



# NBIS Weekly Newsletter 2

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## Dates to Remember



- September 10-12: Mid-Autumn Festival (No School)
- September 13: Primary Curriculum Evening
- September 14: Early Years Curriculum Evening
- September 22: Lower Secondary (Y7-9) Curriculum Evening
- September 26: SAC Annual General Meeting
- September 29: Upper Secondary (Y10-13) Curriculum Evening

**DONATE**  
*For Pakistan*



**PAKISTAN APPEAL:**  
Pakistan is enduring a natural disaster on a massive scale with over 33 million people displaced due to unprecedented monsoon floods and an estimated 1 in 7 of the population now living out in the open. All areas of life have been affected ... homes, schools, hospitals washed away or rendered unsafe, roads and bridges destroyed, crops and livestock lost. At NBIS we decided to do something to help.

**WE INVITE YOU  
TO DONATE  
AND HELP  
PAKISTAN**



NBIS launched the Pakistan Flood Appeal just one week ago.

**Target 20,000 RMB**

We have been overwhelmed by the response from staff, our students and their families.

**Currently the fund is standing at 25,000 RMB**

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We are keeping the appeal running until midnight on Friday September 9. If you would like to contribute, it's simple: just scan the QR code and transfer your gift.

The school will send the entire amount to the UNICEF Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal.

A very big THANK YOU and a WOW for your generous support of this initiative.



## SAC Intro and AGM invitation 26 Sep 2022

**SAC** is the **School Advisory Committee** – a team of dedicated parents who take an active interest in the affairs of the school and meet regularly with the principal to support and guide the school's development. They act as an advisory committee not as a decision-making council.



### Who can be a member of the School Advisory Committee?

Well ... anyone really! As long as ...

- You are a parent and have children attending NBIS
- You have time ... You are ready to meet roughly every 6 weeks on Monday evenings at 6:30pm... (And to make this work, that is a commitment to be kept)
- AND ... you are elected by the wider parent community at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a term of 2 years



### Special skills required?

No. Of course, most of our parents have skills or experience or expertise of one kind or another. Being a parent is one of them! But we guess the magic ingredients are ... a passionate commitment to support the school and its values, a listening ear ... to understand wider community issues, an international mind ... willing to appreciate the diverse cultures represented in our community.

### How many Members are there?

Depends on student enrolment. With the current number of students, we will have 11 SAC Members in 2022-23. This year there are 7 vacant seats, as 4 of the current members will continue their second term.

### Does SAC truly represent the different nationalities in the wider community?

NBIS Students come from so many countries and territories! We like to keep SAC as diverse as possible and feel that it's especially important that parents from countries which have a larger number of children in the school should offer themselves for election. Having said that ... it's an open election, and it is the parent community who will decide who sits on the Committee! The SAC Constitution says however that the max number of representatives of one country elected at the AGM should not exceed 2, to guarantee a healthy balance.

### What's the procedure for nomination and election?

If you'd like to stand for election, you fill in this [FORM](#) and submit it. Information about the nominees is circulated to the parent community. And then the Annual General Meeting is held, attended by all parents ... who will vote for the Members for the next year.



<https://ding.tomatoform.com/f/c86t8wlj>

### And when will this happen for 2022-23!

VERY SOON!! Please submit your nomination by 19 September latest. On Monday 26 September, at 7pm we will hold the SAC Annual General Meeting. We hope that MANY parents will offer themselves for election!





## NBIS SAC Minutes September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Date:** September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 18:30hrs

**Location:** Staff lounge

### Attendees

**Meeting Called By:** SAC Team

**Secretary:** Ella Pan

**Attendees:** Neta Ronen, Julia Hoferichter, Philip Billing, Filippo Gilardi, Jenny Jin, Zhang Kaiyu,

**Excused:** Ella Pan, Marisol Negro. Ella Pan, Rashel Ten Holder

### Minutes

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved
2. Review of the first week of school year:  
School opened successfully with 19 new teachers and over 70 new students. Teachers' Week August 22-26 gave teachers time to get to know each other and to prepare.  
Important campus work planned for the summer was completed:  
Reconfiguration of the Evacuation Alarm System ... now better suited to our needs and highly effective  
Bandwidth of our internet doubled to accommodate more traffic. Training given in the use of Interactive Whiteboards, including the use of Notebook. Number of tech 'issues' reported by teachers greatly reduced.  
Green light given for the addition of AC to the Gymnasium. However, this is a complicated matter involving structure and design and will take time.  
No progress yet on adding a cover/shade for the rooftop basketball court. Such shade would greatly increase our capacity to use the space ... providing shade in the hot weather and shelter from the rain.  
ECAs in the planning stage ... most will start week beginning October 10 after the National Day Holiday. The school will continue to develop the programme using a combination of teacher talent and outside providers. An exciting new addition in the near future will be Golf.
3. Enrollment update  
Healthy growth with over 70 new students (latest check ... 80 new students) Total: 446  
Discussion was held about the increase in the number of Chinese speaking students and how this affects the school. Phil explained that during the Covid period there has been a significant increase in student recruitment from 'returning international Chinese' and from Taiwan China and Hong Kong China. Other new students have come from local Chinese schools or bilingual schools. All have foreign passports. English levels are assessed as part of the admissions process. The challenge for the





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school is to ensure that all students make progress in their English language proficiency. And the school has been proactive in making this happen with no less than 5 ESL specialists on the team now to support student English language learning. All teachers are also receiving training in the management of ESL students in their classrooms so that students have access through understanding. The evidence shows that students who stay at NBIS do indeed develop the language proficiency necessary to enjoy success in Cambridge Examinations.

In the Secondary Section, two teachers with qualification (Ms Chane Coetzee) and active interest (Mr Bevan Shirley) will be available to offer guidance and support to students.

The Inclusion Team continues its work mainly with ESL students. Students who may have special education needs can be referred to external agencies for professional advice. Teachers are able to support effectively when they have such recommendations from experts.

#### 4. Staffing & hiring update

Hiring for this year has ended. All new teachers are settling in. It will take more time for some than for others ... but we have seen a collegiate spirit at work and new teachers have been very positive about their welcome, induction and support arrangements.

Hiring for next year will begin in October.

Members emphasised the importance of communication between school and home and noted that some teachers had not sent any news during the first week of school. Phil will address this.

#### 5. AGM

- a. Due to clashes with important events at school, the date for the AGM has been put back to Monday September 26 at 7pm. Nomination forms will be accepted until September 19. Members will promote in their circles the opportunity to contribute to the life and work of the school through election as a SAC Member. Phil will publicise the AGM and Nominations again in the Newsletter and through other channels.
- b. There are 7 seats available this year.
- c. Agenda: Welcome. Presentation of Annual Report on the work of SAC from Chair and Co-Chair, Neta and Julia. Introduction of Nominees. Voting and election of Members. Once the announcement of the new Members is made, the AGM is over and the 2022-23 SAC will convene to arrange their first formal meeting of the year.
- d. Julia will prepare information/publicity for parents



## **NBIS Students Won the Hebei Province Tennis Pre-Tournament Award**

Year 11 students, Liena and Idan, attended Hebei province Tennis Pre-Tournament (河北省运会预赛) from July 18th to July 25<sup>th</sup>. The pre-tournament is in preparation for the finals tournament that will happen late October.

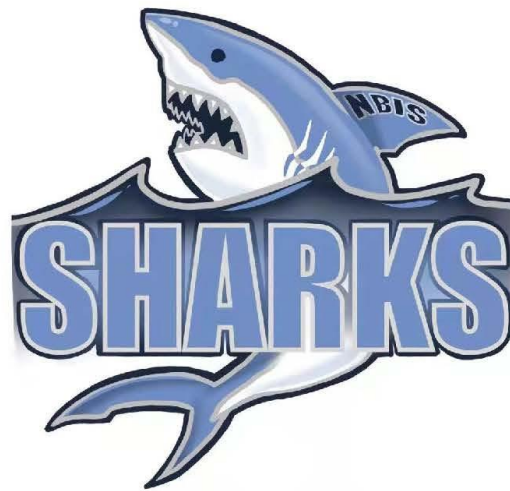
The two students performed brilliantly and achieved the following:

Liena- Girls doubles gold medal, team match silver medal (runner up)

Idan- team match gold medal, Boys doubles 5<sup>th</sup> place



# volleyball and Basketball TRYOUTS



**What:** Volleyball and Basketball teams tryouts

**Where:** Gym, building 5, 3rd floor

**When:** Tuesday September 13th, 13:10 – 13:45 - Basketball  
Thursday September 15th, 13:10—13:45 - Volleyball

**Why:** To form a team that can practice together and represents NBIS on tournaments

**Trainings** will be held in the gym, after school 15:45—16:45 on Monday (Basketball) and Thursday (Volleyball). If necessary some lunch breaks might be dedicated to the practices too.

Sign up sheet is on the door 5-302 (Ms. Katerina`s office in the gym)

Please, sign up before coming !!!

Feel free to come cheer for your friends too.



**We need you!!!**





# EARLY YEARS SECTION

## Nursery A

This is the second week in Nursery A class, our children all had a blast the first week with play dough, paints, collages, outdoor play, waterplay, making new friends and having fun!



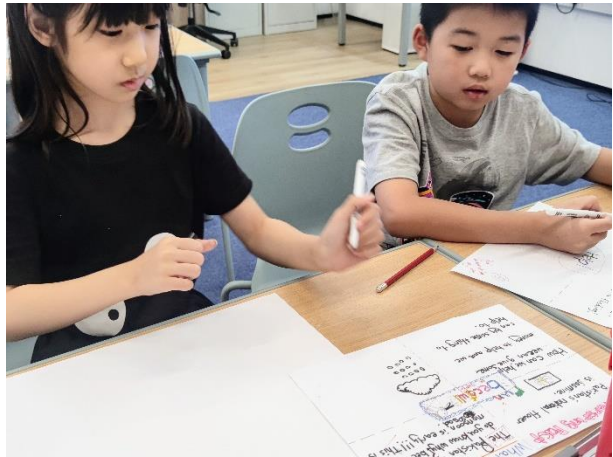
By this week, our children have learned the routines and class rules. Children have built the trust and relationships between teachers; they feel safe and comfortable in this environment. Well done NA children.



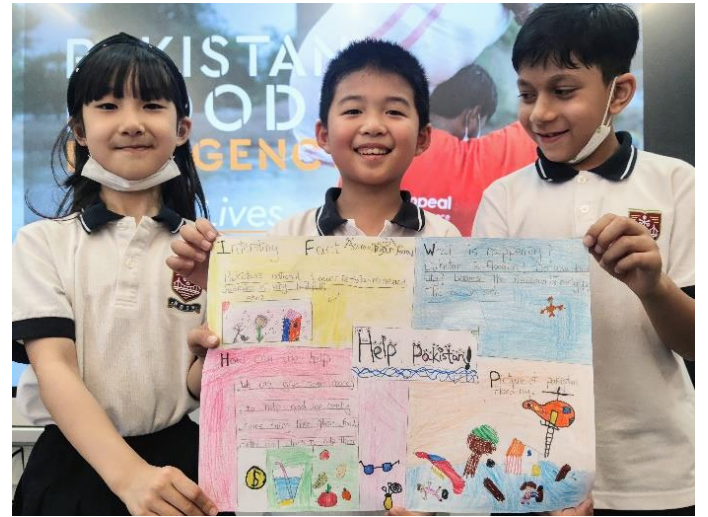
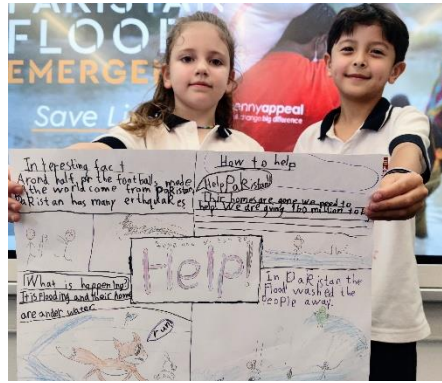


### Year 3A Poster Appeal! Help Pakistan!

Students of Year 3A demonstrated our school values of caring, respect and cooperation by designing posters to help raise awareness for the flooding emergency in Pakistan.



The posters are full of interesting facts they learned about the country, details about the emergency situation and what we can do to help. For example, did you know that around half of the world's footballs are made in Pakistan?



## Year 5A: Time Capsule

It's always exciting to be back to school, but should we start our Maths classes with counting, or maybe our times table? Or how about some Maths word problems? None of them! We started this year with a Maths time capsule, as we wanted to create some special data and memories of ourselves at the beginning of the school year.



We first answered a questionnaire to evaluate our Maths learning, then went about setting our goals for Maths learning this year. We measured our height and weight, and wanted to show how strong we are, so we measured our muscle string. Our hand and foot size has been traced on some paper and we also stuck some of our hair to the sheet too. What else? We printed some lovely fingerprints.





All of these things will be stored somewhere on our campus and then, after refreshing our skills for a whole year, we will reopen it and explore our progress throughout this great school year.

We are now ready to start the journey!



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## Primary Assembly

### Primary Assembly 7.9.22

The theme of our assembly was - NBIS Cares!

In our Lower Primary and Upper Primary Assemblies we launched our Pakistan Flooding Relief Appeal. We learned about what was happening in Pakistan and how it was affecting many millions of people. The children contributed to the discussions thoughtfully and were enthusiastic about helping in any way they could; not just by donating money now but also in doing their bit in looking after our planet.



#### Primary Stars of the Week

Well done for consistently demonstrating the values of our school.

Respect ~ Cooperation ~ Self Worth ~ Achievement ~ Diversity ~ Caring ~ Integrity



3A - Eloise 3B - Ava Rose  
2A - Jordane 2B - Eito  
1A - Annabella 1B - Yuika 1C - Harry



6A - Samuel 6B - 6B  
5A - Daniel Z 5B - Guanguan  
4A - Elton 4B - Austin





## Travel and Tourism

### Year 12

Cambridge International AS and A Level Travel and Tourism (9395) is ideal for those seeking to appreciate the changing nature of travel and tourism and understand the importance of sustainability in the development and management of the industry.

The Year 12 students have started to work on their coursework which involves the students designing and implementing their own tourism event.

The learning objectives for their coursework are to:

- work as part of a team
- understand the processes for planning, managing, and running a real-life event
- successfully complete an event
- produce a business plan and keep a record of activities
- evaluate their chosen event
- make clear recommendations for the future.

The students are already underway planning their tourism event. They have formed their team and are deciding between a cultural/ foodie trip to Gulou or a hiking trip.

The team decided on their team's name and created a unique logo for their tourism company:





*The Year 12 Travel & Tourism team work collaboratively to create their business plan. They have an online shared word document to create their coursework.*

The students have been experimenting with a Kanban. A Kanban is a visual management board for projects. Each team member has their tasks displayed on the board under the titles 'to do,' 'doing' and 'done.' The students write their tasks on post-it notes and move it along the board. The whole team has a visual of who is working on what and who has completed their tasks.



*Sikata, the team leader, is organizing tasks on the team Kanban.*

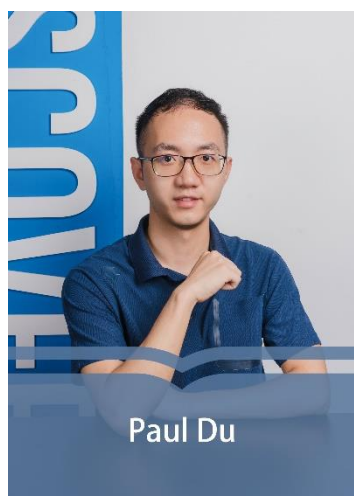
### **What's coming up for Travel & Tourism students?**

The week after next, Year 10 and 12 Travel & Tourism students will travel to Gulou. The Year 10's will be taking a survey of the businesses present in a tourism destination. The year 12 students will survey Gulou as a possible tourism event destination.



## Meet Our New Teachers

Hello everyone. My name is Chris and I'm from Newcastle in the UK. I am one of the new English teachers at NBIS. I have already begun to know the year 7 and some of the year 10 students and I am looking forward to meeting everyone else over the next year. I am teaching all of year 7 and one of the year 10 classes. I am also going to help with ESL support in both year 8 classes and I am hoping to start a Dungeons and Dragons Club as an ECA. I studied English Literature at Swansea University in Wales and really enjoyed Old English and Romantic Poetry. My favorite writers are Alfred Tennyson, Arthur Miller and Terry Pratchett. I'm hoping I can sneak them into classes at some point this year, though I have enjoyed the assigned reading and am looking forward to teaching it. I came to China at the start of 2019 and have been teaching ever since. When I'm not reading, I like to play board games and watch history documentaries. I have really enjoyed meeting everyone over the first few weeks and I am looking forward to meeting parents at the upcoming curriculum evening and at other events throughout the year.



My name is Paul Du and I will be teaching Further English and ESL at NBIS.

I was an English major in college, top of the school in the Test for English Majors (Level 8), graduating with a Master's in Applied Linguistics. I've had three years' teaching experience in a Cambridge international high school before, on top of one year in a prestigious public school.

Sports and music are my main leisure pursuits, in particular badminton and guitar, but I also have fun making educational videos on social media.

It is my belief that my own success as an ESL learner (CEFR C2), combined with systematic knowledge in linguistics and relevant experience, will translate well into my teaching at NBIS, showing students the way to English competence for both exams and future academic achievements.





Martin Coetzee

Hello, my name is Martin. I am from a beautiful coastal city in South-Africa, known as Port-Elizabeth. I have been teaching in China for almost a decade, and I've lived in some interesting parts of China, including Baoding, Shenzhen, Beijing and most recently, Ningbo...I like the latter best, which is why I've been in Ningbo for over four years!

I am the Science teacher for year 7 and year 8 students. I'm excited to get to know each student, learn their strengths and weaknesses and be part of their journey as they grow and develop into young adults!

My wife and I had our first child just over a year ago. Riley is her name, and she is the apple of my eye.

I have quite a few hobbies, including golf, fishing, sports, jogging and web development. However, my free time has lately been focused on spending time with my family and jogging (getting rid of the dad 'bod').

As I've mentioned before, I look forward to working with such bright students here at NBIS. If you ever need support, guidance or just a chat, you can find me in the Science lab!

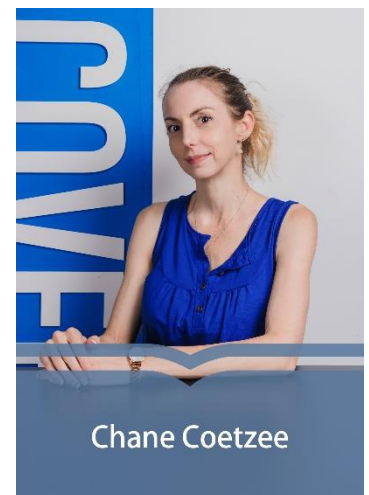
I am a South African living and working in China From 2014 - present. My husband is also a part of the NBIS team. We have a 1-year-old daughter named Riley who was born right here in Ningbo in 2021.

As a teacher I have taught babies to adults in training centers, primary schools, and universities across China.

At NBIS I teach Psychology (AS and A2) and Global perspectives. I studied psychology for many years attaining my BA, BA(HONS), BPSYC accreditation and Master's.

My dream began as wanting to become a child psychologist, working in South African Primary schools as a school counsellor. I focused on emotional and psycho-social problems, but my dream slowly changed after my introduction to teaching. I realized I loved psychology, but I loved teaching more. Obviously, this amalgamation of both psychology and teaching is a dream come true.

I have started my life and family here in Ningbo and chose NBIS as it is a top school in Ningbo and is the school I would send my daughter to. I am grateful to be a part of the NBIS family.



Chane Coetzee



My name is Sithabile Mnyandu. I am from Durban in South Africa.

I am a geography, global perspectives and science teacher. For the past week I have been getting to know the students while taking them through everything they need to know about their global perspectives, geography and science course.

Allow me to share a little about myself. Teaching is my passion! In the previous years I have been instructing younger students in lower and upper primary. I have worked as an ESL, ELA, social studies and STEAM teacher both in China and outside of China.

My years of experience as a teacher have allowed me to develop a philosophy that helps me guide my students. I strongly believe in encouraging students to be comfortable in the classrooms. I engage with them in activities that allow them to express themselves. I create an open classroom environment that allows them to ask questions and share their opinions.

My goal is to create a space for students to explore their own learning styles, to help develop their interests and guide their absorption of the material. Moreover, I want to incorporate a variety of tools in my classes such as technology and hands on activities. Such allows them to explore their imagination.

I am looking forward to this semester.



Hi, everyone! My name is Bevan Shirley and I am a Physics teacher at NBIS. I am an educator with a distinguished career spanning over fifteen years tutoring teenagers in Physics, Math and English. I am from the beautiful island of Jamaica, which is a part of the continent of North America. I have a BSc in Physics & Electronics and I most recently taught AP Physics 1 and 2. I also have extensive experience in tutoring students in SAT Math and English. I have a passion for education and young people. At NBIS, my aim is to pass on the wealth of knowledge and skills that I have garnered, to the next generation of leaders that are enrolled at the school. I love to play football and I would also like to spend some time interacting with my students outside of the classroom, perhaps on the football field, to help in shaping the whole person. I look forward to meeting you all and working with you throughout the school year.



## NBIS Weekly Menu



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch Menu</b>		土豆牛腩	蒜香仔排	烤鸡腿	酱香牛肉
		Beef with potato	Rib	Toast chicken leg	Beef
		蒜苗腊肉	宫保鸡丁	手撕鸡	糖醋里脊
		Garlic bolt with preserved ham	Chicken	Shredded chicken	Sweet and Sour Pork
		无骨鸡柳	芝麻鹌鹑蛋	虾饼	烤鸭
		Boneless chicken breast strips	Quail egg	Deep fried shrimp	Duck
		果酱吐司	有机花菜	蒜香土豆饼	麻婆豆腐
		Toast with jam	Cauliflower	Potato	Tofu
		烤土豆	葱油金针菇	西兰花	花菜
		Potato	Needle mushroom	Broccoli	Cauliflower
		大白菜	炒包菜	炒青菜	广东菜心
		Cabbage	Cabbage	Vegetable	Vegetable
		西兰花	法国面包	牛角包	寿司
		Broccoli	French bread	Croissant	Sushi
		水果	水果	水果	水果
		Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
	紫菜汤	西红柿蛋汤	海带汤	万年青汤	
	Seaweed soup		Kelp soup	Vegetable soup	
	米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭	
	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	
	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	
	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	
<b>Snack Menu</b>	牛奶	牛奶	牛奶	牛奶	
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	
	烧卖	烧卖	烧卖	烧卖	
	Shao-mai	Shao-mai	Shao-mai	Shao-mai	
	牛角包	牛角包	牛角包	牛角包	
	Croissant	Croissant	Croissant	Croissant	
水果	水果	水果	水果		
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit		





Happy Teachers' Day

致谢恩师 桃李芬芳

教师节快乐！

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Mid-Autumn holiday is from September 10-12.





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