



# UISG 2021-2022 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Review

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# Dr. Michael Wylie

## Head of School



### Dear Parents,

The completion of the first semester is the perfect time to reflect on a successful start to the school year. Despite all the challenges, UISG once again started the school year according to the calendar with students and teachers fully engaged in their learning on campus. Our International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma (DP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP) results from last school year were exceptional. Congratulations to our students and thanks to the teachers and parents who supported them to reach their full potential. At the beginning of the semester, we saw many projects competed such as the new primary playground, the new secondary science laboratories, the renovation of the early years classrooms overlooking the lake and the resurfacing of the MFH floor. These projects immediately added to the educational experience of our students.

During semester one, we continue to ensure a safe environment for our community, with regular evacuation drills, rigorous COVID-19 prevention measures, regular maintenance checks and strong safety procedures and policies. During this semester we have begun the preparations for our upcoming Council of International Schools (CIS) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation visit. Being accredited by these internationally recognised organisations ensures that UISG meets the highest of academic standards. This accreditation is also recognised by universities around the world and builds on the reputation of UISG across the globe.

The primary and secondary school students were able to complete the first cycle of camps, and all students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. We are all hopeful that we can continue next semester with as many regular activities as possible.

I hope you enjoy reading the Semester Review and thank you all for your continued support of this great school.

Dr. Michael Wylie  
Head of School





## Michelle Jones

### Head of Primary

In August 2021, UISG Primary came alive! Excitement was in the air as students reunited with friends and began to connect with new students. We welcomed new families from Year 1 to Year 6 and invited new families to visit their classroom and meet their new homeroom teachers at our New Student and Family Orientation Day.

We are proud of our strong IB Primary Years Programme at UISG. In August, we invited parents to attend our Year Level Information Sessions. These sessions were run by the year level homeroom teachers. At these information sessions, Primary teachers shared our teaching and learning philosophy with a focus on our Mathematics and English Language Programmes and the strategies we use to teach students of specific ages. Parents were able to learn specific details of the curriculum we follow and how we assess students in the PYP. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet the homeroom teachers in person and learn more about how their children are learning at UISG.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing for Primary students in Year 3 to Year 6 took place in August and December. These students were assessed in mathematics, language usage and reading. The MAPs are a computerised adaptive assessment program that provides us with detailed and individualized student data that allows us to improve teaching and learning and make student-focused, data-driven decisions.

Students in Primary had ample opportunity to explore learning outside the classroom this semester. The first Year 1 to Year 6 Activities Outside the Classroom (AOC) cycle began and lasted 7 weeks. Students chose an activity from a varied range of options catering from the sporty to creative students.

Students had the opportunity to join lunchtime Activities outside the Classroom (AOCs) with a focus on the arts and there was an instrumental club which focused on the ukulele. Year 4 to Year 6 could join the Performing Choir and Year 1 to Year 3 had the opportunity to join the Junior Choir. Students were invited to the visual art studios during Monday to Friday lunchtimes.

Chinese For All (CFA) is a program for UISG Primary students who do not attend the Chinese Mother Tongue or Chinese as an Additional Language programme. Participating students are grouped into two levels, beginner language learners and intermediate language learners. The program includes both Chinese language skills and cultural studies. During CFA times, the learning focus in the homeroom for non-participating students was English language development. Homeroom learning engagements varied according to the age and needs of our students but there was no new English learning during CFA times.

Primary students came together for a variety of assemblies this semester. The Year 1 to Year 6 students got together for our first Primary assembly of the year. We discussed responsible and safe behavior, practiced mindful breathing, and sang. What an amazing atmosphere! In September the Year 1 and Year 2 students attended a House Assembly. Thank you to Mr. Johnson for leading the students in a fun, energetic game of fireball and highlighting how to be a good sportsperson. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers and students for hosting an assembly which highlighted their unit of Inquiry: Who We Are. The Year 6 students designed a rotation of activities for their peers that focused on transitions, growth and change. In October, Primary students participated in a Mother Tongue Language Assembly. This was an opportunity for students and teachers to connect with others that speak the same mother tongue language.



The languages celebrated included some that are outside of the Mother Tongue Language classes offered in the Primary. There were assemblies in Arabic, Indonesian, Russian, Hindi, Spanish, Romanian, Chinese, Korean, German, French and Japanese. These assemblies aim to develop students personal, social and cultural identity.

Thank you to our teachers for thoroughly preparing for the year's first Parent-Teacher Conferences which were held in September 2021. Teachers succinctly shared student successes, strengths, and goals with parents. We hope that the information shared was enlightening and was taken on board as we move to develop students, socially and academically through strong home school communication. It was lovely to see almost 100% connection with Primary parents, either online or face-to-face on campus.

October 2021 was a very busy month in Primary. Digital Citizenship Week was observed the third week in October 2021. The students participated in activities that helped them to reflect on how their digital lives impact their social and emotional well-being. On October 21st, we were delighted to offer a parent workshop to raise awareness of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and to share how they are incorporated into the UISG Curriculum. On Thursday 30th October 2021 we recognized the International Day of Peace which was observed around the world. The 2021 Day of Peace theme was 'Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world'. We joined the efforts of the United Nations family as we focused on recovering better for a more equitable and peaceful world. We celebrated peace by spreading compassion, kindness, and hope in our community. To recognize this day, we asked that students and teachers dress in green and white to represent peace and sustainability. Lastly, at the end of October 2021, all Primary teachers took part in IBPYP certified workshops. The workshops we offered teachers were Making the PYP Happen: Implementing Agency, The Role of ICT in the PYP and Evidencing Learning. Teachers had the opportunity to live the IB philosophy of lifelong learning and further develop their understanding of the PYP.

We had a range of spirit days this semester. We asked our community to wear pink to recognize Pinktober (breast cancer awareness), wear orange to recognize Pumpkin Day and the start of Autumn and come dressed as your favorite character day.

Our second AOC Round of the semester commenced on Friday 5th November 2021. Students had the opportunity to pick their top three activities. The sign-up system supported fair allocation of choices, which meant that if a student did not get their top pick on this occasion, they were more likely to get a top pick during another round of AOCs in the future. Activities Outside of the Classroom help students to develop their social skills and learn how to work in a team to achieve a shared goal. These activities allowed students the opportunity to explore different areas of interest, increase self-confidence and build leadership skills, all while having fun! Activity choices included performing choir, golf, robotics, school video blog, stop motion animation, gymnastics and Zumba, Lego, mixed media sculpture and Chinese folk dance.

Upper Primary students were able to attend camps near the end of this semester. The Year 4 to Year 6 camps provided an opportunity for students to begin to take care of themselves, create responsibilities and manage decisions in a safe and nurturing environment that saw them grow and develop their identity and sense of self over the course of their stay. Self-confidence was enhanced whilst at camp as students were able to achieve and succeed in activities both independently and as a team. The camps provided encouragement, support and a 'can do' attitude that enhanced our student's ability to achieve a heightened self-confidence. One of the many benefits of the camps was to stimulate students' creative wild side, away from their digital devices and the overwhelming amount of social media. It was important to encourage their creative minds to run free.

I look forward to Semester 2 and continuing to live the UISG mission of an inquiry-driven learning community that embraces the diversity and uniqueness of each individual.

MS Michelle Jones  
Head of Primary



## Robert Service Head of Secondary

Despite the continuation of the global pandemic, life in Secondary is getting closer and closer to normal. This semester we have been able to participate in and host sports tournaments, run some camps and have parents back on campus, albeit still in smaller controlled numbers.

Supporting students beyond academics is always an important area for attention. The opportunities outside the classroom are part of our commitment to being a top International Baccalaureate school. We are trying to create balanced and engaged students and who complete authentic Service as Action (SA) and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) projects. Activities Outside the Classroom (AOCs) are running one period a fortnight, at lunch times and after-school. AOCs offer a plethora of opportunities for students to try new things and for some to gain leadership experience.

As I write this review, the Year 9's on their way home after a three-day and two-night camping trip to Cliff Haus in northern Guangdong province. For the students in Year 9 this was their first camp as Secondary students with past camps cancelled due to political unrest in Hong Kong (2019), and COVID-19 restrictions. When we tried to run camps last May, a resurgence of COVID-19 in the province lead to a further cancellation. Our Year 7s and 8s were also able to enjoy Camps in November at Cliff Haus as well. These overnight trips allow classes to bond in ways that just aren't possible in school. You can read more about camps later in the semester review.

When our Assistant Head of Secondary and Secondary Counsellor were unable to return to China after the summer break, we knew that we needed to fill this void. With the support of the UEF Board and the Management and Development Council (MDC) we created two new positions: Dean of Student Life and Dean of Student Support. We appointed Nathan Hunt into the DOSL role and Alex Sims as DOSS. Both Nathan and Alex are experienced as Heads of Year and they have transitioned into these bigger roles with very short warning, doing a fantastic job in helping to make UISG Secondary a fun place to learn and in supporting students who are struggling.

Looking forward to Semester 2 with even more events and opportunities.

*MR Robert Service*  
Head of Secondary

## Dr. Aleksa Moss

### Head of Early Years



To start the new school year, we welcomed children back to school on Monday, August 16th 2021 in person with a full roster of caring and highly qualified teachers. It was wonderful to have teachers and children able to be in school, in person, to begin the year together. In advance of the first day of school we also held a Meet the Teachers Day for all K-K3 children, giving Early Years families an opportunity to see the classrooms and connect with the teachers before starting into the school year.

Throughout August 2021, we held all Early Years Parent Information Sessions, detailing our approaches to teaching and learning, and a review of the curriculum offered here at UISG in the Early Years. September 2021 brought our first semester Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs) of the year. We had nearly 100% participation from our Early Years families for these conferences. Building a strong home-school relationship with good communication during these sessions continues to be a great benefit to the children. It was great to see so many Early Years parents on campus engaging with their children's teachers and learning more about their children's daily school life during these events.

This semester the Early Years children joined in several school-wide celebrations. We joined in a week-long exploration of creativity for International Dot Day early in the semester. We also learned about the concepts of peace and kindness in anticipation on International Day of Peace on September 30th 2021. In October 2021, Secondary students ran a fundraiser for Pinktober and breast cancer awareness. Early Years students showed their support by dressing in pink and decorating classroom with pink ribbons at the end of the month.

During the October 28-29 2021 Teacher Professional Development days all Early Years teachers participated in one of three IB professional development courses offered on campus. All our teachers completed certificates for these courses, adding to their depth of knowledge in the Primary Years Program.

Primary and Early Years participated in Digital Citizenship week at the beginning of November 2021. We used Seesaw for Early Years specific assignments posted by Early Years leadership. These lessons and activities focused on how our youngest learners can be positive Digital Citizens and had some great tips for interacting with technology at home.

It was with great joy that we were able to open campus for our UEF Family Day for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Early Years participants numbered over 100, with a variety of food and activities available for the community. Included in this event was a special LEGO Make and Take building event, which launched our LEGO Makerspace to the wider school community.

School photo week ran from November 8th 2021 when class and individual pictures were taken. We welcomed a new, professional school photo company this year for high quality photos. The feedback from the community so far has been exceptional. Children who were not in attendance during first semester photos will have an individual photo retake during second semester.



At the end of the semester many parents were able to join the second UPTA All Parents meeting. The UPTA All Parents meetings are a wonderful way to connect to the school community. Each division of the school shared updates, news, and coming events during this session. There was professional translation provided by the UPTA executive committee to ensure that there is a strong home-school communication channel. There was also a Child Safeguarding workshop directly after the meeting.

The culmination of activities for first semester was an Early Years performance during the school-wide International Festival of Lights, anticipated to take place on December 11th.

Ongoing throughout the semester were parent information sessions taking place on MS Team and shared out via video link to all families after the sessions. Thank you to all the parents that attended these sessions, I look forward to offering more in semester two!

Semester One Lunch Break with Dr. Moss Parent Sessions:

September	Tuesday 28th 11:30-12:00	Transitions and Routines
October	Tuesday 26th 11:30-12:00	Home Learning (homework) in Early Years
November	Tuesday 23rd 11:30-12:00	Language: Using Inquiry in Conversation
December	Tuesday 14th 11:30-12:00	Building Mathematical Understanding

Dr. Aleksa Moss  
Head of Early Years





## UPTA Co-Chairs

MS Ayleen Simon, MS Keiko Akiba

It is with great pleasure to share how amazing the first semester has been; full of joy and excitement for the UISG community!

The Utahloy Parent Teachers Association (UPTA) started with 21 committee members this year who represent their countries and have generously dedicated themselves to supporting various school activities. Our aim is to bring all together, helping the UISG community achieving its mission and working towards continuous academic, social and environmental improvements.

The first, and one of the most important roles that we have in the beginning of the school year was to welcome new students and families at new family orientation day. Our committee members were on campus to meet them, answer questions, share our experiences as UISG parents and provide support for their smooth landing to the school life.

The UPTA committee internal meetings were held twice in this semester where we built relationships, discussed various important issues and exchanged our ideas as a team, to make differences for the betterment of the school community.

It is such an honor to have such a diversified culture here at UISG. The UPTA organized an Indonesian cooking workshop for the parents as one of our fundraising and fun events. Also, the UPTA contributed to UEF Family Day by selling handmade cakes, soft drinks and secondhand items for fundraising. What has been accomplished would not have been possible without the incredible support of each individual from the parent and school community. We would like to express sincere appreciation to all the families for their kind contributions and understanding of our activities.

The UPTA All Parents Meetings are a great opportunity to meet the Heads of School, hear important school updates, and to learn more about what's going on in the school life at UISG. Not only that, but it is also where you can meet other UISG parents too. UPTA All Parents Meetings were held twice this semester on campus at the ULC building, each followed by an information session and parent workshop. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings. Please mark your calendars for the semester two meetings on March 3 and May 26 2021. We look forward to meeting you all in the next semester.

We wish you all a Happy  
Holiday and Happy New Year!

MS Ayleen Simon, MS Keiko Akiba  
UPTA Co-Chairs







## UEF Family Day 2021 Review

On Saturday, 6th of November 2021, UISG opened its doors to what turned out to be a fantastic day enjoyed by students, parents and staff members.

Early Year's families opened the day with a variety of fun activities on the playground.

The Primary event was entertaining as students engaged in football, fireball and table tennis games. The football game between parents and teachers was good fun.

In the final event, Secondary students competed in volleyball, basketball and football games.

Everyone enjoyed great food, exciting activities, good music and fantastic prizes sponsored by the UEF.

A huge thank you to the UPTA for supplying the day with delicious snacks and cold drinks together with all staff involved to ensure the success of UEF Family Fun day at UISG.









## Year 5 & Year 6 Camps

As the buses departed the school, the students' faces filled with anticipation and excitement – the Y5 and Y6 camp was underway! Monday 15th November signaled the beginning of an exciting 3-day camp in an area just outside Huizhou (one hour north of UISG), hosted by Insight Adventures. The purpose of the excursion was to provide our students with new experiences and opportunities, which would help them build on their social, thinking and communication skills; whilst gaining self-confidence, resilience and discovering more about their own physical and mental capabilities.









## Year 7-9 Camps

School camping trips are more than just a time for students to get off campus and have some fun with their friends and teachers. Camp trips can build resilience and self-sufficiency in adolescents while supporting their development of emotional intelligence, self-esteem, independence, decision-making, leadership, and environmental awareness. They are an opportunity for students to build and practice these important real-world skills outside of the classroom, while bonding with their peers to make memories that may last their lifetimes.

For UISG Year 7-9 students, throughout November they had their opportunity to build some of these memories during their semester one camping trips. All 3 year levels travelled to our camp partner Cliff Haus for 3 days of action and adventure in nearby Yiding County.











## New Primary Playground and Early Years Classrooms

As we do every year, UISG spends the summer holidays working on capital improvement projects that expand and build upon our exceptional learning facilities. Two of our projects for last summer were the additions of a new Primary Playground and remodeling of new Early Years Classrooms.

Our new Primary Playground was opened this semester to allow students in older primary year levels the opportunity for age-appropriate gross motor and sensory development with a beautiful lakeside view. After many months of deliberation, Primary students brainstormed and provided suggestions for the name of their new play space. As a community, they then voted to select the winning submission. In November, the new playground was christened “The Wolf Den”.

In Early Years, our K3 learning spaces were expanded and moved to new lakeside classrooms that allow students more room for exploration and inquiry through play. The natural light and beautiful lakeside views help bring a sense of nature into the learning environment.







## UISG Primary Mother Tongue Programme

*"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world." Ludwig Wittgenstein*

UISG recognizes the significance of affirming, valuing and promoting the maintenance and development of mother tongue as an integral part of an individual's identity. As such we as a school are committed to providing our Chinese, Korean, Japanese, German and French speaking students with the opportunity to develop the necessary language skills to become proficient mother tongue communicators. In the program we encourage not just language learning but also the exploration of the history, culture and literature of the respective mother tongues. This promotes the value of heritage alongside international-mindedness. Our Mother tongue classes are taught by qualified teachers who ensure the language concepts and text types taught in the mainstream classroom are reinforced in the mother tongue lessons. The lessons are taught age appropriately and are considered part of the school for assessments, reports and conferences. (MR Noah Beaumont, UISG PYP coordinator )





# Primary Activities Outside of the Classroom (AOCs)



Activities outside the classroom are planned to enhance the development of the whole child and provide an extension to the school curriculum. The activities are grouped using multiple intelligences, thereby enabling children to pursue personal interests, develop new skills and knowledge or explore different areas. The philosophy of the IB PYP will be extended to this program with the expectation that students demonstrate the attributes of the learner profile and PYP Attitudes.

In primary, this semester Year 1-6 have participated in two cycles during our Activities Outside the Classroom. Cycle 1 was 7 weeks long (27th Aug – 22nd Oct) and cycle two is 6 weeks in length (Nov 5th – 10th December). Thanks to our extremely talented staff, students had the opportunity to choose from 34 different AOC options. The social aspect of AOC is as significant as the skills learnt within AOC.

<b><i>Sports</i></b>	<b><i>Art &amp; Craft</i></b>	<b><i>Music</i></b>	<b><i>Other</i></b>
<i>Golf</i>	<i>Lego</i>	<i>Dance</i>	<i>Stop motion animation</i>
<i>Gymnastics</i>	<i>Origami</i>	<i>Zumba</i>	<i>Reading club</i>
<i>Kickball</i>	<i>Quilling</i>	<i>Choir</i>	<i>Book club</i>
<i>Running</i>	<i>Knitting</i>	<i>Junior Choir</i>	<i>Chinese poems</i>
<i>Ball games</i>	<i>Jewelry making</i>		<i>Chinese writing</i>
<i>Badminton</i>	<i>Media sculptures</i>		<i>Chess</i>
<i>Swimming</i>	<i>Rangoli</i>		<i>Video blog</i>
<i>Basketball</i>	<i>Cross stitching</i>		<i>Robotic</i>
	<i>Painting by numbers</i>		<i>Photography</i>
	<i>Chess</i>		<i>Yoga</i>
			<i>Ad. Mathematics</i>

The teachers and teaching assistants look forward to continuing to offer our students a wide variety of Activities Outside the Classroom to experience and partake in.  
(MR Sidney Bartlett - PYP PE Teacher & AOC Coordinator)







## Secondary Sports & Activities

Semester 1 allowed our Wolves sports teams to practice and participate in a variety of games and tournaments. We offered a selection of individual and team sports to over 300 students. The highlight of this semester was the middle school football teams boys and girls who managed to become Pearl River Conference (PRC) Red Division Champions for boys and Southern Delta Regional Conference (SDRC) Champions for girls.

Our cross-country runners have represented the Wolves proudly, winning a variety of medals in the many races we participated in.

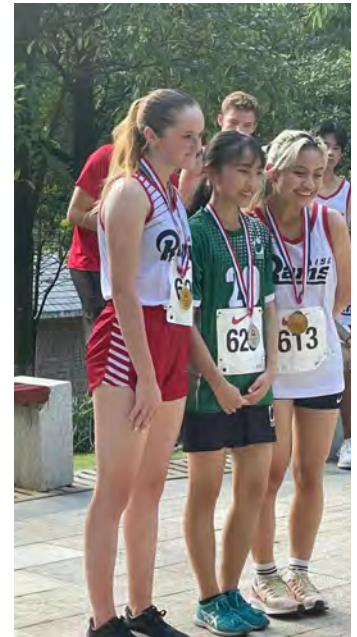
Congratulations to all our athletes for their performances and dedication this semester. Thank you to all the coaches for guiding and coaching our students across all our semester one sports. We are looking forward to a new semester of success with the UISG Wolves starting in January.

Activities Outside the Classroom (AOC) programs in the secondary school runs during school hours (Thursday Week A Period 6), lunchtime and after school. UISG offers students the opportunity to create and lead their own AOCs with the help and guidance of their teachers. Over 40 different AOCs were running in the secondary school throughout semester one.

We are looking forward to continuing to offer significant and vast extra-curricular experiences to our students in the next semester.









# Student Service Actions

## UISG Development Bank

UDB is a school-based bank which aims to support the UISG community by offering loans and grants to service AOC groups that are in need of immediate funding. This would help reduce the burden on fundraising efforts by these groups and would thus allow service groups to focus more on hands-on-action.

UDB provided UtahFresh that organizes vegetable and bread delivery towards a charitable cause with an initial start-up loan and further help while provided funds to the students working with Emmaus Bakery whose sales were donated to charities. Also UDB supported building a fence in Huiling Farm.



## Pinktober @ UISG

Over the month of October, students at UISG have committed themselves to raise awareness for women's health through participating in the global Pinktober movement. Our Pinktober committee this year sold ribbons, pins, wrist bands, masks, and t-shirts to the school community to raise funds to donate to the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation.

Over the course of Pinktober, our school community successfully raised a donation of ¥3238, which will be able to either provide needle biopsies for a woman in need or give 3 free mammograms for a woman in need. To further embody the pink-ness of the month, on Monday the 25th, the whole school dressed in Pink for our October spirit week! Students from both primary and secondary used it as a chance to show off their beautiful ribbons and wrist bands to bring attention to the issue. *(Isabela Viet - Year 11 Student)*



## UISG Movember Campaign 2021



UISG community has been fundraising for supporting the cause of prostate cancer treatment and awareness. The month of November 2021 saw teachers growing their moustaches to support the cause and had students engaging in physical activities like Basketball and Football tournaments.

Movember is a month, where men grow their moustache to raise awareness for health issues such as testicular cancer, prostate cancer and mental health issues. Using the power of the moustache to create conversation and raise funds for men's health.

Students organised basketball and football matches to raise funds. The entire school community participated by playing the games, cheering for their favourite teams, and fundraising for the cause. Students were seen leading a range of activities like selling ties and bow-ties, selling letter messages, interviewing teachers to discuss men's health issues.

At the end of the month (Tuesday 30th) there was an opportunity for all staff and students to vote for their favourite UISG moustache. All these activities generated enough funds to be donated to Movember foundation for the treatment of one prostate cancer patient. (*Ahaan Chakrabarty - Year 11 student*)



# University and Career Centre Update

This has been another busy semester in the University and Career Centre.

The academic year began with individual interviews between Year 12 students and the University and Career Counselor. The purpose of this meeting was to draw up a university application list and timeline for the academic year ahead, to request reference writers and to ensure these were consistent and in line with career goals. Students in Years 11 and 12 have been assisted in essay and personal statement writing, they have been assisted in the completion of Common App, UCAS, OAUC and Hong Kong applications.

Presentations from universities have been online and were requested directly from the most popular universities amongst our students. The University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology have both given presentations to all students, as has the University of British Columbia. Other universities have presented at lunchtime, these include the University of Durham and Warwick in the UK, the University of Liverpool in Suzhou and Zhejiang University, Hangzhou. Students have been informed about regular weekend and evening university presentations and college fairs.

All our Year 10 and 11 students were invited to participate in the CIS world online university fair in October. To date, most applications have been to universities in Hong Kong. By the December break applications to Canada, the USA and the UK will have added to this list. Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Singaporean applications will come in the second semester. Offers will start to come from March and students will accept offers following results in July 2022. (MR Jeremy George - UISG College Counsellor)



## Y6 Chinese Mother Tongue Trip

On November 11th 2021, Y6 Chinese Mother Tongue students went on a beneficial field trip. For this trip we went to the old town in Guangzhou, Yongqing Fang and the Cantonese Opera Art Museum in Liwan District. Through this activity, students gained more interest in their mother tongue learning, and the cognition of local culture and architecture has been deepened as well. In the same way they had a better understanding in writing essentials in the unit text type.



## Primary Dot Day

Wednesday 15th September 2021 was International Dot Day. International Dot Day is a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration. The Dot is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing. The Primary students recognised International Dot Day by coming to school wearing dot clothing.

In Art, Year 3-6 students responded to the book *The Dot* to celebrate ‘Dot Day’ in art, interpreting their own ideas into the dot formation. Students used the dots to explore the key element of colour, colour mixing, considering qualities of colours and how they can achieve their desired results. Students also explored mark making and visualizing emotion to communicate their ideas.







# ***UISG's Got Talent 2021***





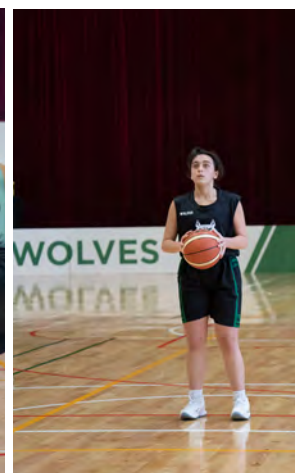






## GISAC Basketball @ UISG

On November 30th, UISG had the pleasure of hosting the 2021 GISAC Basketball tournament at our campus. Boys and Girls High School Basketball teams from 5 other Guangdong based international schools joined our UISG Wolves for a day of exciting and competitive hoops. Although COVID-19 limited the ability of spectators to come cheer on our squads, our boys' and girls' teams both competed hard and represented the UISG community well with their 3rd place trophies! The Boys team also took home the Sportsmanship award, which is voted on by all of the teams in attendance. Go Wolves!





## A large group of students and staff are posing for a group photo on the steps of a building. They are wearing a variety of costumes, including a blue Cookiecutter, a white penguin, a red crab, a yellow banana, a black and white ghost, a white wedding dress, and a red Mario hat. Many of the students are wearing teal tracksuits. The group is diverse in age and appearance, and they are all smiling and posing for the camera.





## ULC Update

It has been a busy and exciting semester in the ULC with many new courses initiated. Our year began before the first day of semester. ULC launched its first Model United Nations (MUN) Summer Camp from July 26th to August 1st, at the UISZ campus. ULC MUN participants learned about the mission and function of the UN and the structure of a Model UN conference. Using this model, students explored the complex issue of global warming and engaged in discussions around the theme of environmental protection.



The new EAL programme for UISG Primary began this semester, providing cohesive English language support for UISG students. ULC staff work closely with UISG teachers to support the students' English language growth. The WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, 2020 Edition serves as a resource for planning and implementing language curriculum, instruction, and assessment for our multilingual learners.



The ULC has been a busy place after school too, providing opportunities to enhance and cultivate language acquisition. Students have engaged in a range of courses, including our TOEFL Junior course designed to support academic language development for students in the middle years programme across the four domains of language speaking, listening, reading, and writing.



The ULC has also begun a series of Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) exam preparation courses. HSK is a national standardized test to assess the Chinese language proficiency of non-native speakers. Students in HSK 3 attend 32 hours of lessons after school on Tuesdays and during the winter break.







Primary students from Y4 to Y6 had the opportunity to join an after-school Model United Nations course. They have learned how to prepare for their first conference and been introduced public speaking, research, resolution writing and MUN rules of procedures.



UISG Primary teachers have also been busy at work. The ULC has run the new Teaching English in Multilingual Classrooms (TEMC) course for 14 teachers. The course entails 23 hours of face-to-face learning, which, when combined with between-module readings and activities, is equivalent to more than 50 hours of professional development for teachers.

Finally, the ULC has established partnerships with the British Council and Beijing Foreign Studies University to support our IELTS and MUN programmes.





# UISG Class of 2021's Excellent IB Diploma Results

## Where Do Our Graduates Go?

### United States

Cornell University  
Columbia University  
Emory University  
Johns Hopkins University  
New York University  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Southern California

### United Kingdom

Durham University  
Imperial College London  
King's College London  
London School of Economics  
Oxford University  
University College London  
University of Warwick

### Canada

McGill University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo

### Australia

Australian National University  
University of Melbourne  
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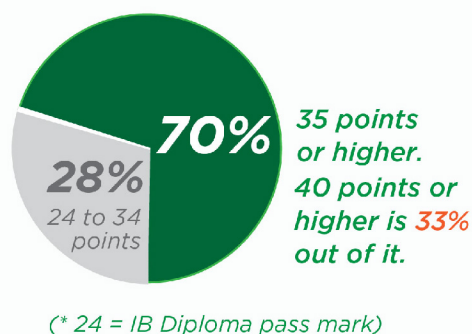
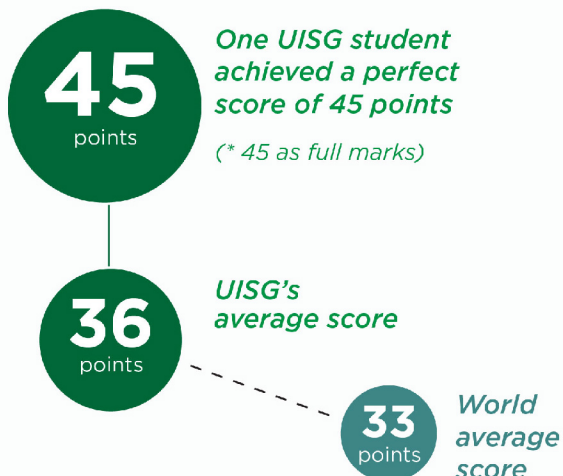
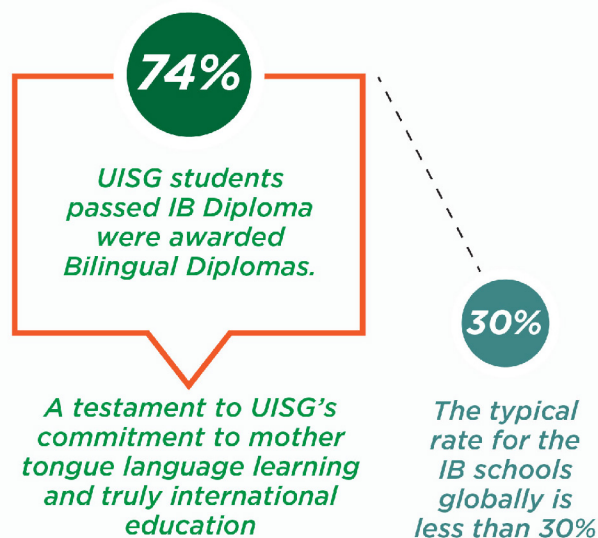
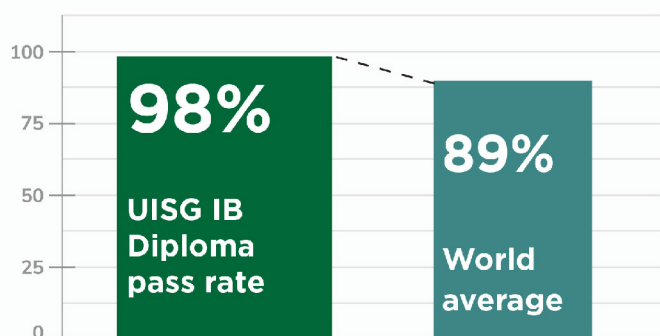
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## Congratulations to 13 Students Gained Outstanding IB Diploma Results

The Class of 2021 achieved excellent IB Diploma scores this year, and they have gained entry to some of the best universities in the world. YeHun Kim scored a maximum 45 points and has secured a place at The University of Hong Kong, ranked 22nd best university in the world (QS ranking). Jeet Madnani (44/45) has been accepted at The University of Southern California, ranked 19 in the USA (Times Higher Education ranking). Our students also excelled in the Arts, Jordan Lau (43/45) will go to the New England Conservatory of Music, a celebrated institution. It is very clear that the pandemic has been no impediment to our graduating class securing places in the world's most prestigious universities, on all continents. The whole class are successfully placed and can look forward to bright and successful futures. Here we celebrate the success of those scoring 40 points and above. - *Jeremy George (College Counselor)*



Scoring Full Marks

**YeHun Kim**

**45 Points**



The University of  
Hong Kong  
International Business  
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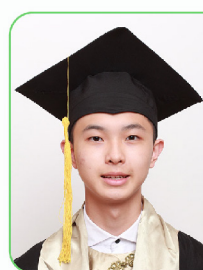


**Jeet Madnani**

**44 Points**



University of  
Southern California  
Mechanical Engineering



**Jordan Lau**

**43 Points**



New England  
Conservatory  
of Music  
Composition



**Rin Umeoka**

**42 Points**



Keio University  
Law - Politics



**Yui Okamoto**

**42 Points**



Waseda University  
School of International  
Liberal Studies -  
Economics and Business



**Harry Lee**

**42 Points**



University of  
Leiden  
International Relations  
and Politics



**Daniel Kim**

**42 Points**



University of  
Wisconsin Madison  
Chemistry



**Christina Jung**

**42 Points**



National University  
of Singapore  
Business Administration /  
Management



**Yui Suzuki**

**40 Points**



International  
Christian University  
School of Liberal Arts



**DongWoo Jung**

**40 Points**



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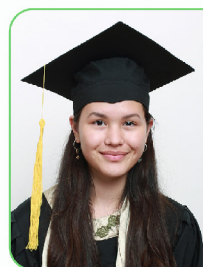


**Stephanie Cho**

**40 Points**



University of  
Hong Kong  
Accounting & Finance



**Giovanna Cancian**

**40 Points**



University of  
Amsterdam  
Communication Science



**Sophie Nozue**

**40 Points**



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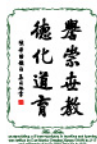






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