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MESSAGE FROM

HEAD OF SCHOOL

The 2017/2018 Academic Year has been one full of growth and opportunities for all members of the SSIS Community. Many plans are in place for this and the next academic year to ensure that the school is ready for the integrated campus come August 2019. From the expansion of the learning facilities, introduction of up-to-date programmes and beefing up of the teaching talents and resources, we are excitedly looking forward to the Family Reunion in about 12 months' time.

Even as we chart the future, we do not lose sight of our critical role of daily nurturing our students as every child that comes to school each day is important to us. In this report, we showcase the highlights of the many achievements of SSIS in this academic year from the perspectives of keeping our campus safe and secure, nurturing our students holistically, embracing our community whole-heartedly and moving forward with confidence.

We are proud of what we have achieved this school year and it would not have been possible without the dedication of our teachers and support staff, the hard work invested by our students and the unwavering support of our parents. Kudos to everyone in the SSIS Community!

The school is 22 years young – maturing, vibrant, full of energy but always looking to better itself! As you read this report, I welcome your constructive feedback and suggestions on how we can improve further and make SSIS the BEST learning environment for your child.

Mr. Tan Thong Howe Head of School

2016 – 2019 **STRATEGIC GOALS**



Engage the School Community

Engage the Parent Support Group (PSG) in close partnership with the school in our effort to raise each SSIS child.

Provide cross campus and cross division platforms amongst student and staff to enhance interactions and sharing of best practices.



Enhance the School Systems and Structures

Review current systems and structures and identify key areas of improvement.

Fine-tune the communication structures with the school community such that each member receives clear, consistent, timely and reliable information.



Enrich the Teaching & Learning Environment

Work towards creating the most conducive teaching and learning environments to facilitate the students' learning with the best practices.



Physical Environment

Provide more learning space and opportunities for our growing student population and school programmes with our School Expansion Projects.

Scrutinise each aspect of campus safety such as transport, food, fire evacuation and lock-down with our Campus Safety Programme.



Teaching Environment

Invest heavily on the Professional Development of our teaching staff so that our students can benefit from the teachers' upgraded teaching skills and competencies.

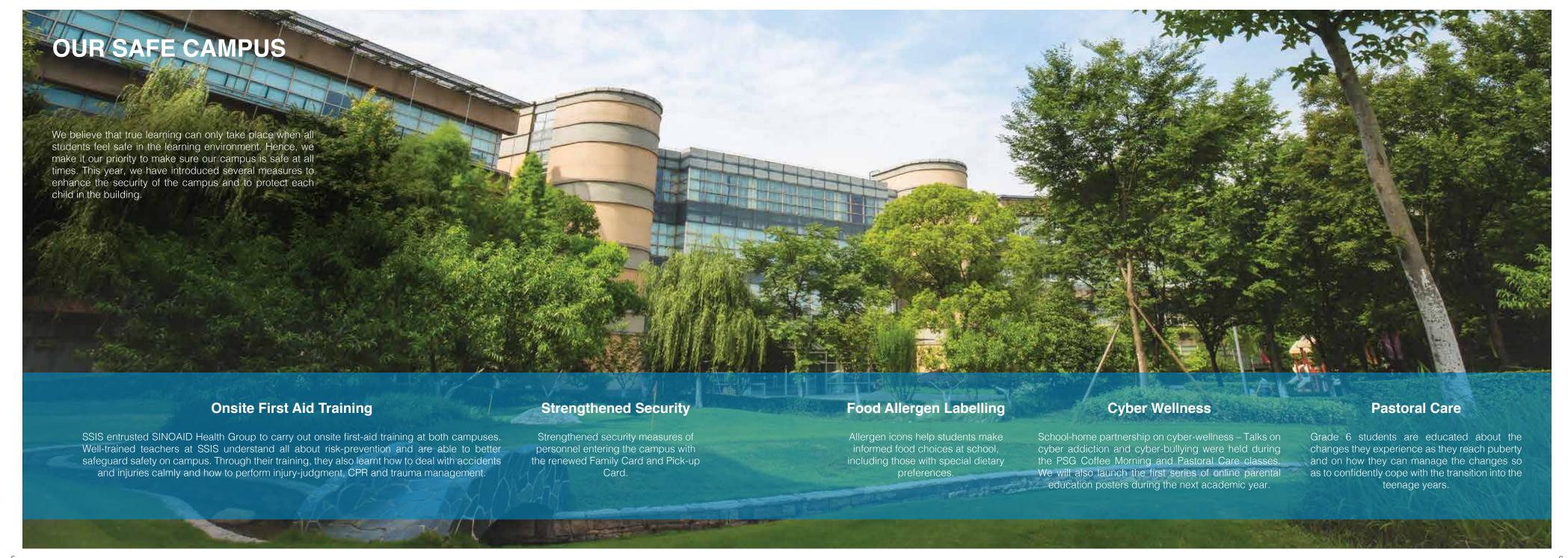
Recruit the best teaching talents around the world and enhance the remuneration package for veteran teachers in SSIS.



Learning Environment

Provide an environment that students can excel in the academic, sports & games, aesthetics, student leadership and character development.

Bring learning outside of the classroom and school: students are provided with the exposure and experience in inter-schools' interactions and competitions in Shanghai and beyond.



ACHIEVEMENTS

ACADEMIC

IB Examination Results 2016/2017

SSIS graduates from the 2016/2017 academic year have done well in the IB examination. This cohort's average IB results of 34 (out of maximum possible of 45) well-surpassed the world average of 29.9.

University Matriculation 2016/2017

Many of these talented SSIS students are placed in some of the top 50 ranked universities in the world.

University California Berkeley (WR #4)
Nanyang Technological University (WR #11)
University of Toronto (WR #21)
University of Edinburgh (WR #23)
HK University of Science and Technology (WR #23)
University of British Columbia (WR #31)
University of Melbourne (WR #33)
Seoul National University (WR #36)
University of Sydney (WR #45)
Chinese University of Hong Kong (WR #46)



IGCSE Examination Results 2016/2017

Our 2016/2017 Grade 10 cohort did remarkably well in the IGCSE examination and they were recognized at the annual IGCSE Awards Night in November of this school year.

Notable highlights include

- Almost 40% of our students entered for the Group Award received a Distinction.
- 85% of students achieved a Merit ICE Group Award or higher.
- 35% of our subject entries were awarded A/A*.
- 8 students achieved 7 IGCSEs at A grade or higher.
- Chan Yu Kiu, Elkie was awarded Cambridge Outstanding Learner Award for achieving the Top Biology score in China.
- Andrew Bulla achieved a perfect 10 A*s.



International Schools' Assessment (ISA) 2018

Each year, about 70 000 students from more than 350 international schools in more than 80 countries participate in the ISA. Annually, we analyze the data as part of our regular review of the curriculum and pedagogy so that our students can continue to excel academically.

Our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students achieved commendable results this year vis-à-vis their counterparts from around the globe. Our Grade 3 students' mean scores were consistently higher than the world average in Reading, Argument Writing and Mathematics Literacy while the Grade 5 students did likewise in Argument Writing and Mathematics Literacy.

Kudos to the students and teachers for the good results!

Hong Kong Young Writers Award (HKYWA)

The HKYWA is an annual writing competition held for schools in mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau. The theme this year was 'New Journeys to the West". The entries from 2 SSIS Senior School students (Parma Dhyana & Hegde Sathvik) were shortlisted for this year's competition. Their fiction stories were published in the HKYWA Anthology and they were invited to attend the award ceremony in Hong Kong.

Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad 2018

Our students clinched 2 Golds, 4 Silvers and 5 Bronzes in the Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) organized by Hwa Chong Institution - a premier secondary school in Singapore. One of the Gold Award recipients, MUTHUSANKAR Rithuvik, was invited to Singapore to compete in the invitational round.

Gold: CHOI Gaon, MUTHUSANKAR Rithuvik

Silver: CHOI Donghyeon, KIM YeSung, LEE Jin, PARK Seunghwarn,

Bronze: CHEN Pin-Hsuan, CHEUNG Pui Wan Bowen, CHIN Li An, LEE Shao Yu, MOK Heng Yi

High4 On-Site Math Competition 2017

SSIS was one of the seven international schools from Shanghai, Beijing and Nanjing that attended the second on-site High4 Math & Science competition held in Shanghai this year. In total, there were 104 students from grades 6-10 who competed in both the Mathematics and Science challenges. They had to compete in a mixed-school group as an energiser at the start of the day. Grade 7 students YANO Mioko and YANG Eason Yang were members of two of the mixed-round winning teams. It was a wonderful sight watching our students compete and work together for a common task. After the scores for the Individual Math challenge, Group Math challenge and quick-fire round, Grade 10 student PARK Geonhee was awarded 4th place overall for Math, beating 100 students for this honour.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

SPORTS & GAMES

Hosting of ACAMIS Volleyball Tournament

SSIS hosted our first ACAMIS tournament last November when we welcomed more than 150 players and coaches from 14 school teams in Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Shanghai in the 3-day Black Division Volleyball Tournament. The entire SSIS Community was out in full force to support this wonderful event.

Boys' Team – 2nd Girls' Team – 5th

Dancesport

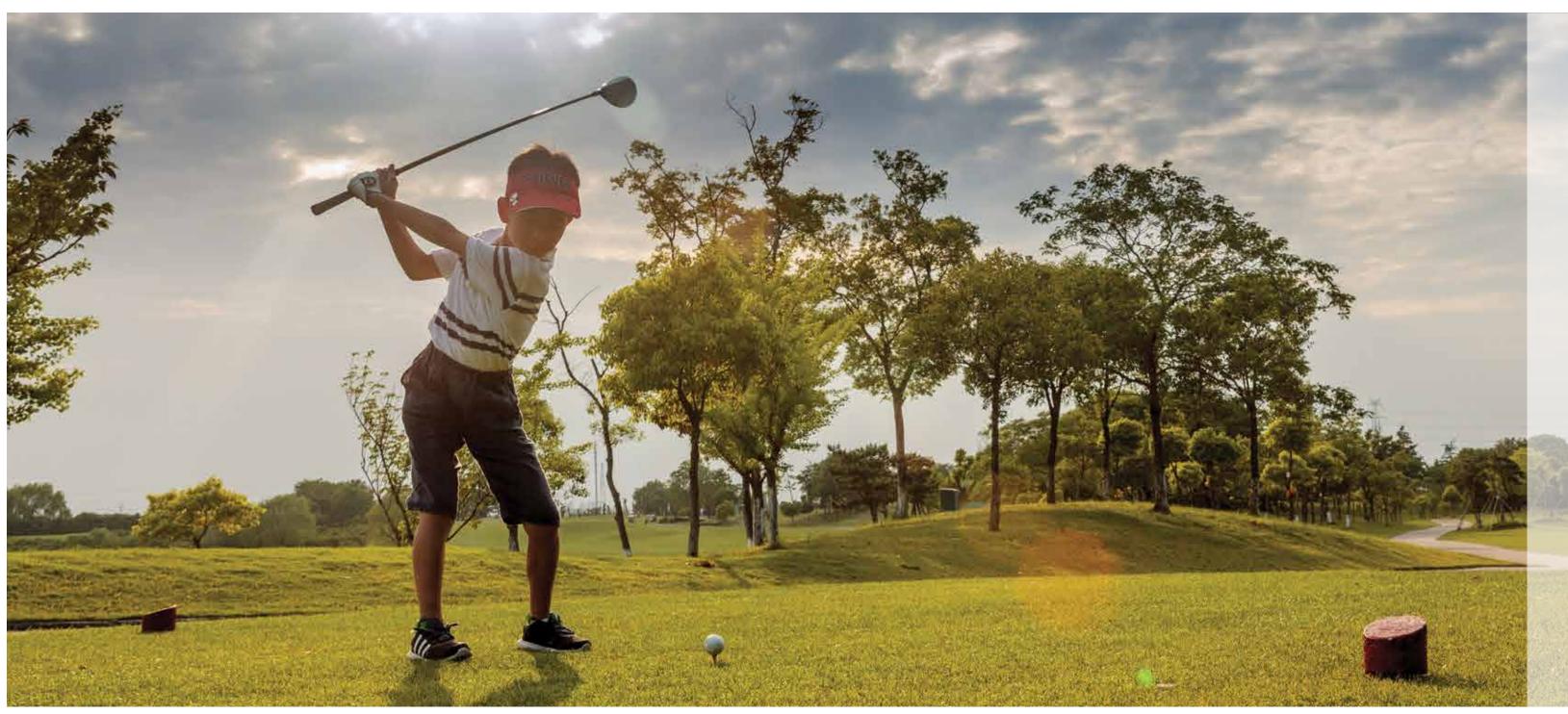
Dancesport was introduced into the Xuhui campus Co-Curricular Activities Programme and the Minhang campus Sabre Weekend Programme this academic year. Dancesport, not only builds physical fitness and finesse, it also enables our students to learn social skills and enhance their self-confidence.

We had the privilege to host Ms. Julie Tomkins, a professional dance competitor from the United Kingdom when she visited Shanghai. She currently sits on the committee on ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing) as an examiner in Ballroom, Latin American and Freestyle dancing.

Expansion of Sabre Weekend Programme

Sabre Saturdays grew this year. The developmental Basketball Programme had many returning participants and even some newcomers displayed improvement in skill execution and game understanding. With the addition of gymnastics, parkour and dance sports, they sparked a lot of excitement and further expanded the programme! Encouraged by this initial success, we are ready to offer more modules in the Sabre Weekend Programme next year.

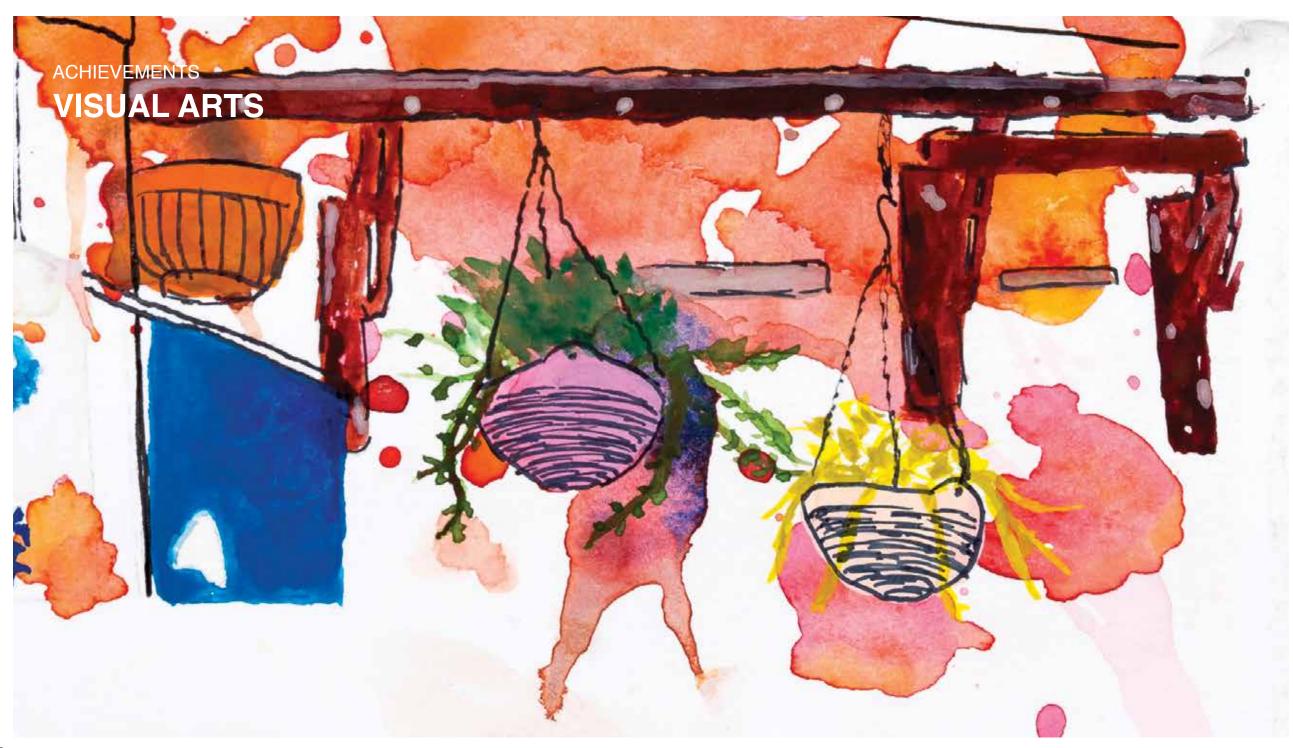




Expansion of Golf Programme

Golf is included in our Physical Education curriculum for all students in Grades 1-8. The Primary School students will learn the fundamentals necessary to develop their own signature swing. As they move up to Senior School, they will be more focused on developing their short game to prepare them for all the challenges on the course. On campus, students have access to a 9-hole grass putting course along with an on-site driving range to work on their fundamentals. SSIS is proud to introduce the new Golf Learning Centre which will include both a simulator with indoor chipping and putting area where students can fine tune their skills.

The **Golf ASP** is truly a niche at SSIS. This programme offers an opportunity for our junior golfers to gain valuable on-course experience at the Sun Island Kunshan Championship Golf course. With 27 holes and state of the art facilities including a full driving range and short game practice area, our students will not only be focused on developing their golf swing but also on learning golf etiquette, course management and safety. This programme certainly further enriched the students' overall golf experience.



Neon Zoo Art Competition

252 SSIS Primary School students took part in the Lumieres Shanghai Parents & Kids Art Competition organized by City Weekend and Parents & Kids magazines. About 120 masterpieces from SSIS were selected and exhibited. 59 SSIS students' artwork won special mentions and 9 of them won the runner-up and second runner-up awards across different categories. The school was also presented with the Best Group Effort Award. The best works were auctioned by the organizers and the proceeds went to Orbis, an organization devoted to improve the eyesight of less privileged children.

First runner-up – WANG Ying Chi Valerie, XUE Grace Second runner-up – LEE Yein, SWEE Yik San Ethan, LEE Ji Yan Rachel, TAN Rui Ya Gisele, NG Jan Hao Xavier, KIM Hyein Amy, ZHAO Wei Yu Julius Best Group Effort Award - SSIS

Students' Mini Art Exhibitions

Throughout the school year, the Xuhui campus Primary division provided opportunities for pupils with outstanding artistic talents to showcase their artwork and in the process encouraged more students to appreciate the work of their peers. These art pieces were displayed all around the school compound and they were introduced to the whole school during the assemblies.

Budding Artists
TAN Le Yu, Whelan
TAN Le Xuan, Luvyna
CHEN Nina
YANG Si-Han
WOON Xin Rong
WOON Xin Yu

Senior School Inter-House Art Challenge

During the Senior School Inter-House Art Challenge, students took on the task with enthusiasm, producing over 20 images which exhibit the IB Learner Profiles. As a result of the 624 votes submitted through WeChat, 4 outstanding posters emerged as the winners and will be displayed around campus.

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Christmas Light-up Performances

Last Christmas season, SSIS students from the preschool to the senior school performed at various hotels as part of their Christmas Light-up Ceremonies to bring the festive cheer to the people in the city.

Xuhui Primary – Courtyard by Marriot Minhang Preschool - Renaissance Shanghai Caohejing Hotel Minhang Primary – Jing An Shangri-la, West Shanghai Senior School – Hyatt Regency, Shanghai Global Harbor

Performance at Singapore Consulate during CNY

SSIS students were invited to perform at the Singapore Consulate in Shanghai for their Chinese New Year Open House. Students from the String Orchestra, Xylophone Ensemble and Choir put up three wonderful performances that warmed the hearts of the audience during the Winter season.

Performance at Shanghai Martial Arts Festival 2017

Eighteen of our SSIS Primary students, together with students from other international schools in the Minhang district, delivered a fine performance of skill and agility at the Shanghai Martial Arts Festival 2017. The event was broadcast on the local television channel and our students certainly wowed the audience with their martial arts skills and their understanding of the Chinese language and culture.

SSIS Young Musician Competition 2018

As part of SSIS holistic education, the SSIS Primary Young Musician has become an event that students, who are aesthetically inclined, look forward to showcase their talents. Students who were selected to enter the third and final round of this competition had a chance to share their musical gifts through video uploads. Through an online voting platform, the SSIS community voted and helped identify the best performers amongst our Young Musicians at SSIS.

Top 3 winners from Grade 3 & Grade 4 – HUANG Yi Ting, SHIN Ahhyeon, SUN Hao Top 3 winners from Grade 5 & Grade 6 – CHEUNG Pui Wan Bowen, CHU Jolene, SAIGO Momoka Viewer's Choice Award – HUANG Yi Ting, TAN Zhi Xuan

2nd Place "Our Chinese Stories" Drama Performance 2017

SSIS was awarded the second place in this event organized by the Shanghai Education Commission. The original story of Mr. Nanguo was re-written by the teachers into a short drama entitled "The New Tale of Mr. Nanguo" which was performed by Minhang Primary school students. Our team of teachers also won two awards in recognition for their art direction and organizational excellence.

Winning Awards at the Shanghai Student Film Festival 2017

SSIS students shone at the Shanghai Student Film Festival this year again with their film making talents. This year, the school had a record number of films that were officially selected for screening, more than any other school for middle school entries. On 10th March, six of our Senior School students' films were shown in the main cinema of the Vancouver Film School at Shanghai University to 200 students, film teachers and professionals from the film industry. Very well done to the students involved in *Sonic Glove* and *Super Jacket*, which won the 2nd place award in the documentary section and 3rd place in the comedy section.

Congratulations also to LIANG Kevin Maddux and HU En Yu Annie, Grade 12 IB Film students, for successfully competing in the 8-hour film challenge. They wrote, directed, filmed and edited a film in only one day, which was also screened at the Film Festival.

SSIS hosting of ABRSM Examinations for the 11th Year

SSIS is proud to host the ABRSM examinations for the 11th year. From the initial year of 8 students to 30 students this year, the scale of the examination continues to grow with students excelling further in their musical skills. Each year, our SSIS students continue to receive high recognition and commendations from the examiner for their outstanding achievements and performances.



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Character Development

An important aspect of the holistic growth of our students is character development. There was an intentional focus on values inculcation of our students through targeted campaigns and a range of related events and activities.

Campaign 1: Greetings Communicate Care.

Taking the initiative to greet the people we meet every day in school and in the process, making a small but positive difference.

Campaign 2: May the Care be with You.

Demonstrating care to the people around us by being encouraging and even standing up for others. Bus ambassadors were also part of this campaign for students to practise care.

Campaign 3: Thankful for all we have.

Showing gratitude for the people around us - parents, teachers, bus drivers, ayis and the environment.

University Guidance

Our Senior School students are provided with university guidance early so that they have a head start in their planning for university applications and admissions to their choice colleges.

This year we had our biggest university fair yet! We had over 80 universities visiting our school from 13 different countries on 12 March 2018. In addition to SSIS Grade 9 -12 students, there were also about 40 students from Shanghai Soong Ching-ling School and Britannica International School of Shanghai who visited our school and participated in the fair. In total, we have had more than 150 individual universities and institutes visit our campus.

SSIS Career Day

Students in Grades 9-12 are at a point in their lives where they are beginning to decide how they want their futures to look like. Whether they wish to spend their days designing new skyscrapers to dot the skylines of cities or concocting a treatment that could save thousands of lives, it's always a good idea to talk it over with someone who has had first-hand experience in the field.

On March 5th, SSIS students had an opportunity like no other. Eight guests, all from different walks of life, hosted talk sessions centred on their professions. This was a chance to get a glimpse into the working world, to learn more about certain careers and ultimately make well-informed choices about how to sculpt their own.

DEVELOPING

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

World Scholar's Cup (WSC)

A delegation of 31 scholars from SSIS joined over 500 other scholars from international schools to compete in the Shanghai regional round of the WSC tournament. SSIS won dozens of awards across all of the main events, and ultimately all members of the SSIS delegation qualified to attend the Global Round of the competition this summer.

Good luck as we send our first teams to the Global Round in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia!

Model United Nation (MUN) Team

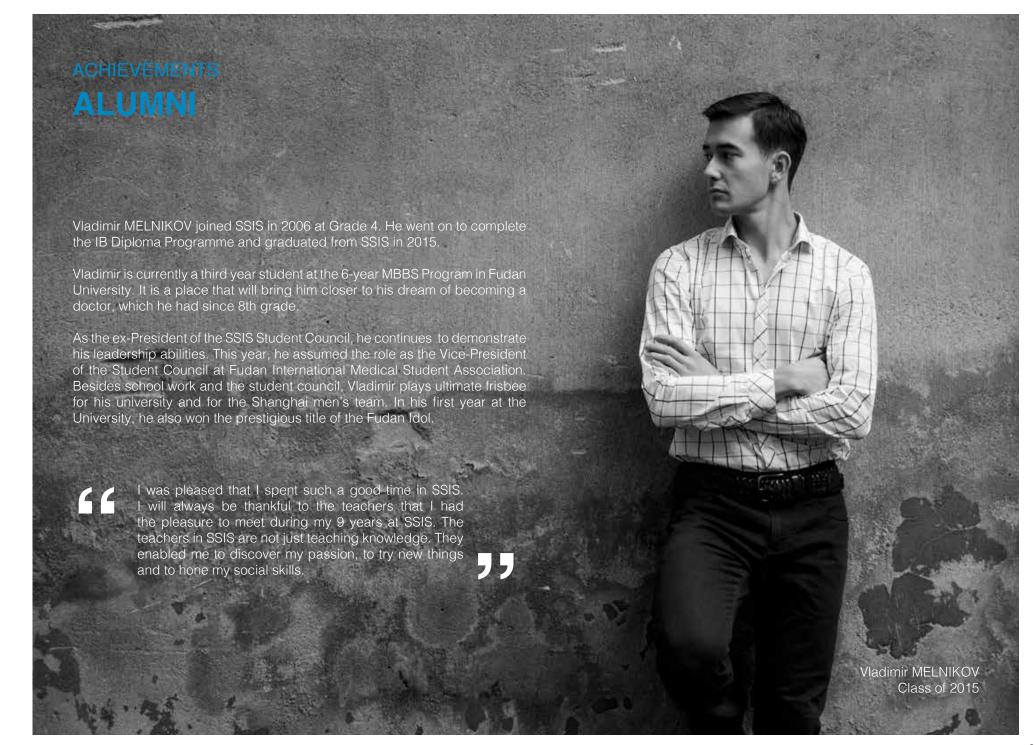
The journey of Model United Nations (MUN) throughout the 2017/2018 academic year has truly been a wonder to watch and experience. Spanning from our first conference of SHASMUN held in SAS Pudong, to SHIMUN in Dulwich and all the way through our four successful journeys this year, MUN has made its place as one of SSIS's most popular ASP, hobby, and passion! This year, the MUN programme boasted 38 delegates who represented SSIS at 4 conferences.

Student Paarth Sharma reflected that

"MUN is a platform that when you enter, you make your first step into entering the realm of understanding politics, ideas, growth, world-development and problem-solving abilities. It is like one big economics, geography, and history lesson as it explores the concepts of strengthening trade, understanding the geography of this world, solving wars and conflicts spanning centuries, and far more".

Joint Student Council Camp

21st and 22nd September 2017 marked our very first joint student council camp with both Xuhui and Minhang student leaders participating. We had a total of thirty G3 to G6 students learning about leadership and having fun along the way. The schedule was packed with challenging group activities and individual reflections. As they engaged in camp activities, student councillors learnt that leadership is not only telling people what to do, but also listening to other voices and taking the best course of action. Our student councillors will take these valuable lessons from the camp into their classrooms.



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STAFF RECRUITMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

With the introduction of a revised renumeration package and the possibility of on-campus housing for staff, it is even more attractive for teachers to join us or extend their career here with us. The enhancements, together with the new school facilities linked with the Merlion Residence were very much welcomed by the faculty. We look forward to fostering an even stronger SSIS school and community spirit in the years ahead.

Mini-Conferences

This year, our Mini-Conferences welcomed a variety of sessions which were hosted by 36 members of staff. 4 times in a year, these sessions are a much looked-forward platform for our faculty to learn from one another and for teachers to showcase their knowledge acquired on previous Professional Development courses.

Peer-Coaching

At SSIS, we embrace life-long learning. This is also true for our staff. A major internal professional development drive starting from this academic year is Peer Coaching. Our teachers step into one another's classrooms, share their experience and skills with the objective of honing our competencies as classroom teachers. We believe that as we encourage this culture of learning and coaching, we will increase student achievement and success here at SSIS.

Professional Development

Across both campuses and all divisions, teachers undergo external training via online or face-to-face courses and seminars. This year we have more than 50% of our staff having had at least one opportunity to attend such sessions. This emphasis goes to show how much we value our teachers and the importance we place on keeping abreast with current educational trends and developments.







International Family Bazaar organized by PSG & whole school

¥ 62000

Donated to Shanghai Healing Home



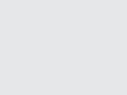
International Friendship Day Organised by MH PSG

¥ 30000

Donated to Heart2Heart

¥ 30000

Donated to Dong'er



Santa's Workshop Organised by MH PSG

¥ 35000

Donated to Mingming





JEANS FOR TAISHI

Spirit Week Organized by Senior School

¥ 10000

Donated to
Tai Shi School in Jiaxing,
Zhejiang for a movable stage



Community member of Hua Cao Town

As an active member of the Hua Cao Town community, the school actively participates in the events organized by the town government. The Hua Cao Town government has also been very proactive in providing the school with timely assistance and advice. This close partnership enables SSIS to contribute to the local community meaningfully on a regularly basis.

- ◆ First ever International Family Bazaar 首届"国际家庭日"嘉年华活动
- Sino-Foreign Teacher Cooperation Project 伙伴研修计划
- 2017 Shanghai Martial Arts Festival 中华武魂" 2017上海武术节主题展演
- Inaugural Christmas Light-up and Celebrations 首届华漕金丰国际社区圣诞嘉年华
- Tree-planting Ceremony
 春季义务植树活动
- 2018 Huacao Arts Festival
 2018国际学生艺术节活动
 Best in Vocal Performance FERNANDEZ GUINART Sira
 Best in Instrumental Performance SUN Hao Enzo
 Top 5 nominee for Best Instrumental Performance: Marching Band



SSIS Parent Education

We aspire to be a learning community and believe that by equipping our parents with the necessary parenting tools, they can help their children learn better in school.

- Parenting Talk Series for parents with young children (aged 0-9) & with teenagers (aged 10-18).
- Doctor's Sharing from Delta Hospital to provide parents with insights on the management of allergies.
- Sharing of Teachers' resources; where a handful of our parents learnt the basics of playing guzheng in school.
- Transitions meetings held for both K2 & G6 parents to prepare them for the next schooling phase.

MOVING FORWARD

The development of SSIS moves in tandem with the development of the entire region that the school is situated. While there will be initial inconveniences to the community, the school will be in a perfect state to reap the harvest when both the internal and external development works are completed by the end of the next academic year.

School Expansion Project – final phases

Even as we eagerly await the completion and operation of the Aquatic Centre and the school apartment block, plans are underway to commence the final phase of the school expansion project - the Performing Arts Centre and a functional teaching building. These buildings are slated to be ready in August 2019, timed for the integrated campus. The fully completed SSIS will be able to serve the learning needs of many cohorts of students in the years ahead.

Integrated Campus from August 2019

The coming together of the students, staff and resources will make SSIS even stronger from August 2019. Coupled with the enhanced facilities all around the campus, our students can look forward to even more varied and authentic learning opportunities. One key focus in the next academic year is the smooth transition for the students and staff from both campuses. Many planning sessions and events are lined up to assist everyone in the transition process.

The SSIS Primary STEAM

Coming up in August, our new STEAM Programme at SSIS Primary will be introducing an engaging interdisciplinary approach that integrates the areas of *Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics*. Our new STEAM Lab, equipped with lego construction space, digital labs and maker spaces, is designed to foster a culture of teamwork, collaboration and design thinking. It provides spaces that encourage the sharing of resources, knowledge and learning through hands-on exploration. The exciting new STEAM programme will help our students make connections across subject areas as they invent, analyse and explore concepts. This mode of learning is motivating and engaging because it is relevant and relates to the real world.





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