

## UISZ Community Summary – Week 37



### INTRO

#### Message from Mr Peebles

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 for their graduation as well congratulations to the Class of 2023 for their graduation from MYP as well. It has been a tough end to the year with Covid restrictions, but we are lucky to be face-to-face still. No matter if you are a graduate, moving programmes, or just moving years, it is something to celebrate. Please have a great summer and know we are here for you over the summer if you need anything. For those students that are moving on please know that we are here for you as well, as we always say, Once a Cobra, Always a Cobra. Thanks for everything and have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer holiday.









**PYP**

K3 students had their graduation ceremony on wednesday morning and are excited to be moving on up to year 1.











Y5 Students also had their graduation ceremony on Thursday and are excited to be moving up to Secondary to start the next chapter in their learning journey.











## SPORT

### Message from Mr Grant

The end of the year has arrived, and with that comes a change in leadership. After three years of coaching and teaching PE and sport, I will be passing the baton over to the incumbent Athletics Director: Chevonne Williams.

Looking back across my three years, I do so with great pride, developing a program that included girls' and boys' teams in:

- Lower primary
- Upper Primary
- Middle School
- High School

When taking the job back in 2018, I set myself a challenge. Could I develop a competitive sports program in a school with less than 200 students? Over the course of the three years, with a little push for competition in PE lessons, developing a desire for success, not just participation has culminated in what I would consider a spectacular yield of trophies, despite competing against schools with up to 5 times the number of students.

	Lower Primary	Upper Primary	Middle School	High School
2018-2019	GISSES 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys Football		PRC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys Basketball	ACAMIS 2nd Place Girls Football



2019-2020	GISES 2 <sup>nd</sup> Girls Place 5v5 Football	GISES 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 7v7 Girls Football	PRC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Boys Touch Rugby	
	GISES 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Cross Country		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Girls 7v7 Football	
		GISES 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Track and Field		
2020 - 2021			PRC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Boys and Girls Basketball	

I consider the outcomes in sport, one of proudest achievements, as I have only ever worked in schools with students' of 1000 students and developing sports teams with such large numbers, is a far easier task. I am proud of the students that continue to come back to the sports program, and year on year show improvements in their fitness, resilience, attitude and application. I am also proud of the students who have consistently chased around the campus to join sports teams, when they had no interest, and have become major contributors to the program. To all the student athletes, you really do embody the essence of what it means to be a Cobra!!

A huge thank you to the parents that have continuously supported me and the sports program, whether that be via attending sports events, rescheduling your child's evening tuition, and slowly learning how to use Schools Buddy. Please continue to show this level of support and I look forward to seeing the same names and maybe some new ones in what I believe will be the most successful year for sport at UISZC 2021-2022.

Thank you  
Mr. Grant

## Boarding

### Message from Mr Grant

We have got to the end of the year, and it has been a period of growth for many students in the boarding house. While there is still a large amount of growth to be made, all sizes

of growth should be celebrated. For the boarding team, we have a settled group of staff, that will be able to start the year on the front foot and have already established positive relationships with the students within our care.

We will also be welcoming in the new Deputy Head of Boarding: Ms. Holly Wells, who has a wealth of experience in working in boarding schools. This will add to the development and strength of our program, as we look to tweak the evening schedule to ensure that we can provide an environment that supports both the academic and social and emotional wellbeing of students.

We are saying goodbye to a large group of year 12 students, who will begin a new journey, beyond the comfort and security of UISZC. And while they move on, this provides opportunities for other to shine and take onboard areas of leadership, modeling a well-balanced boarding student.

And while we are saying goodbye, we also will be welcoming a many new boarding students who have already transferred from other schools or transferred from day students to 5-day boarders. 2021-2022 is to be our last year on the campus and it will be a year to remember!

## **OUTRO**

What a wonderful final week of the term it has been. So many graduation ceremonies, so many excited students eager to begin their next learning journey. We wish each and every one of you a joyous summer vacation and look forward to seeing you all again in early August ready to take on new challenges!

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

