

# UISZ Community Summary – Week 13



## INTRO

As the cold winds of winter whisper through Zengcheng at dusk chilling the tropical air - students don their sweaters and remain diligently focused on their studies in the glowing hearth of the campus. Assessment Week is fast approaching and it is crucial that students stay focused on achieving high marks in their subject tests. It takes stamina, concentration and a dollop of true grit – but we are confident they will face up to the challenge. To provide some light relief - this Friday is the day of the Festival of Arts & Winter Concert which offers students and parents an opportunity to have fun, unwind and express themselves creatively. This wonderful day will be covered in next week's edition. Let's take a look now at what's been happening on campus this week...

## PYP

In Miss Lydias Year One & Two music class students are studying how to express themselves. Activities they are participating involve exploring different kinds of rhythm. They are enjoying using different instruments to create and represent animals that will feature in the upcoming Gruffalo production. They are looking forwards to sharing their music on Friday, 22nd of November which is the day of the Winter Concert





**MYP**

In Miss Eli's Year 7 & 8 Science class students have been designing filters to simulate ways to clean dirty water with simple materials like charcoal, sand, stones and plastic bottles that would be available in poor countries with little



water. In this assessment, they will find a way to make their filter as effective as possible. This is in a unit connected to UN Sustainable Development Goal number 6 – clean water for everyone.







## DP

In Miss Martina's Year 12 class students were focusing this week on key skills necessary to be successful in the Diploma Program – one of which is time management. Students who complete the full IB DP are in a very rigorous and challenging program. Balancing academics, leisure and family and friends in a successful way is not easy. During this effective skills class we spoke about how to be a successful person in life and at school. How to make sure you make deadlines without procrastinating. How to study effectively. Studying more and sleeping less is not as effective as studying more efficiently. Students considered how best to achieve their goals. We try to support our students as much as possible but ultimately they are the ones who must apply a success mindset to their own habits.





## BOARDING

‘... all roads lead to Dragon House and, of course, the archetypal dragon.’ –  
Jeremy Holt

INSPIREd entered its second very busy week in Boarding for the second cycle and our primary and secondary boarders continue to engage enthusiastically with its challenges. On the academic front, our year 12 boarders are working assiduously to complete their DP course-required essays and assessments. Week 9 marks the start of summative assessment week for our 7-11 boarders. While they appear to be gainfully focused in their studies it is important that parents, particularly of weekly boarders, encourage their children to prepare especially well over the coming weekends so that all can breathe the rarefied air of success atop that archetypal dragon.





A number of our boarders were involved in the U-Lead Summit at the end of last week, conducted off-site by the CNH Team. More of our boarders continue to rise to the challenge of the many inter-schools' sports competitions on offer, such as badminton, table-tennis, touch rugby and basketball.









Moreover, the 7-day boarders enjoyed their first BBQ at the change of season and had the opportunity to travel to the Lost City of D and Z respectively over the course of the weekend.





And so we continue to beat the drum to the sound of our own rhythmic beat at UISZ, conscious that if we can get the routines of each day right, we have an opportunity to get the patterns of our lives right. We hope to see parents here this Friday to join in the fun of the Festival of Arts and Winter Concert.

From all of us at UISZ we sincerely wish you a warm and cosy weekend!

Warmest wishes,  
UISZ School & Boarding Community

