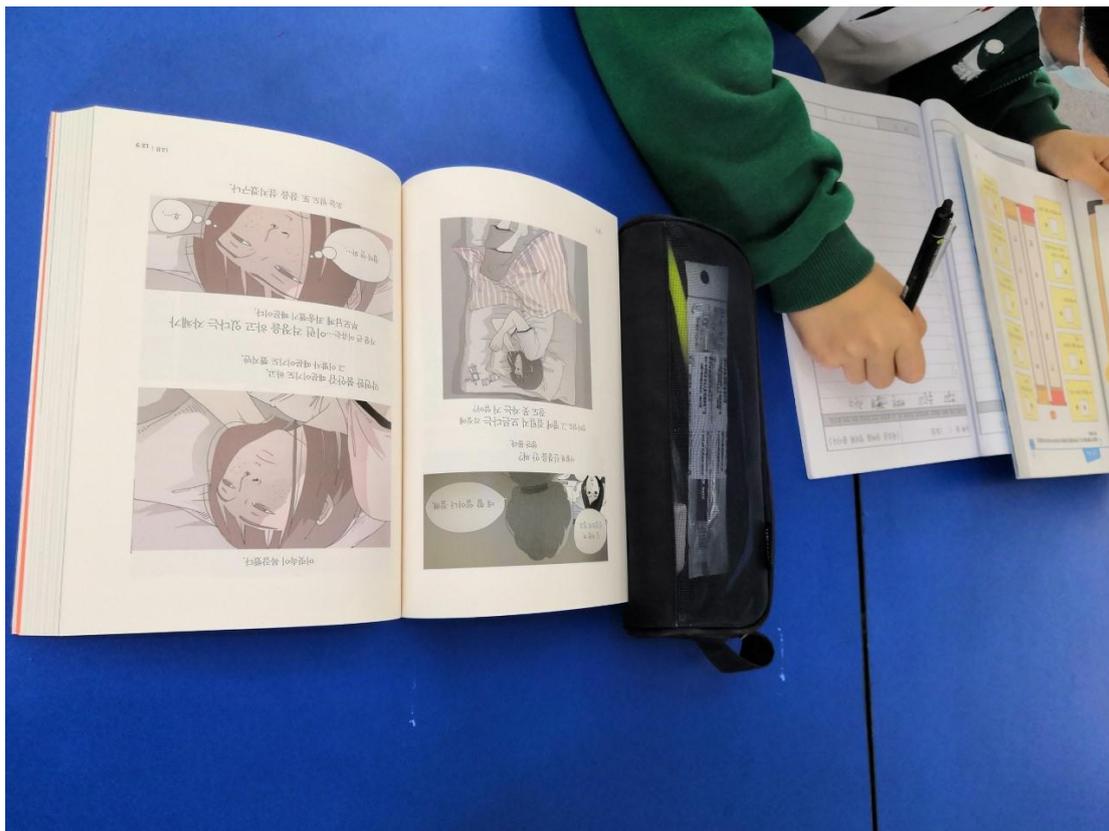


## Message from Mr Paul

Students in Y6 Korean A L&L class are currently learning a unit called 'the essence of language'. Students are learning Peter Bichsel's 'The desk is the desk' translation novel and four important attributes of language. And this week, Y6 Korean A L&L students visited the secondary library to understand language properties in more diverse ways. Students chose the book they wanted and looked up the attributes of various languages in the book. Next week, students will create and share a workbook to learn about the nature of language based on what they have learned.



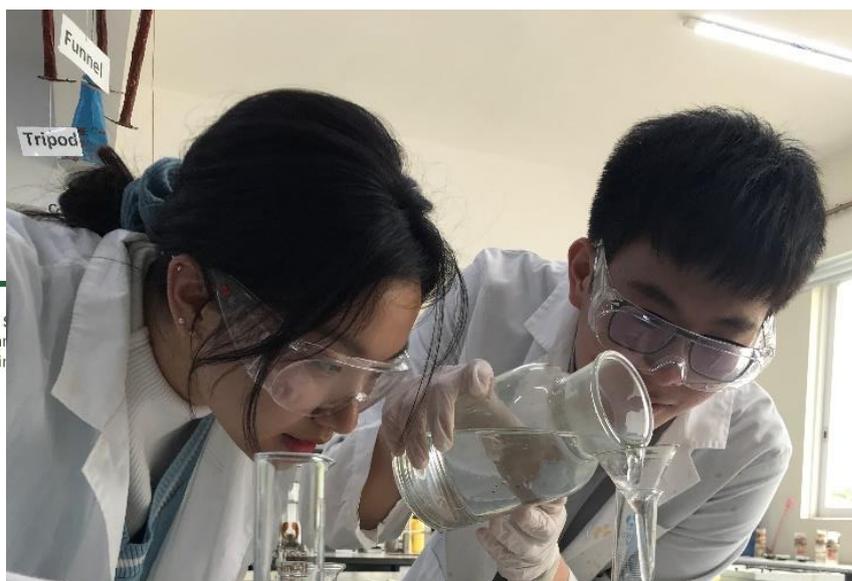




**DP**

### **Message from Ms Ivy**

DP Y11 Chemistry students started preparations for Internal Assessment by developing practical skills, as well as learning rate of reaction required for IB Chemistry. They did disappearing cross experiment using Hydrochloric Acid and Sodium Thiosulfate to investigate the rate of reaction. They also learnt the importance of wearing safety gear when doing Science experiment. Selina was safe when one drop of 0.0000001 mol of Hydrochloric Acid dropped on her glove because she followed safety rules. It is also good to see they are truly curious and enjoying Science.



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## OUTRO

What an exciting and rewarding week it has been for all our hard working students - we are especially proud of our Y12 students for gaining university offers and we wish them well in choosing the institution that best fits their interests and aspirations. Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend!

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

