

## UISZ Community Summary – Week 35



### INTRO

Things have really been getting back to normal this week as the timetable shifts into high gear. Students are conscientiously studying in their classrooms and boarders take their evening homework commitments seriously. It is wonderful to see. Things couldn't be better. Let's take a look at what's been going on...

### PYP

This week the year 1 to year 3 classes were back in school. In Ms Jo Ann's year 3 class students were inquiring into poetry . They were studying the form of the different types of poems. This week the focus was haiku form. In Math the class was studying shapes and their characteristics.















Year 4 students are identifying how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. We looked at how a set of dominoes can represent vibrating sounds, as well as sound waves. We looked at the idea that particles surround the Dominoes and force it to fall over when energy is transferred to it. This creates the vibration and the sound! We then looked at identifying and explaining sound sources around the campus to link our learning to our own school context.







## MYP

This week MYP staff excitedly welcomed the Year 6 cohort from PYP over into the secondary building for the remainder of the year. This extended five-week transition is meant to give the Year 6s a taste of what it is like in the secondary school and help them ease into the new environment for the next academic year.



The Year 6s have gotten to experience many different classes over the first full week in secondary but they also got to experience some of the non-academic things that make the secondary school fun for students moving up. The Year 6s expressed excitement about having more freedom during their transition times as well as during break time. This time will give the students a chance to develop their independence a little more and allow them a chance to have a needed break from the rigors of MYP classes.

In the coming weeks, the Year 6s will continue to explore what it is like to be an MYP student as they get to further engage in new subjects like Film and Media, French, and Academic Skills. Best of luck to our new secondary student.







## DP

In Mr Gabriel's DP Visual Arts Class students are finishing up a series of inquiries into digital photographic techniques that can be used to express movement, time and feelings. Pachatana has created this stunning photographic art work using Photoshop.



Meanwhile Y10 Visual arts students are in the process of exploring techniques of their choice while engaging the concept of an interconnected world- look out for pictures of their work in the next update!

## BOARDING

Message from Mr Jeremy (Head of Boarding):

*'The light at the end of the tunnel may be an oncoming dragon.'*— Anon

Another week has come and gone and the Dragonites continue their good form. More of our primary boarders are back, and apart from our year 12s who graduated last week, and a few waifs and strays in splendid isolation outside China, Dragon House is almost back to full strength.

Despite these languid post-Covid days, there is a positive vibe in the boarding house as staff and boarders look to maximise their opportunities. In the interests of a healthy mind in a healthy body, the evening study sessions, the gym and fitness room are being put to good use and the afternoon sports activities are also enjoying a greater currency at this time. There has been renewed interest in the Thursday evening social soccer as well as involvement in the Boarding Council whose role is to lead and advise in the community.







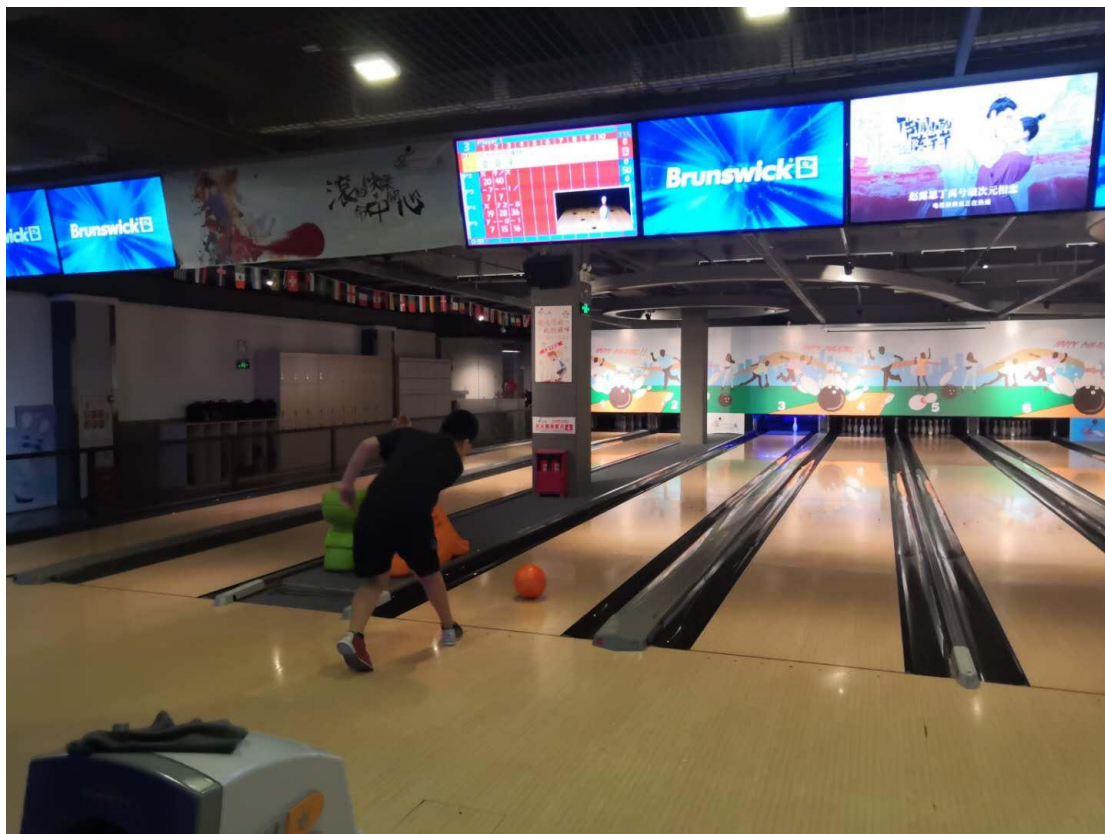








The 7-day boarders headed to the Lost City of D this weekend last for a dose of tenpin and sushi and this interlude proved to be pleasant and yet another step to normalise things as far as possible in a post-Covid-19 environment. The boarding community acknowledges the hard work of the many who have made this continuing transition possible.







## OUTRO

It's been another thrilling week for MYP and DP students on campus - especially with the addition of Y6 students getting a hands-on feel for life in secondary. Wow - they are really moving on up in the world as they begin to EXPLORE, ADAPT and IMPACT in new surroundings. A month remains until the end of term - but there is still so much for our talented team of international teachers to share and stimulate our students minds with in the IB curriculum. We feel a strong sense of gratitude that our school has weathered the global storm and been granted approval to fully operate. We are the champions! We are UISZ! Have a fabulous weekend.

Warmest wishes,

UISZ School & Boarding Community