



# NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

**Weekly Newsletter 18**  
**January 17th, 2025**



# CHINESE NEW YEAR GREETINGS!



Dear Parents,

How quickly the time has passed! And now the Chinese New Year – the Year of the Snake - fast approaches!

Before we break for the holiday, I want to share some thoughts with you:

## Reports

At the end of each semester, all students receive a school report. We hope that you will spend time going through the report with your child/ren, praising their accomplishments and encouraging them in areas where they have perhaps not done so well. If you have questions about the report, please do get in touch with the appropriate teacher to present your thoughts.

## Medicines



We were concerned recently to discover that a student was carrying personal medication in their schoolbag and self-administering during the day. The parents had not informed the school of the condition of the child nor of the medication to be taken. It is not difficult to see how this could so easily lead to a major problem. Please be reminded that the school must be informed of any medical condition that a child may have – whether temporary or ongoing - and medicines must be kept with the School Nurse for administration as required. If you are in doubt about the specific requirements for your child, please contact the School Nurse for further consultation.

## CIS Accreditation

We were delighted to receive the news that NBIS has passed the Preparatory Evaluation stage of this process and can now proceed to the Self-Study stage. The basis of the Self-Study is a Community Survey prepared by CIS and distributed by NBIS to all constituents of the school community- – We are now working

with CIS to produce the survey and hope to distribute it in Semester 2. Please watch out for the survey – it's a great chance for you to let us know your thoughts about specific aspects of the school – and for us to learn from you. We are hoping for a really high level of response from our parents so that we can get as broad a picture as possible of how we are doing in serving you and your children.



## Parents are Great:

Later in this Newsletter, you will read about 4 parents who took the time to come into school and talk with Primary students about their professions. Wow! The kids were so excited and interested to see parents on the stage sharing their personal stories. It is moments like this that can open the eyes of our students to the wider world and lift their sense of aspiration. In our community, there is an excess of talent among our parents – and we would love to see more parents involved in this kind of thing. If you have something to offer, please get in touch and we'll see how we can involve you!



## Birthdays are Important:



We all like to celebrate birthdays. And – in case you do not know – NBIS will celebrate its 20th Birthday Anniversary in May 2025! We are already excited and working on plans for the celebration, and would like to make sure that all our families know what's going on and can celebrate with us. Watch out for more information as we return from the Spring Festival Holiday.

**On behalf of all the staff  
I wish you a very Happy New Year  
and all the best for you and your family  
during 2025!**

Mr Philip R Billing  
NBIS International Principal





# 20<sup>th</sup> NBIS Anniversary

## GOOD WISHES VIDEO COLLECTION

On the occasion of NBIS's 20th anniversary, NBIS will hold a series of celebratory events from May 12 to 16, 2025, to commemorate this significant milestone. We sincerely invite our dear **alumni, students, parents, and former staff members** to record a good wishes video. Each of your wishes will become a meaningful part of the 20th-anniversary celebration video, creating precious memories for the NBIS community. Thank you!

### 1. Record Your Video

- Record a short 10–15 second video expressing your wishes for NBIS.
- Start your video with the line: "**NBIS! Happy 20th Birthday!**" to make it unified and celebratory.
- Feel free to include your thoughts on NBIS's achievements, hopes for the future, or special memories with the school.

### 2. Video Requirements

- Record in **landscape mode**, ensuring a stable and clear video using your phone or camera.
- Use a well-lit environment, with clear audio and minimal background noise.

### 3. Submission

- Scan the QR code to submit your video.
- Please submit your video by **[17th February 2025]**.



If you have further questions, please contact:  
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# NBIS CHINESE NEW YEAR CONCERT



Friday, 17th January 2025

7 PM

Auditorium

Scan the QR code  
to Register



For NBIS Community Only





# CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Holiday: Wednesday 22nd January – Sunday 9th February (No school)**

**Back to School: Monday 10th February**

**Celebrate a Civilized Chinese New Year**



SPECIAL TIPS:

***\*No Fireworks, No Sky Lanterns***

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday filled  
with laughter, love, and company.

2025



# Alumni Story:

## Exploring New Journeys from NBIS to HKU

### The Inspiring University Life of Alumni Chloe Erin Chng at HKU

Every educational journey is a significant chapter in life. From NBIS class to the vibrant campus of the University of Hong Kong (HKU), Chloe Erin Chng, a 2024 graduate, has embraced her new path with passion and determination. She continues to thrive academically while weaving her unique story within a multicultural environment.

### First Impressions of HKU: Growing in a Multicultural Environment

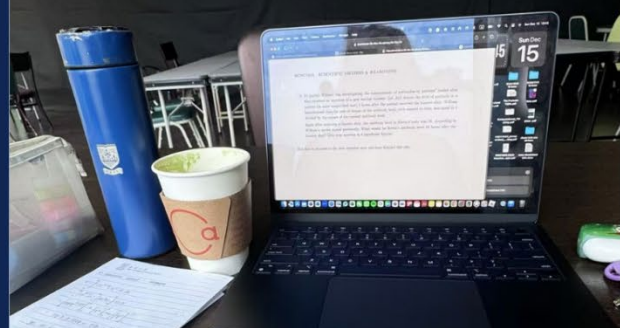
"The HKU campus is full of energy, blending the charm of historical buildings with the innovation of modern facilities." Chloe shared that she has made friends from countries like France, Turkey, and Kenya, which has broadened her horizons. The diverse courses at HKU—ranging from chemistry and biology to beginner Spanish—have constantly challenged and enriched her intellectual growth.

Outside of her academic pursuits, Chloe joined the World University Service Society to participate in volunteering activities. Beyond her busy schedule, she cherishes moments of late-night restaurant runs with friends, study sessions, and even a memorable trip to Hong Kong Disneyland.



### Adapting to the Fast Pace: Facing New Challenges with Confidence

Life at HKU is fast-paced—classes are often just ten minutes apart, requiring Chloe to dash across campus. Yet, this environment has significantly improved her time management skills and helped her strike a balance between academics and social life. "Despite the hustle, this dynamic lifestyle keeps me motivated," she says.



## The Foundation of Support from NBIS: Inspiration and Growth

Reflecting on NBIS's influence, Chloe expressed her gratitude: "NBIS offered a variety of subjects and practical opportunities, helping me discover my interest in the medical field."

From biology and chemistry experiments to MUN and talent shows, NBIS's diverse activities not only honed her academic skills but also developed her leadership, teamwork, and confidence.



She is especially thankful for two teachers:

- Mr Jason Jeffries, whose passion for biology inspired her and who provided crucial support during her university applications.
- Ms Emily Zhang, who greatly improved her Chinese language skills and encouraged her to participate in the Chinese Bridge Competition at UNNC, a memorable milestone.

### Advice for Future Students: Passion and Perseverance

Chloe advises students aspiring to top universities to focus on time management and planning while staying passionate about their goals: "When you genuinely love what you're studying, it doesn't feel like a burden—it feels like joy. Don't hesitate to ask for help, face challenges proactively, and maintain a positive attitude to go further."

Chloe's story showcases her hard work and accomplishments, reflecting the profound impact of an NBIS education. In her journey, we see a beautiful tapestry of dreams and determination, as well as the boundless possibilities of growth.



# RECEPTION B

January 17, 2025

In preparation of this special time of the year, NBIS Early Years Reception B students have been engaging in many CNY-themed activities and projects. This is an exciting beginning to what will be a tremendous new year!



## CNY FUN



## APPLICATION





## RECEPTION B CHINESE NEW YEAR GAMES



### EXCITEMENT



### CREATIVITY





# PRIMARY SPELLING BEE AT NBIS



Ms Chenxin Yu

We are thrilled to share the excitement and achievements from our second annual Primary Spelling Bee Competition! This year, more than 40 enthusiastic participants from various year levels joined us to showcase their spelling prowess. The atmosphere was electric as students confidently tackled challenging words that were often beyond their grade levels.

A spelling bee is more than just a competition, it is an opportunity to celebrate language, build confidence, and foster a love for learning. It encourages students to expand their vocabulary, enhance their memory skills, and develop poise under pressure. We are incredibly proud of every student who participated for their hard work and dedication to this wonderful event.



### Here are the results of the competition:

#### Level 1 Spelling Bee Winners:

1st Place:  
**Caspian**



2nd Place:  
**Leon**



3rd Place:  
**Ginny**



#### Level 2 Spelling Bee Winners:

1st Place:  
**Minho**



2nd Place:  
**Diana**



3rd Place:  
**Lorraine**



#### Level 3 Spelling Bee Winners:

1st Place:  
**Ayush**



2nd Place:  
**Notho**



3rd Place:  
**Molly**



Congratulations to all our winners and participants for their incredible efforts! We were amazed by the determination and talent displayed by every student, and we look forward to seeing even more outstanding performances in next year's competition.

A big thank you to our teachers and parents for supporting and encouraging our young spellers. Your guidance and motivation play an essential role in their growth and achievements.

Here's to another successful year of celebrating learning and excellence in spelling!



# Year 1 Career Day: Imagining the Future, Exploring Careers

On January 10th, Year 1 students experienced a truly memorable Career Day, designed to introduce them to a variety of professions. The event was made particularly special by the participation of four inspiring parent speakers.

The first speaker was Mr Thomas Whyke, Riley's father, a teacher at the University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC). With a friendly smile, he shared his passion for Chinese cartoons, captivating the students with video clips of Ne Zha and the Monkey King, which struck a chord with the children in a delightful way.

Next, Mr Yiyuan Li, Austin's father, a biological scientist, took the stage. His research focuses on nature, especially insects. The children listened attentively as he explained the process of honey extraction and the fascinating biology of plant pollination.

Following him was Mr Jie Shi, Oscar's father, who has 15 years of experience in international trade. He shared his exciting journey of selling products to customers across the globe, giving the students a glimpse into the world of global commerce.

The final speaker of the day was Mr Musahid Baiga, Zara's father, an entrepreneur who runs a company specializing in toy manufacturing, marketing, and trade. The students were especially intrigued when he showcased a pink toy during his talk.



Throughout the event, the students were highly engaged, eagerly asking questions and displaying a keen interest in the various professions. "I like when we asked questions because we learned about their jobs," said Yujin Zou from 1A. "I liked listening to Riley's dad because he liked Chinese cartoons," shared Lucas Fei, also from 1A.

Esther, Jeremy, and Chloe from 1B mentioned that they really enjoyed learning about Zara's father's career. They found it fascinating how he helps sell toys around the world.

Career Day was not just an event—it was an opportunity for these young minds to explore new possibilities and ignite their imaginations. It is hoped that activities like these will continue to inspire the next generation to dream big and pursue a wide range of careers.

# ART

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# OF THE WEEK

**Y8 Self-Portraits**



**Raymond Lu, Y8 Art & Design**

# ART

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# OF THE WEEK

## Y8 Self-Portraits



Clarice Chua, Y8 Art & Design

Secondary  
Section

# WORK IT OUT WEDNESDAY

Wednesdays 13:25 – 14:00

Room 1-302

For Years 10-13

Starting 12th Feb

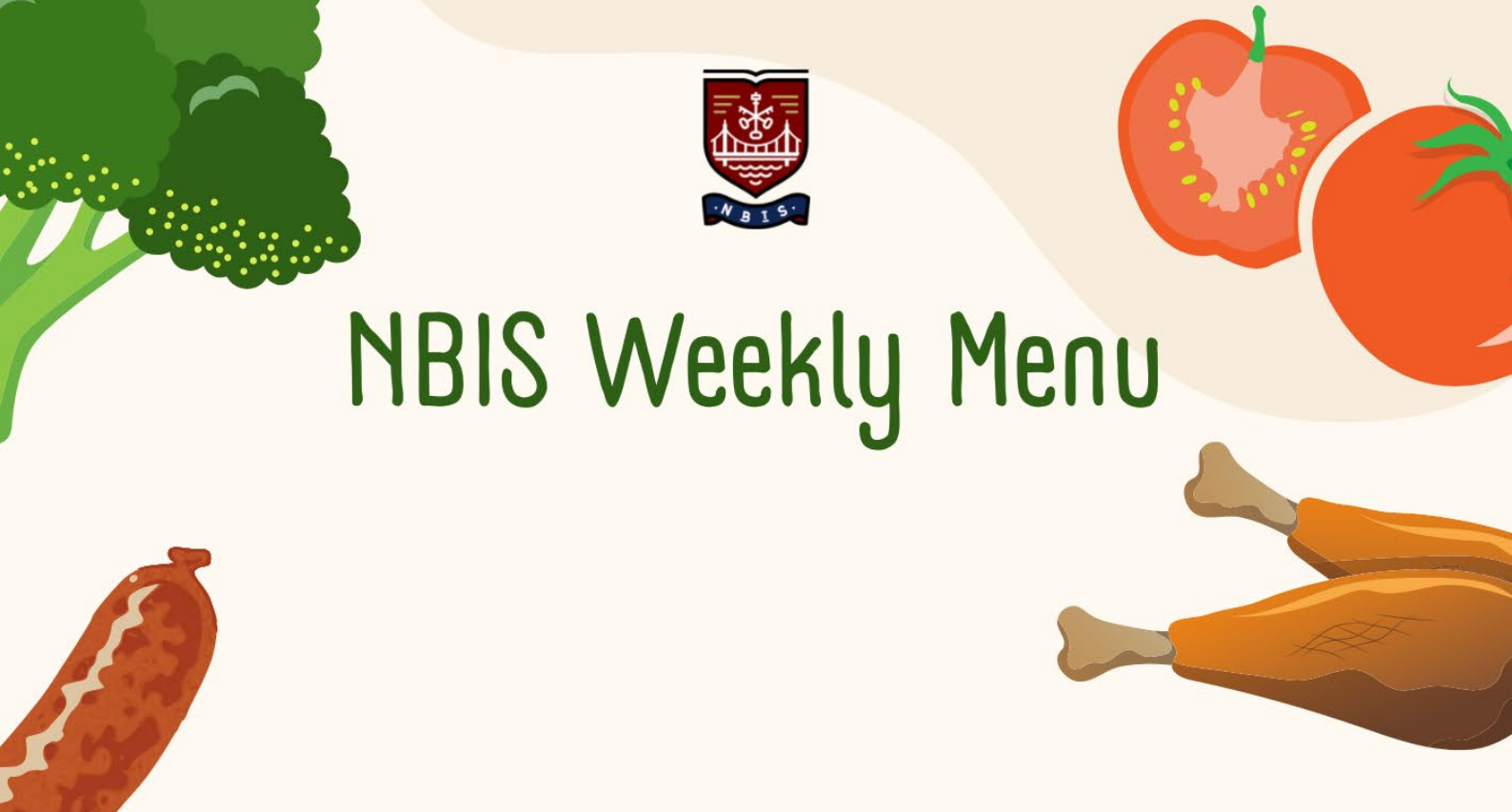
BRING YOUR MATHS  
EXAM QUESTIONS!

A place for students to get help  
with maths exam questions.





# NBIS Weekly Menu



Sample Dishes





## NBIS Weekly Menu

The Week of January 20th to 21st, 2025

	Monday	Tuesday
<b>Lunch Menu</b>	Beef with potato	Fried mushrooms with meat
	土豆牛肉	香菇肉片
	Roast chicken	Chicken drumstick
	烤鸡	芝麻鸡腿
	Sweet and Sour Pork	Garlic vermicelli with scallops
	糖醋里脊	粉丝扇贝
	Asparagus with yam slices	Celery with Bean Curd
	芦笋山药片	芹菜拌干丝
	Pasta with beef	Green vegetables with Baiyu mushrooms
	牛肉末通心粉	青菜白玉菇
	Roast sweet potato	Cabbage
	烤地瓜	花菜
	Broccoli	Honey pumpkin
	西兰花	蜜汁南瓜
	Fruit	Fruit
	水果	水果
	Croissant	Caesar meat roll
	牛角包	凯萨卷
	Pork slices	Roast chicken breast
	酸菜肉片	水煮肉片
	Shrimp with Soy Sauce	Poached Shrimp
	红烧虾	盐水虾
	Fish slices	Jerk filefish
	剁椒鱼块	孜然橡皮鱼
	Radish soup	Hot and Sour soup
	萝卜汤	酸辣汤
	Rice	Rice
	米饭	米饭
Vegetable	Vegetable	
蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	
<b>Snack Menu</b>	Grapes	Banana
	葡萄	香蕉
	Omelette	Barbecued pork bun
	鸡蛋饼	叉烧包
	Orange	Apple
	橙子	苹果
Egg waffle	Bread with jam	
鸡蛋仔	土司面包+果酱	





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**2024-25 Semester 1** (School Days-90 Days)

26/08/2024 Semester 1 Begins, 14/02/2025 Semester 1 Ends

**Holidays in Semester 1**

- 14/09/2024 to 17/09/2024 Mid-Autumn Festival
- 28/09/2024 to 07/10/2024 Chinese National Holiday
- 22/11/2025 PD Day
- 18/12/2024 to 05/01/2025 Winter Holiday
- 22/01/2025 to 09/02/2025 Spring Festival Holiday

**2024-25 Semester 2** (School Days-90 Days)

17/02/2025 Semester 2 Begins, 01/07/2025 Semester 2 Ends

**Holidays in Semester 2**

- 04/04/2025 to 06/04/2025 Qingming Holiday
- 28/04/2025 to 04/05/2025 Labour Day Holiday
- 30/05/2025 to 01/06/2025 Dragon Boat Holiday





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