



July 3, 2017



## Upcoming Events

### August 23

- New Family Orientation @ 9:00 – 12:00
- Open House for returning students @ 1:00 – 3:30 pm
- Returning students grades 7 – 10 pick up computers from Tech Pagoda
- HIS Uniform Shop open for purchases

### August 24

- First Day of 2017-2018 School year
- Celebration of 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Summer Holiday

As the students settle into their summer holiday mode, we hope that they are having the chance to play, read, think, connect, and most importantly, sleep. Ms. Cantrell has encouraged them to sleep between 8 – 10 hours a night to develop healthy habits, increase the mind's ability to learn, and to allow their bodies to recover from the growth that is taking place over the summer. If your child is going to bed late, be sure that they are sleeping in late, so they get enough sleep this summer. As we near the beginning of the school year though, it is a good idea to begin to adjust the bedtimes back earlier so they can still get the necessary hours of sleep to help them function and grow effectively. Establishing a healthy sleep pattern is important for physical, mental and cognitive health in adolescents. Have a great summer!

## Welcome Back

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>

## Yearbook Distribution

We want to thank the 2016-2017 Graphic Design Class and Mr. Suits for their effort and dedication to creating a strong yearbook. If students did not pick up their purchased yearbooks at the end of the year, they can do so from the front office. PDFs are available for purchase if families did not order a yearbook in advance. Contact the HIS office if you need to access a yearbook for 2016-2017.

## Long Tales Quarter 4

Check out the new edition of the HIS Long Tales on the school webpage: <http://hz.scis-his.net/>



## Student Council Officers for 2017-2018

We'd like to congratulate the following Student Council Officers for the 2017-2018 school elections will take place in August, upon return to school.

- President – Christian Engberg
- Vice President – Andrea Chen
- Secretary – Kale Hwang
- Treasurer – Angela Jung
- Sports Captain – Rayden Chia





### Awards Assembly on Friday, June 23

Congratulations to the students who received sports and academic awards on Friday, June 23. If students were not present during the assembly, these awards can be picked up from the front office with Ms. Alice.



### Grade 8 High Tea Ceremony

On Tuesday, June 20, the Grade 8 students and their parents were welcomed to the Performance Spaced decorated as a high tea ceremony. Ms. Long coordinated a formal ceremony where the students were recognized and celebrated as they completed their middle school program of studies and prepared to enter high school in the coming year. Special thanks also to Ms. Andrea for her support and decoration.



### 2017-2018 Course Selections for Upper School

For any students who did not submit a course selection form for next school year, please check the upper school website to download and submit the correct forms for the next year's grade level. Contact Ms. Koenig for more information ([jkoenig@his-china.org](mailto:jkoenig@his-china.org)).

### Computers and Equipment

All students were asked to check their computers into the Tech Pagoda for refresh and care purposes. Students will be able to pick

their computers up on 23 August, 2017 during the Open House event from 1:00 pm. More information will be shared the week prior to Open House. During this time students will be able to check their schedules on Managebac and meet their new teachers.

### Farewells and Hellos

As we say farewell to those who have left HIS and are off to new adventures next year, we wish them the best and remind them that "Once a Dragon, Always a Dragon!" We are also excited to have many new students join us. First, we want to welcome the incoming grade 6 students and their parents to the Upper School community and middle school. We also have several new students in each grade level 6-11 who will be joining our programs next year, so we encourage students and parents to connect with the new families and welcome them to our community. The photo on the right is the last day photo from our assembly.



### 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





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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.



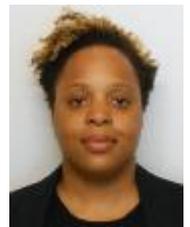
### **Matthew Tupper - Upper School Drama & Design**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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     |

### Photos from the last week of school





### Hangzhou International School

#### TERM ONE

JULY				
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31				

AUGUST				
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SEPTEMBER				
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OCTOBER				
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NOVEMBER				
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DECEMBER				
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School Calendar 2017-2018	
<b>IMPORTANT DATES:</b>	
<b>AUGUST</b>	
10-16	New Faculty Inservice
17-23	All Faculty Inservice
23	New Family Orientation/Open House
24	First Day of Term One (Fall)
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
29	Professional Inservice (no school for students)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
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)
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
24	Professional Inservice (no school for students)
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
15	End of Term One (early dismissal for students)
<b>JANUARY</b>	
08	Professional Inservice/New Family Orientation (no school for students)
09	First Day of Term Two (Winter)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
15-23	Chinese New Year Holiday
<b>MARCH</b>	
20-21	Student-Led Conferences (divisions and dismissal times TBA)
30	End of Term Two
<b>APRIL</b>	
02-06	Qingming "Tomb Sweeping" Festival Holiday and Spring Break
09	First Day of Term Three (Spring)
30	Professional Inservice (no school for students)
<b>MAY</b>	
01	Labor Day Holiday
<b>JUNE</b>	
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				
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
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FEBRUARY				
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MARCH				
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TERM THREE				
APRIL				
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MAY				
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JUNE				
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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

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