

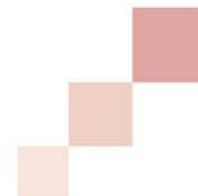


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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all back to school for the 2009-10 academic year, a year that promises to be a very exciting one for us all at Dulwich College.

Despite our concerns about the H1N1 virus, the term has got under way smoothly and I would like to extend my thanks to all parents, students and staff for your cooperation at this time.

We welcome many new families, students and staff to Dulwich College this term, too numerous to mention here, and I wish you all the best of luck with your adjustment to life in Shanghai and to life at our school. You can rest assured that you have made an excellent choice in selecting Dulwich College. Please find below some news to start off the new year:

External Examination Results

I am extremely pleased, and somewhat proud, to announce that our first graduating class have performed exceptionally well in their IB Diploma Examinations. We achieved a 100% pass rate and 5 of our students entered a prestigious group by scoring in excess of 40 points overall. I'm pleased to show some key statistics below, against the latest worldwide figures as provided by the IBO:

	Latest Worldwide Average	DCS Results
Pass Rate (%)	79%	100%
Average Points per Student	30.58	34.23
Students achieving 40 or more points (%)	11.84%	22.7%
Average Points per Subject	4.97	5.43
Number of Grade 7's achieved in all exams (%)	14%	21.9%

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our graduating students and wish them luck as they move onto the next stages of their lives.

Our IGCSE results have also just arrived and, again, make very impressive reading indeed. For 53% of all exams sat to be at grades A* or A is an excellent achievement. At the time of writing, national and international averages are not available for comparison.

	A*	A	B	C
	26.36%	26.36%	28.22%	13.46%
Cumulative %	26.36%	52.71%	80.93%	94.39%





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Mr. Stuart Tasker, Head of Senior School

I would like to formally welcome our new Head of Senior School, Mr. Stuart Tasker, and his family, to Shanghai and to the College. The Senior School has been awaiting his arrival for a while now and he has already made a very positive contribution towards the school. I know that he would appreciate meeting members of the parent body, so would encourage you to take the time to call in and say "hello" to him.

Parents' Charter

Many of you will recall, from last year, my regular public commitment towards the greater involvement of parents within our school. I'm delighted to announce that Karen Yung, known to most of you within the community, will be overseeing our relationships with parents. Ms. Yung will soon be issuing a Parents' Charter to you all which highlights the very positive steps that we have put in place to ensure that you have a voice within our school. The charter will highlight appropriate points of contact for various issues, but Ms. Yung can be contacted for assistance on any issue via email on karen.yung@dulwich-shanghai.cn.

Senior School China Week

Many Senior School parents will be aware that all Senior School students participate in an activity week called "China Week" each year. China Week provides a chance for students to live and breathe key aspects of our Philosophy and Objectives statements; in particular "*developing confident individuals prepared to take risks*". Each Year Group will be accompanied by their Form Tutors and other members of staff to various destinations around China, not only challenging themselves but giving back to our community.

This year, China Week will take place during the week beginning 13th September. The Senior Leadership Team believe that this will provide the best opportunity for all students to bond with their classmates and teachers. Year 7 students will be visiting Hangzhou where they will visit scenic spots, undertake a short hike and participate in cultural activities. Year 8 students will be based in Yangshuo where they will challenge themselves with biking, kayaking, cooking and climbing. Year 9 students will visit the Miao minority people in Guizhou while the Year 10 students will hike in the rice terraces of Longsheng. Each of these trips is supervised and organised by external providers Wild China and China Climb. These two professional outdoor education providers have worked with Dulwich College in Shanghai and Beijing for the last four years.

Year 11 and Year 12 students will be undertaking service-based trips. They will be designing and making library and classroom furniture for poorly resourced schools in Shandong and Sichuan provinces as well as organising English and sport exchange activities with the students from the schools.

You will have already received some forms to fill in from your child's Form Tutor. These are very important for us in our planning of the China Week trips, so I urge you to fill these in and return them to your child's Form Tutor as soon as possible. All students will also need their passport (not ID card) to take away on these trips.

I would like to invite you to the China Week Parent Meeting on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Mei Lan Fang Theatre to hear more about the exciting plans we have for your children during China Week.

School Uniform

As many of you will have noticed, we have changed our uniform supplier this year, with the company also taking over responsibility for uniform distribution and for the management of the Uniform shop. This has not



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been an altogether smooth process and you should rest assured that we are working hard with our supplier to ensure that they meet our very high expectations of service and we should be in a position to address specific concerns very soon. Ms. Yung will be forming a Uniform committee, designed to oversee all aspects of our school uniform, and any parents that may be interested in being included should email her on karen.yung@dulwich-shanghai.cn.

Board Of Trustees

As most of our parents will know, at the end of the last academic year we formed a Board of Trustees, made up of representatives from DCMI as well as representatives from our parent body. Travel has prevented us from meeting during the holiday, but we have now scheduled our first Board of Trustees meeting on 23rd September 2009. I believe that this is a tremendous initiative and I very much look forward to working with the Trustees over the year ahead.

Construction

You will all have noticed that the land adjacent to our Junior School has started to be developed over the school holiday. We understand that residential apartments are being built there by Jinqiao. We have already met with the developers and the project managers to ensure that the construction work poses limited disruption to our school and I am delighted to report that they have been very cooperative with our requests to date.

Parking, Drop Off and Collection

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents of the need to follow our strict procedures for parking, drop off and pick up at school. With so many students arriving and leaving our campus it is important that we manage the traffic situation carefully to ensure that our children are as safe as possible. In particular, I would ask you to remind your drivers of the need to follow our requirements with regard to double parking and parking on the zebra crossings. I have asked our staff to approach anyone disregarding our procedures and, if necessary, to record the car registration number so that we may follow up on problems. Your support in ensuring that our children remain safe would be very much appreciated.

School Calendar

A pdf version of the school calendar, covering the next 8 weeks, is available on the front page of our website. We hope to have the full year interactive calendar available next week. Please check the website regularly for updates.

In closing, I would like to wish you all the very best of luck for the academic year 2009-10. As always, you are all most welcome to drop by for a chat and a coffee when you are passing; it remains an objective of mine to meet more parents in situations where there are no problems to report!

With best wishes,

Paul Friend
Headmaster