



June 18, 2017

Final Week of Classes

As we move into the final week of classes, I am looking back on what the year has held. The HIS community, comprised of students, parents, faculty, and staff members is an impressive group of individuals all working for the success of our students. I appreciate the



MUN Water Festival Fun

support, interaction, positive thinking, and encouragement that we have received from parents this year and look forward to the coming year's continued growth. As we look at the upcoming summer holiday, I encourage the students to read a variety of texts for fun and learning purposes. They also should explore and develop their interests through experiments, questions, and investigations over the course of the summer. We look forward to the stories that they will be sharing when they return to HIS in August, a grade older. The first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year is August 24. The calendar for next year can be found here: <https://hz.scis-his.net/sites/default/files/HIS%202017-2018%20School%20Calendar%20Official%20v%20Feb%202017.pdf>

Grade 8 High Tea Ceremony

Parents of Grade 8 students are asked to reserve the afternoon of Tuesday, June 20th from 1:30 until 3:00, when we will be hosting the Grade 8 Promotion High Tea. A formal invitation will be sent home this week. Please note that the event will just be for parents and Grade 8 students. An RSVP is requested to ensure that enough provisions are available for those attending.

Yearbook Distribution

On Wednesday afternoon, June 21, following the return of all the check-out lists, resources, and computers, students are able to pick up their purchased yearbooks through their advisors. Students must return the check-out form completed with signatures before receiving their yearbooks.

Middle School IMYC Exit Point

The final IMYC Exit point will be on Tuesday, June 20 for grades 6 & 7 through their Language Arts and Science classes, while the grade 8 students will complete the Exit point in their technology / Visual Arts class on Wednesday, June 21.

High School Music Presentations

Next week, the Upper School Music students will be presenting their Independent Projects during Dragon Time on Monday – Wednesday. The schedule is posted below:

Tuesday:

- 11:30- Jonathan Cheng, "Music and Science"
- 11:50- Lucia Zhan Zhang, "The Guitar, and Composing Music"

Wednesday:

- 11:30- Havi Do Ngoc, "Acapella"
- 11:45- William Gu, "Peking and European Opera"

Upcoming Events

June 20

- Grade 8 Transition Ceremony
- IMYC Exit Points 6&7

June 21

- Grade 11 Group 4 Project
- IMYC Exit Points 8

June 22

- HIS 2017 Yearbook distribution
- Grade 11 Group 4 Project
- Grade 10 Introduction to IB
- Student Council Officer Elections

June 23

- Athletics and Awards assembly
- Student Performances
- Last Day of School @ 3pm

August 24

- First Day of 2017-2018 School year

School Lunch

Please find the lunch menu for the coming week at:

HIS Cafeteria Menu

June 2017

[http://hz.scis-](http://hz.scis-his.net/sites/default/files/%28pdf%29%2005.08-05.12%20HIS%20menu%20posting.pdf)

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College Compass

<https://hz.scis-his.net/node/6365>



2017-2018 Course Selections for Upper School

Grade 6-9 students have had a chance to think about their course selections for next year's language classes and arts classes. Parents are asked to indicate that they are aware of their child's course selections for the coming year. Please refer to the email and course selection form through school email account. For more information, please refer to Ms. Koenig or Ms. Long.

Student Council 1718 Elections

Student Council Officer Elections are taking place on Thursday, June 22, with election speeches being presented by candidates on Thursday June 22. The following students have registered to run for office and are actively campaigning now:

- Dominick Xu - President
- Christian Engberg - President
- Andrea Chen - VP
- Chinyu Liu - VP
- Angela Jung - Secretary
- Yukyung Kim - Secretary
- Kale Hwang - Treasurer
- Min Kim - Treasurer
- Rayden Chia - Sports Captain

Awards Assembly on Friday, June 23

Parents will receive an invitation to the final assembly for Upper School on Friday, Jun 23 from 8:15 - 10:30. The assembly will encompass the sports and academic awards that students have received over the last year. We will also have several performances from upper school students.

End of Year Resource Return

Upper School students will be turning in their computers and chargers on June 20 and 21, pending completion of their checkout forms. This will ask that students return all textbooks, materials, and equipment that has been checked out to them by their teachers, the HIS Warehouse, the library, or the Tech Pagoda. If any items are lost or damaged, students will be required to complete a payment process before receiving clearance, and accessing their yearbooks. Students may identify which items are checked out to them by logging into the following website: <http://asset.scischina.org> at the Hangzhou International School link. For more information, contact the Upper School office.

End of Year Schedule

Students in upper school will have a busy final month of classes, per the schedule below. Please refer to this calendar and the information posted on Managebac for what will be happening at HIS in the month of June.

Monday June 19	Tuesday June 20	Wednesday June 21	Thursday June 22	Friday June 23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Schedule for all • Dragon Time presentation from HS Music Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal schedule for all except for grade 8 - released block 3&4 for preparation for the High Tea • Exit point for Grade 6 & 7 in classes (Math - 6 / Language Arts - 7) • Dragon Time presentation from HS Music Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal schedule for most (Grades 6-10) • Advisory in morning to turn in computers, clean out lockers, return books - grade 6-8 • Dragon Time presentation from HS Music Class • Grade 11 - Group 4 project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 11 - Group 4 project • Grade 10 - IB Intro day (coverage provided for teachers as needed) • Grade 6-9 - normal schedule except for 4th block • Student Council Speeches / Election @ 2pm in Performance Space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards Assembly in Performance Space 8 - 10:00 • Field Day Events - 10 - 11 • Lunch 11 - 12 • Advisory -- 12 - 1:30 - yearbook signing, etc. • Whole School Assembly @ 1:30 - 2:40



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What happened last week?**MUN Water Festival**

Thanks to the MUN students for organizing a fun-filled event for those in grades 4-8. With a slip and slide, water tag, and the team capture the flag game. There were plenty of smiles and laughter to fill the day. The proceeds will go to support the HIS Westlake MUN Conference in October, 2018.

**Middle School Spring Formal**

Thanks to the Student Council members and their advisors, Ms. Bowers and Ms. Cantrell, the Spring Formal was a great event on Saturday evening. See a few photos from the evening below.

**RAFT Transition Process**

Leaving students and parents often face a difficult transition when leaving one school and moving on to the next one. We encourage parents to develop a transition approach when working with their children. The acronym, RAFT can be helpful.

- **R – Reconciliation** – ensure that you settle scores, forgive mistakes, and apologize for behavior where/when necessary



- **A – Affirmation** -- let others know you appreciate them -- Write a note of thanks to one or more people that helped you during your journey. Thank someone in person.
- **F – Farewell** – Make memories in Hangzhou -- Go to the places you will miss the most. Take photos of those places/people. Make a scrapbook of pictures and signatures from friends and classmates.
- **T – Think Destination** – prepare for the future -- connect with the new location or school and make maps to indicate what will be happening in the future.

HIS will be providing a small token of appreciation from students and faculty for those who are leaving, but parents can help to support the process of transition through discussion and encouragement at home as well.

New Teachers and Faculty Members for 2016-2017

We welcome the following new faculty members to HIS in the coming year.

Simon Lamplugh – Upper School Mathematics & Economics Teacher

Simon was born in Hong Kong, but raised and educated in Melbourne, Australia. After graduating from High School he completed a Bachelor of Education degree in Secondary Education – Mathematics, and then, after spending a number of years travelling and working in Asia, including a long stint in China, he returned to complete an MA in Asian Studies and a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management. Across his career, he has primarily taught mathematics, but has also worked in business, including providing education services in Taiwan, and project managing foreign aid/development projects in PNG and China. He has taught at a number of schools in Australia and has held a range of leadership positions in teaching and learning, and curriculum. He will be joined by his wife Marisa, and daughter Imogen.



Marisa Confait – Upper School English Language Arts Teacher

Marisa was born and raised in a regional country town in Southern Australia. She has taught MYP and IBDP curriculum for grades 7-12 in Australia, Taiwan, and Indonesia over the course of her career as a teacher of Literature, English, History, Social Studies, and ESL. She has chaired departments and taken on curriculum coordination as well. She will join HIS with her husband, Simon, and 15 year old daughter, Imogen.



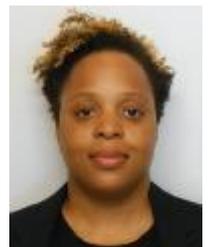
Matthew Tupper – Upper School Drama & Design

Matthew has taught technical theater, Shakespeare, playwriting, acting and 3d design at the Winsor School in Massachusetts, USA. He enjoys helping students create on and off stage, find their voice and refine their skills. Before teaching at Winsor he was the assistant technical director at the Academia Nazionale D'Arte Drammatica in Rome Italy. While in Italy he also ran the boarding unit at an American school and helped broaden their drama program. He is a builder and maker by nature and enjoys manipulating materials in many ways from welding and carpentry to laser cutting and hot gluing. He has been a furniture designer, a merchandiser and an innkeeper in previous occupations as well. He will be arriving at HIS with his wife, Kimberly, and his two children in grade 8 and 4.



Maneesha Maingot – Upper School Student Services

Maneesha was born and raised in New York City. For the past 8 years, she has taught in schools in Washington, DC, USA as a teacher and support staff member. She has experience counseling students and parents as a special education teacher, lead teacher, teacher mentor, and department chair. Over the last four years, she served as a reading specialist implementing multiple comprehensive reading interventions.





Matthew Baxter – Upper School Media & Research Specialist

Matthew was born in Anchorage, Alaska. His educational career began in Oregon where he received his Bachelor’s degree specializing in Leadership, Organization, and Management and continued on to finish his Master’s in Business Administration. He finished his Doctorate of Philosophy specializing in Management Education and conducting research on the link between identification with academics and self-leadership. At HIS, he will be working with Upper School students as the Media and Research Specialist. He will be joined by his wife, Amanda Myers, a Lower School teacher.



Zachary Baker – Upper School Language ESOL and Language Acquisition Support

Zachary is originally from Chicago, Illinois, USA. He moved to China in 2016 and has been teaching 1st and 2nd grade ESL at a local primary school. He played basketball and baseball in college, and enjoys passing on his knowledge of training and competing to younger athletes. He has already been an excellent Basketball coach for our Varsity teams.

University Entrance Exams

HIS students will have several University Admissions Exam opportunities on our campus this academic year. The dates of the exams held at HIS for this year and next are as listed below:

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| • ACT | September 9, 2017 | • SAT | December 2, 2017 |
| • SAT | October 7, 2017 | • SAT | May 5, 2018 |
| • PSAT | October 11, 2017 | • ACT | June 9, 2018 |

**REPRESENTING THE STUDENTS
RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT
I AM DOMINICK**

Dominick Xu
Outreach Member 2015-2017
NHS Academic Captain 2016-2017
STUCO Treasurer 2016-2017

FIRST AND FOREMOST, FOR STUDENTS

#VicePresident
#BeProud #BeYourself

**I WILL
LIFT
YOUR
CHIN UP!**

Vote Chinyu for
Vice President 2017-2018



**VOTE
YUKYUNG
FOR
SECRETARY**



Hangzhou International School

TERM ONE

JULY				
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AUGUST				
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School Calendar 2017-2018

IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST
10-16 New Faculty Inservice
17-23 All Faculty Inservice
23 New Family Orientation/Open House
24 First Day of Term One (Fall)

SEPTEMBER
29 Professional Inservice (no school for students)

OCTOBER
02-06 National Holiday, Mid-Autumn Festival and October Break
20 Mid-Term Progress
24-25 Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (divisions and dismissal times TBA)
27 Professional Inservice (no school for students)

NOVEMBER
24 Professional Inservice (no school for students)

DECEMBER
15 End of Term One (early dismissal for students)

JANUARY
08 Professional Inservice/New Family Orientation (no school for students)
09 First Day of Term Two (Winter)

FEBRUARY
15-23 Chinese New Year Holiday

MARCH
20-21 Student-Led Conferences (divisions and dismissal times TBA)
30 End of Term Two

APRIL
02-06 Qingming "Tomb Sweeping" Festival Holiday and Spring Break
09 First Day of Term Three (Spring)
30 Professional Inservice (no school for students)

MAY
01 Labor Day Holiday

JUNE
18 Duanwu 'Dragon Boat' Festival Holiday
29 End of Term Three (early dismissal for students)
30 Professional Inservice (no school for students)

TERM TWO

JANUARY				
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FEBRUARY				
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Legend

- New Family Orientation/Open House
- Legal Holidays (no school)
- New Staff Orientation (no school for students)
- Professional In-service (no school for students)
- School Holiday (no school)
- Conferences (dismissal times TBA)
- End of Term
- Saturday Make Up Day (only if needed)

Total Student Days: 180

v. February, 2017