



Pausing for Breath

DATES TO NOTE:

24 June
Last Day of School

In any challenging and rewarding enterprise we need to take time to catch our breath, to recharge our batteries, and to take stock of all that we have achieved. Summer is that chance and I know that we are all looking forward to travelling and spending time with our families. WISS has continued to innovate and expand since it was founded in 2006 and as we enter our fifth year of operation it gives me a warm glow to know that not only are we growing and prospering, but that more and more children are experiencing the spirit of our school community and discovering what it feels like to enjoy learning. School doesn't have to be oppressive, it doesn't have to be regimented, and it doesn't have to be the way it was when we were kids 30 years ago. None of us would use a 30 year old computer, none of us would wear 30 year old clothes, so it is even more important than ever to bring what is fresh and new and vibrant into the lives of our young people's education. WISS does this and does it brilliantly; hats off to all our students, staff and parents for working together to make this a reality, every moment of every day.



Big Race on Sports Day

This year has been a momentous one. Our campus has completed its second phase, looking now like the beautiful home for our young people that our founding Director Alfonso Orsini and our owners always intended. We have received Authorization for our Primary Years Programme and Diploma Programme, paving the way for Middle Years Programme Authorization. We are now a full member of the CISSA international schools sports association and our new Director of Sports joins us from another leading school in Shanghai to continue to develop Physical Education and team sports in line with our expanding facilities and student body. Our science labs, greenhouse, Art Wing and Secondary School facility have all come online this year and dramatically increased the profile of our campus, greatly enhancing every aspect of our academic and pastoral programmes. Our new Director of Music has helped raise the Performing Arts to a new level, whilst ushering in a great sophistication in our music programmes both within and outside the classroom. Community and Service and the environment have been steadily increasing in terms of outreach and participants, with more and more people in Shanghai and beyond talking about the amazing contribution our students make to life around them.

WISS is the only school in Shanghai to offer all three IB programmes in an unbroken continuum of education and it shows in everything our young people strive to do every day. The IB is not just a curriculum, but it is a positive mission and message which grows from within every IB World School and radiates to the world around us. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our WISS Community for working together for the last academic year so positively and productively. As we begin to unwind for the summer I wish everyone peace and a safe journey to wherever in the world they may travel. I am very lucky to work in the happiest, most caring, and most inspirational learning community I have ever known and I thank you for making every day unique for our young people and for lending WISS your faith, passion, and tireless support.

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School Uniform

Good news to all the returning families! Summer uniforms for next school year are available for purchase. We can pack and deliver the goods to your child's classroom if your order is received with payment by next Tuesday June 22. All other orders will be processed in the summer (no payment is fine), and more information will come by e-mail before the start of the school year. We appreciate your quick order. This can help us estimate the amount of summer uniforms to produce.

Thank you very much and have a great summer!

WISS Uniform Team



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