

UISZ Community Summary – Week 19



INTRO

We enter the final week before the Chinese New Year holiday starts invigorated but also slightly exhausted as last week we hosted around 350 delegates from 13 different international schools. These student delegates descended on UISZ for our Seventh Annual U2NESCO Model United Nations Conference. The conference was held from January 9-11 on our campus and saw students engage in debate surrounding this year's theme of "Protecting the Past - Facing the Future".





This event is always one of the highlights of the UISZ calendar. Huge thanks to this year's Secretary-General Jessica Kang for organizing this event.



The event kicked off on Thursday with opening ceremonies highlighted by a guest speech by Ms. Jen Wang of Cliff Haus. She spoke about the importance of protecting our past and she discussed some of the work she is doing up in Yingde.



After the opening ceremonies, the students went into their committee rooms and started the process of debating and resolution writing. The conference concluded on Saturday with closing ceremonies where delegates were highlighted for their hard work over the three days. Even though there was a large group of students that attended some of UISZ's students earned honors during the conference.

Rosie Lee (9) - Health Committee - Outstanding Newcomer Award

Peter Pang (8) - Chinese Language Committee - Outstanding Newcomer Award

Tony She (10) - Chinese Language Committee - Honorable Mention

Nick Wen (11) - Chinese Language Committee - Outstanding Delegate

Huge thanks to all those involved in this year's U2NESCO.











PRIMARY

Meanwhile this week in Mr Avdoo's PYP Year 4 class students have just started their new unit on 'Energy'. Students were told that they were energy detectives working for an engineering firm that does energy evaluations on schools. The engineering firm needs to know where the different sources of energy are within the school. In small groups, students went in search of evidence that will help them find energy sources.





MYP

This week also saw MYP students busily completing their inter-disciplinary projects around the secondary building in collaborative groups. In Mr John's Year 9 class students continued developing their IDU in Language A and Sciences "The real science of science fiction". This week they chose a movie from a choice of four to analyse: Star Trek, Back to the Future, Jurassic Park and The Wandering Earth. Students had to identify the science concepts behind the movie. They then needed to contemplate if it was possible and how relatable to real life. They had to support their opinions with current examples. Their summative assessment was on Thursday with each student presenting their work.





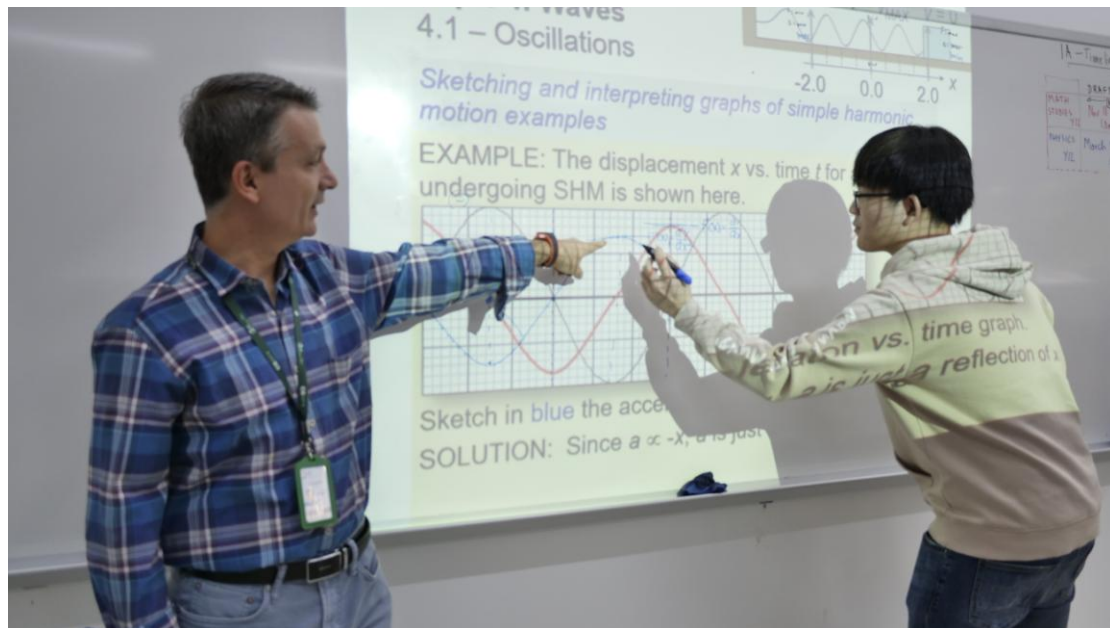


DP

In Mr Rezart's Year 11 DP Physics class students were studying the periodic phenomena and waves this week. They were using visual representations and models as well as real life examples to make sense of these physical concepts. Students were using graphs to quantitatively describe main characteristics of



waves like period, frequency, and amplitude, but also to figure out the phase difference between two distinct waves.



YEAR 12

With the exhibition right around the corner Y12 students in Mr Gabriel's Art class have been busy this week finishing their artworks. Peter's large oil painting of the Hong Kong skyline is inspired by Monet and uses atmospheric perspective and impasto technique to bring this impressionist approach into contemporary times. David's work is at the opposite side of the spectrum as he creates minimalist mono chromatic paintings whose textures capture the light revealing the expressive brush work, while his sculptures inspired by Takashi Murakami, Donald Judd and Yayoi Kusama explore reflection, structure and how we envision ourselves and our futures within and through culture and cultural expectations.







From the Heart of Boarding at Dragon House

'Dragons do not have any friends. The nearest they can get to the idea is an enemy who is still alive.' (purported to have been said by an ancient Dragon whisperer)

Another week lies confined to the scrapheap of history, filled with a plexus of memories, some joyful, some challenging. We would do well to remember Marcus Aurelius' exhortation that we have power over our minds, not outside events and, once we realise this, we find courage to deal with any adversity.





This last week has been taken up with the preparation for and the intense enjoyment of UNESCO MUN Conference hosted by UISZ this past weekend. Dragon House was filled to capacity as our boarders embraced the Munning experience. Apart from this, it's been business as usual for the Dragonites: IDUs, PPs, mock exam prep, and the full range of afternoon and evening activities.







It remains for me to wish all our boarding families a very happy and safe new year's holiday as we welcome the Year of the Rat and we look forward to welcoming you all back to Dragon House on Sunday 02 February after 18h00.

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The Dragon House Community

OUTRO

We hope students and parents have an enjoyable Chinese New Year celebration - while we also urge DP students to work independently over the holiday to catch up on research, revision and project work that needs to be completed - as the clock ticks down towards the end of the academic year.

Warmest wishes,
UISZ School & Boarding Community