

# UISZ Community Summary – Week 1

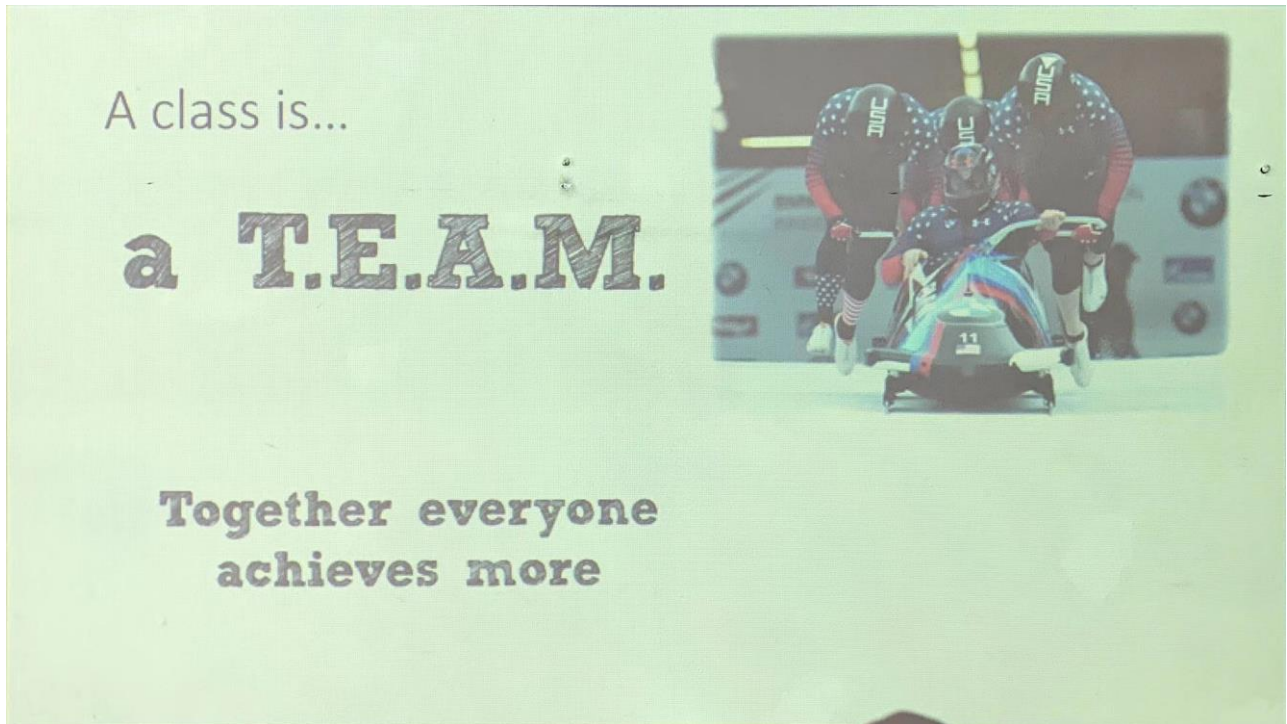


Wow! What a busy week of classes, sports and CCA activities. It is wonderful to see so much going on around the school, especially all the lunchtime clubs and afterschool sports coaching.

After all the excitement of Orientation week students have started to settle in to the first week of term. In Mr Martin's Year 5 class, students spent the first week of school making new friends and re-acquainting themselves with school life. It was a great opportunity for the whole class to bond and play some team building games. One of the highlights was seeing which group could build the highest tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows. Some of the finished products were extremely creative and original, if a little bendy!



As we start a new academic year, it is paramount to create a sense of community within the class group says Mr Alfonso. Therefore, in the Year 9 & Year 10 English Language Acquisition class we take to our core the concept of T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) and played a team-building activity to strengthen our bonds. Students explored the meaning and purpose of analogies by pretending to be part of a bobsleigh team. Students had a great time by synchronising their actions while the teacher was giving them commands.



During the first week of classes Year 11 Diploma Biology students rolled their sleeves up and got stuck into a bit of microscopy - as part of Miss Eli's first curriculum topic which deals with cells and cellular structure. Students learned to prepare their own microscope slides, use a microscope correctly, as well as to apply different lens magnifications to measure and calculate the length of different cells. It was a rewarding hands-on session and students followed up by drawing on paper what they saw through the microscope.





In boarding, week one has, like all other weeks in Dragon House, been helter-skelter. The Boarding Induction Program left everyone exhausted, but satisfied. On Saturday past, our intrepid band of seven-day boarder-explorers, armed with stealth, cunning, an unquenchable spirit... and mobile phones, embarked on a trip to the final frontier of the Lost City of D.

In contrast, Norgay and Hillary and their ilk had it easy. After an arduous and circumlocutory journey of Sisyphusian proportions, our undaunted band eventually enjoyed soaking success in the soothing mist of ... lunch at Liberty. On Sunday morning moreover, our seven-dayers were treated to a community event hosted by our CNH guests from Australia.

Beginning this week, INSPIREd rose like a phoenix ready for its third re-creation as we look to offer some diversity and beyond-comfort-zone activities to our younger secondary boarders through enhanced numeracy and literacy, along with action learning. Our primary boarders have also embraced the IBP with open arms and, for our senior students, the tutorial program has kicked into gear as they prepare to take on the rigours of the DP work load.





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On a slightly different but still upbeat note, last week we welcomed Mr Robert Thornton to Dragon House. Mr. Robert, who hails from Australia, will be working as a UPAZ volunteer and supervisor in the boarding community. We thank him for his enthusiasm and commitment so far, and wish him well in this important pastoral endeavor.



As always, please don't hesitate to contact us regarding any questions or concerns you might have. We would like to wish everyone a safe and restful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

UISZ School & Boarding Community