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Dates to Remember

31st August

School Starts

From the Principal

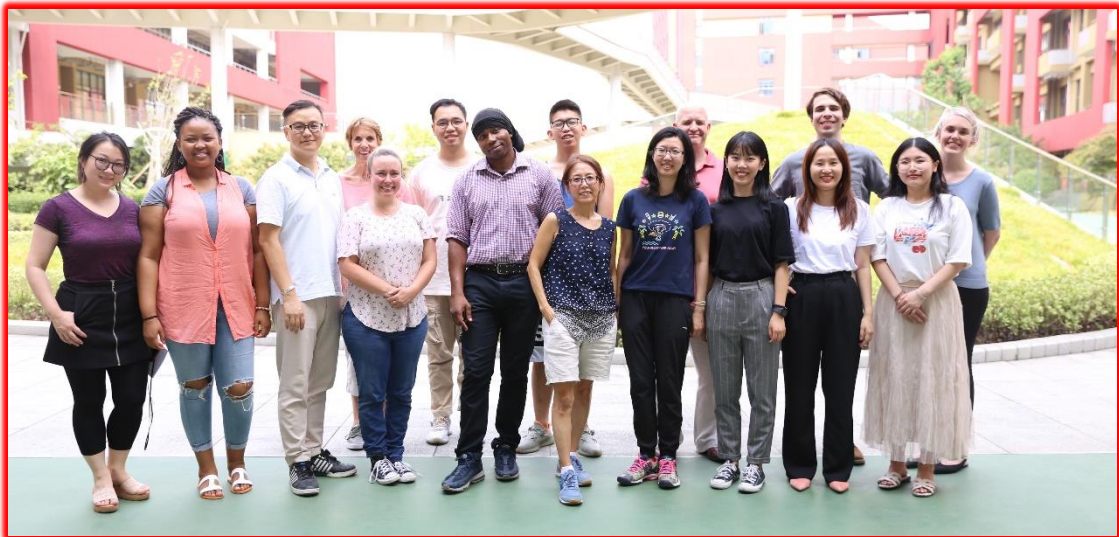
The wheels have been turning all summer here at NBIS, to ensure that when we open on Monday August 31st, we have the best possible team to meet our students and to deliver the Cambridge Curriculum.

We are expecting well over 300 students to attend on the first day! Really looking forward to welcoming them!



We have 15 additions to our NBIS Team, all of whom will be present on Monday – quite an achievement in the current recruitment climate. And we still have a number outside China who will join us later as restrictions are eased, borders opened, and international travel is possible.

1. Sharon Wang:	Deputy Head Administration
2. Paulette Irakoze:	School Guidance Counsellor
3. Alexandria Mead:	Reception 'A' Teacher
4. Yeonmee Ji-McAleer:	Y1A Teacher
5. Judith Zhu:	Y3B Co-Teacher
6. Karl Coker:	Y5A Teacher
7. Carl Kirkpatrick:	Y6B Teacher
8. Julie Miles:	Reception and Primary PE (Welcome Back!)
9. Michael Tkaczewski:	English, Social Studies, History
10. Jennie Qiu:	Maths
11. Nicole Smout:	Physics
12. Yolanda Li:	Physics/Maths
13. Zhou Shen:	Chemistry
14. Harry Lin:	Chinese
15. Derrick Hua:	PE



We will be introducing some of our new Teachers via the Newsletter over the next few weeks.

Parents have been informed of what will be happening on Monday. The campus and classrooms are ready. Teachers are set to go! Now all we need is the students!

I look forward to seeing Parents over the next few weeks, and especially at the Curriculum Evenings we will be arranging in September.

Phil Billing

Principal

NBIS

WELCOME FROM THE EARLY YEARS TEAM AT NBIS ☺



We are very excited for the 2020/2021 year to begin. We hope you all had an enjoyable, relaxing time in the summer holiday. We would like to welcome back our returning

Early Years children and their families, and also offer a warm welcome to the new children and their families who will be joining us this year at NBIS. The teachers are really looking forward to the children arriving on Monday morning, and supporting them as they settle into their respective classes. On the first day it would be helpful if each child could bring,

- a blue bucket hat (these can be purchased from the school office),
- a water bottle
- a cup for using at snack times (this will be kept at school).
- A spare set of clothing (this will be kept at school)
- Bedding for rest/sleep time. New children's bedding, if already purchased, will be supplied to them on the first day. If bedding is still to be purchased the cost of 300RMB can be paid to either the class teacher or Vicky in administration. It is expected that all children in Early Years will use the school style bedding.

Please make sure that all of these items are named.

It is common at the beginning of the year, even for returning children, to be a little anxious. Please prepare your child, and yourself, for a smooth first day back by explaining what to expect. If delivering your child to school please make your morning goodbye short and sweet with a hug, kiss and a promise to be back, or see them at home after school. Trust in the teachers to settle your children from here. We will contact you if needed.

On Monday morning all Early Years children will be taken directly to their classroom. They do not need to go to the Auditorium. If an older sibling is taking them to class, they will need to deliver them to the Early Years classroom before they go on to the auditorium. Bus teachers will deliver Early Years children directly to their classroom each day.

EY drop off and pickup

If your child arrives at NBIS by bus:

- Each day the bus teacher will take their temperature and sight their green health code before they enter the bus.

If your child departs NBIS by bus

- If your child will be taking the bus home at the end of the day. They will be delivered to their bus meeting point (as usual) and the bus teacher will see them to the person collecting them at their 'home' bus stop.



If you are dropping your child off at NBIS

- Children will be met at the gate at **9am** by an Early Years staff member. FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD AND A SMOOTH ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL, PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE **0900**.
- They will be supported as they walk past the face recognition/ temperature checking camera and have their green health code sighted. You will need to stay with your child until they are collected by an NBIS Early Years staff member.
- Once in the gate they will then be escorted to their classroom by an Early Years staff member.
- Please be punctual and stay with your child until they have entered NBIS grounds.

If you are collecting your child from NBIS at the end of the day

- If you are collecting your child, an Early Years staff member will bring your child to the gate area (inside the NBIS grounds) to be collected. You will need to WeChat your child's teacher/TA that you are at the gate ready to meet them. They will then escort your child through the gate to you. Children will be at the gate area ready to be collected at **3:15pm**. Please once again be punctual as years 1-13 will be leaving school at 3:30pm.

Thank you,
The Early Years Team



Primary Welcome

A warm welcome to both the students and parents of the primary section. We trust that you had time to relax and recharge over the summer break after what was a challenging year. The start of a new year brings with it enthusiasm and excitement for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. A chance to be the best you can be.

It is a pleasure to welcome a number of new families to the NBIS family this year. We also have new members of staff, who bring with them a range of experiences and expertise to enrich our school community. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher at our Curriculum Meetings early in September.

In the Primary Section, we understand the importance of communication between home and school to ensure the best educational experience for every child. The close relationships between home and school enables us to work together to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to achieve their potential. Once again we will be using Class Dojo as our means of communication with parents. Through Class Dojo we are able to provide Primary Section information, individual class updates, celebrate success and the ability to contact class teachers individually.

We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning, enthusiasm, laughter and friendship. We wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Sonya Potts
Head of Primary



The Secondary Team has been hard at this work preparing for the return of our Secondary Students. We are really looking forward to seeing them!



A Special Welcome to Year 7 ... Your Homeroom Teachers have already been in touch. It will be a new experience for you, with many different ways of doing things. We want you to know that we wish to support you in the transition from Primary to Secondary; and we're sure that you'll do just fine!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION CANDIDATES!!

As with students all over the world, it was a rocky ride indeed this year. However, in the end, good sense prevailed with the examination boards and students were awarded grades which are both robust and fair. Well done! More news on that later!

When you arrive on Monday, please make your way directly to the Auditorium for our Welcome Assembly where you will meet the new Teachers who have joined us this year.

And ... we are delighted to have appointed a new School Guidance Counsellor, to help all our students in their Secondary Learning Journey, and to support students in Y10-13 in finding the right pathway to fulfill their aspirations.

Get ready. Ask questions. Share ideas. Work hard. Be kind. Stay curious.

We're on your side!

The Secondary Team

NBIS Bus Safety



Ms. Vicky Ren, our bus coordinator and Mrs. Paulette Irakoze, our bus supervisor had the opportunity to check the safety of all our school buses, looking specifically at the seatbelts, tyres, stability of the seats and the overall cleanliness/readiness of our buses as usual.

Later that day, a meeting was held by our principal, the bus coordinator, the bus supervisor and all our bus teachers to ensure that the whole team is ready for our first day of school.

It was an opportunity for the whole team to go over our bus policies and rules, any bus changes and maps. The meeting was successful, and we are all looking forward to a great semester.

