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**Dates to Remember**

- January 17-25: Secondary Exams
- January 26 – February 13: Chinese New Year Holiday (No School)



Wow! Learn about Chinese culture in this month for kids! Teaching your children about world cultures helps them appreciate the differences in people and their traditions.

The children made different crafts and collages to decorate our class. This photograph illustrates how the children were using their fine motor, planning, design and creative skills to make these beautiful collages.



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## *Nursery B*

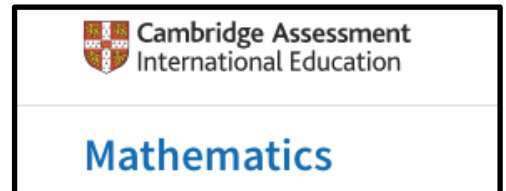


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# Why We Should Teach Mathematics in Primary School

Mathematics is one of the core subjects in the Cambridge International Primary School Curriculum- the curriculum used at NBIS. It is taught in Early Years all the way through to Year 13 in secondary school. Students learn many important skills and knowledge that they can apply in their further studies or in real life. This makes all the mathematics topics important for student learning. Examples of this could be learning how to tell time, learning how to calculate percentage, or answering questions about geometry. Mathematical understanding can be very important to perform many modern-day tasks.



One of the most obvious and recognized benefits of primary school mathematics in our lives is that it strengthens a student's abilities. By strengthening these abilities, students further develop foundations for discovering higher-level concepts in secondary school and university-level mathematics. Understanding primary school mathematics is fundamental in ensuring that students will have the ability to excel not just in upper-level mathematics, but in topics that use mathematics as well. For example, in physics, the density of an object or material is understood as its mass divided by its volume. Both these concepts are taught in primary school mathematics.



Additionally, real-world events can provide a great training ground for students to develop their skills in mathematics. For example, a child who is interested in tennis can be taught geometry and speed by analysing the cardio performance of their favourite athlete. A good question could be how much ground a particular player covered on the rugby pitch and their speed.



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In Year 6B, we work hard to help students see the positive effects, importance, and advantages offered by learning mathematics. We work towards helping develop their enthusiasm and interest in each topic and in solving mathematical problems. We aim for students to understand its uses and how it can positively impact their lives.

So as the year progresses, we will continue our journey into exploring mathematics. We will keep it fun, to motivate students and stimulate their enthusiasm. We will keep it relevant to build a strong foundation on which students can rise up and excel. We will keep it focused to grow their engagement in mathematics and sow the seed for developing the world's future mathematicians!

Warm regards,

Carl Kirkpatrick  
Year 6B Homeroom Teacher

Peach Chen  
Year 6B CoTeacher



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### **Secondary Student Council - Winter Talent Show**

This year, to wrap up before the winter holiday, the Student Council hosted a spectacular Winter Talent show for Secondary school. We recruited amazing performers from all over Secondary school, to give us a brief showcase of their amazing talents. Performances ranging from Rock & Roll to Christmas hits were very much enjoyed by the audience!

We'd like to give special thanks to Ms. Zhang, Ms. Nausicaa, Mr. Isidro, and the logistics team for their help. We are grateful to the performers for their hard work and their willingness to participate in the talent show.

Congratulations to our performers, Chloe, Jooyoung, Nelly, Annie, Natalie, Angela, Jacqueline, Addie, Jocelyn, Arturo, Kieran, Kaylyn, Sue, Gabriel, Mr. Isidro, Kaishu, Yiran, Vicky, Cici, and Jwan for their outstanding performances. We hope to see them perform in the talent show next semester!



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## Physics

The British Physics Olympiad is a charitable trust initiated in 1979, and has been used as a qualifier for the selection of the UK Physics Team for the International Physics Olympiad since 1983.

The Intermediate Physics Challenge Online is a new online activity since 2020 that students can participate in online from home.

The exam is primarily about physics that we have covered in school, but some wider extension of physics knowledge is also encouraged to stimulate an interest in physics. This challenge creates an opportunity for students to take part in a national physics thinking challenge and to develop their confidence in the subject.

The competition is not just for students who are very good at studying physics, but for all students who are interested in studying and developing in physics.

All year 11 physics students have shown interest in this challenge and have decided to participate in this activity this year.



The AS and A level physics students celebrated the upcoming winter holidays and their hard work throughout the semester with a scavenger hunt. The students were given a physics multiple-choice question which they had to solve which would either send them to the correct location or not. The students exhibited great team work and developed their confidence in completing multiple-choice questions under pressure, and within a time limit. The students also had the added benefit of getting to explore our new library and the many new books available.



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### Come Join the UKMT Mathematical Challenges Together

The Math department at NBIS is conducting UKMT in February in collaboration with ASDAN China. UKMT encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (IMC) will be held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The examination time for IMC is during the Chinese Spring Festival. Under this special condition, ASDAN will only organize the online contest; students can take the exam at home.

Students from Year 10 or below can participate in the competition.

To recognize the highest performers in the challenge, UKMT Mathematical Challenge awards the top scoring 50% of the participants the bronze, silver, and gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1. The participants from China will be awarded based on the UK – cut-offs.



The poster features a photograph of two students, a girl and a boy, sitting at a desk and working on a problem. The girl is smiling and looking at the boy, who is focused on writing. They are both wearing school uniforms. The background is a chalkboard with some mathematical equations. The UKMT logo is visible on the girl's shirt.

# UKMT

## UKMT Mathematical Challenges

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The UK's most popular school Mathematical Challenges | Over 700,000 participants all over the world annually | Three levels suitable for different age groups | Up to 50%-66% award ratio

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### What's New in the Library?

As gateways to knowledge and culture, libraries play a fundamental role in schools. The resources and services they offer create opportunities for learning, support literacy, and education, and help shape the new ideas and perspectives that are central to a creative and innovative school.

The NBIS School Library is a valuable resource for students because there is a vast array of English books available. Students have many novels at their fingertips and can take them home to read in their spare time.

How can parents encourage children and teens to read at home?

One way is to let them choose the books that they read. The best way to encourage kids to read is to allow them to read what they find engaging, whether it's comic books, cookbooks, or romance novels about vampires or zombies. The books they're drawn to might not be your favourites, but don't discourage those preferences. Reading is reading.

Another way is to model reading. The best way to create a culture of reading in your home is to read as much as possible. The more kids see their parents reading, the more likely they are to follow suit. This doesn't change once they enter high school. Teens are resistant to any message that implies do as I say, not as I do.

We have some avid readers in our teaching community. The teachers at NBIS have recommended some books for teens to read and these have been put on display in the library.



A promotional graphic for GCSEPod. It features a hand holding a smartphone displaying the GCSEPod app interface, which shows a video player with a bracket diagram. To the right is the GCSEPod logo with the tagline 'education anywhere' and a cartoon character of a man in a red robe pointing. A speech bubble from the character says 'Helps you with learning, homework, & revision!'. At the bottom, a purple banner reads 'Love learning, love GCSEPod'.

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*Love learning, love GCSEPod*

NBIS students have access to GCSEPod, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,250 schools worldwide. This is a great resource to have available as we approach mid-year exams and beyond. GCSEPod is available to all secondary students from Years 7-13 at our school.

As a subscriber, your child now has access to GCSEPod's library of over 6,000 'Pods,' 3-5 minute videos designed to deliver knowledge in short bursts. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable: every Pod is mapped to an exam board and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates, and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success – all neatly organised into topics and exam playlists.

One of the best things about GCSEPod is that you can download any Pod to your child's mobile device, and then they can watch them at any time, in any place, with or without internet. It's like they're carrying a whole set of textbooks in their pocket! Make sure you download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported) to access this feature.

GCSEPod also has the ability to identify knowledge gaps and automatically send playlists to help fill them. After completing any homework set on GCSEPod, your child will get a personalised "Boost Playlist" of Pods relevant to their identified areas of weakness. We strongly suggest you encourage your child to review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

We recommend that you talk about GCSEPod with your son or daughter – check that they've successfully activated their account and encourage them to make use of this amazing resource throughout their GCSE's. Once they've activated their account, they can



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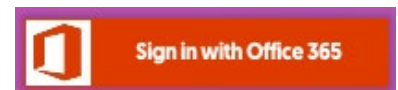
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browse the GCSEPod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit [www.gcsepod.com/parents](http://www.gcsepod.com/parents) where you'll find lots more information and resources.

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the instructions below. If your child has tried to activate their account unsuccessfully, please ask them to contact a member of staff.

- 1) Go to [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com) and click "Login" in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Click the red **"sign in with Office 365"** button
- 3) Your child will enter their school email address and password
- 4) You may be asked to create a username



If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod, please contact me at [john.helmy@nbis.net.cn](mailto:john.helmy@nbis.net.cn).

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Helmy

IT Coordinator and Teacher

**PARENTS GUIDE TO GCSE REVISION**  
This useful guide lets you know exactly how and when your child should be revising.

**EXAM SUCCESS**

**gcsepod**  
Education on Demand

**WATCH 10 PODS PER WEEK**  
During exam time aim to watch 3 Pods per day

**102 PODS**  
The highest achieving students each watched on average 102 PODS so there is a clear correlation between GCSEPod and results.  
Principal

**73%**  
of videos are watched out of school

**20 MINUTES**  
Little and often is best, so try to keep sessions around 20 minutes to get the best results.

**CREATE A PLAYLIST**  
Identify the areas which are most challenging and create a playlist to focus learning.

**Our top users exceeded their target grades in many areas.**  
Principal

**I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that GCSEPod be used all year round, not just for revision, for maximum impact.**  
Parent

**It's the best thing you can have to revise and make sure you are ready for the exam.**  
Student

**GCSEPod played an important role in helping me achieve A\*. I would definitely recommend it.**  
Student

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**Happy New Year 2022 from SAC!**

On behalf of the School Advisory Committee (SAC), we wish you all a Joyous New Year 2022! We also hope you and your families are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new year undeterred and strong!

We wish to thank our school staff, teachers, and management teams for their commitment to ensuring that we are ready for any changes in learning. They've been working hard and conscientiously to prepare before the winter holidays in light of the current circumstances. We have them to thank for their dedication to promoting high-level face-to-face learning or e-learning.

We also wish to thank all our NBIS families for preparing our learners incredibly, so that they are back to school with positive energy!

Our appreciation also goes to the PTA for their volunteer work and exciting activities before the Winter break!

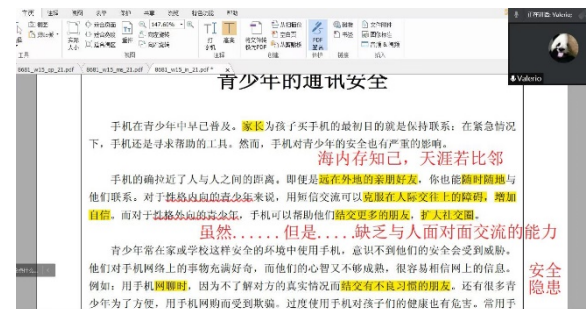
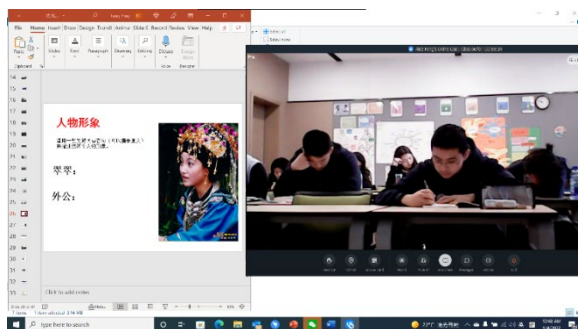
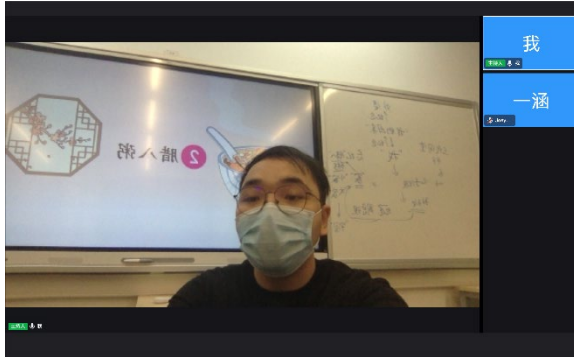
We eagerly look forward to another year to support the enrichment of our learning community. It remains an honour and privilege for us to serve the NBIS community!

You can reach us at [SAC@nbis.net.cn](mailto:SAC@nbis.net.cn) anytime.



## Teachers and Students in Beilun

Beilun is implementing a Level 1 emergency response, and all students living in Beilun and some students who have been to Beilun have to stay at home. Our Beilun school bus has also been suspended. NBIS teachers have been trying their best to offer on-line teaching or sharing materials, links and assigning homework to remote students. We sincerely hope that COVID-19 will be effectively controlled soon and the remote students can be back on campus.



## Introduction of the General Affairs Office

Hello, everyone! I'm Zhang Ning, a cleaner, and I'm honored to come to NBIS to clean the first and second floors of Building 1. This job is very important to me. From the first day on the job, I have treated it with a rigorous attitude and enthusiasm. I used to think that cleaning work is not worth mentioning, but when I started this job, I realized that it is not that easy. You need to pay attention to your appearance, your words, and deeds, including all kinds of subtleties. There is an old saying that goes well: The devil is in the details. As a cleaner, I need to pay attention to all the details that ordinary people won't notice, such as wall corners, skirting, air conditioning switches, light switches, fire switches, etc.

Since I joined NBIS in September 2021, I have made many changes and improvements. I'm really grateful to be able to work with teachers and students in such a good environment!



NBIS Food

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Menu	牛腩烧萝卜	油豆腐烧肉	芝麻翅根	红烧肉	蕃薯土豆仔排
	Beef with turnip	Tofu with pork	Chicken wing	Braised beef	Rib with potato
	洋葱炒肉片	烤鸡	红烧肉丸	烤香肠	椒盐里脊
	Onion with meat	Roast chicken	Meatball	Roast sausage	Salt and pepper with pork
	鱼排	黄金鸡块	盐酥鸡	烤翅中	烤鸭
	Fish chop	Chicken nugget	Salty fried chicken	Roast chicken wing	Roast duck
	红烧素鸡	咖喱土豆	有机花菜	五号菜	炸薯条
	Vegetarian chicken	Curry potato	Organic cauliflower	Vegetable	French fries
	烤土豆	炒包菜	烤芋艿	盐烤小土豆	西兰花
	Potato	Cabbage	Taro	Potato	Broccoli
	天菜年糕	西芹炒玉米	葱油娃娃菜	肉沫粉丝	烤菜
	Roasted rice cake with vegetable	Corn with celery	Baby cabbage	Meat with glass noodle	Vegetable
	青菜炒蘑菇	芝士烤吐司	牛角包	三明治	蛋挞
	Vegetable with mushroom	Bread with cheese	Croissant	sandwich	Egg tart
	水果	水果	水果	水果	水果
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
	紫菜汤	豆腐汤	西红柿汤	万年青汤	虾皮蛋汤
	Seaweed soup	Tofu soup	Tomato soup	Vegetable soup	Dried shrimps soup with egg
	米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭
	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice
Snack Menu	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘
	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable
	牛奶	牛奶	牛奶	牛奶	牛奶
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
	鸡蛋	烧卖	鸡蛋	烧卖	鸡蛋
	Egg	Shao-mai	Egg	Shao-mai	Egg
	包子	牛角包	包子	牛角包	包子
	Steamed Bun	Croissant	Steamed Bun	Croissant	Steamed Bun
	水果	水果	水果	水果	水果
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit