



NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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20th 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:
Marketing@nbis.net.cn.



CONGRATULATIONS

Xinyi Dong (Ady)
Class of 2025

for receiving an offer to study Fashion Design at Nottingham Trent University.



Nottingham Trent University



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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



NBIS CELEBRATES THE NEW YEAR OF THE SNAKE

To celebrate the New Year of the Snake, the NBIS Chinese team organised a series of festive activities for students across all sections. Early Years students participated in a lively Spring Festival fair, filled with fun games. Primary students explored traditions such as stamping Fu characters (福), making dumplings, and engaging in writing activities based on "The Flavor of the Spring Festival." Secondary students embraced the festive spirit with snake-themed crafts, writing Spring couplets (春联), playing snake-shaped board games, and participating in trivia games. These celebrations brought joy and cultural enrichment to our school community.

SPRING FESTIVAL FAIR



MAKING DUMPLINGS

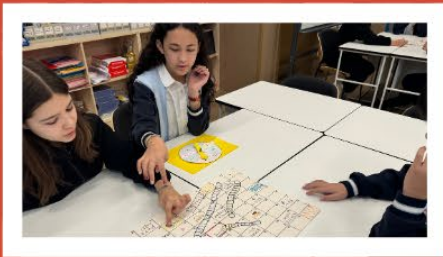


WRITING SPRING COUPLETS

AND THE CHARACTER '福'



Craft Activities & Games

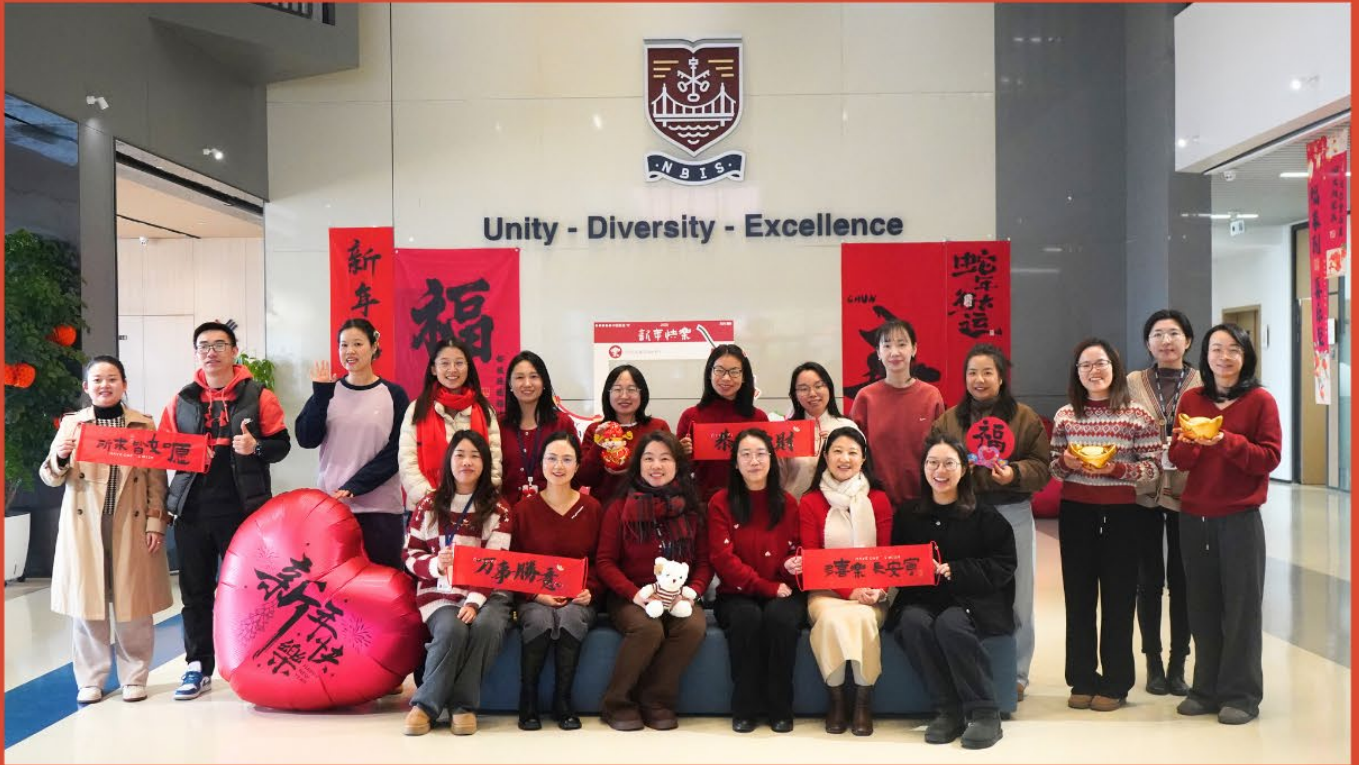


WRITING ACTIVITIES BASED ON "THE FLAVOR OF THE SPRING FESTIVAL"

This essay-writing activity received an enthusiastic response from all the students in the school. Centering on the theme of "The Flavor of the Spring Festival," the students incorporated the Spring Festival customs from their memories, the warm moments of family reunions, and their beautiful expectations for the New Year into their articles from different angles and aspects. Some students detailed the scenes of their families pasting Spring Festival couplets and making dumplings during the festival.

Through the meticulous depiction of traditional customs, they expressed their deep affection and the strong flavor of the Spring Festival. Others began with the characteristic Spring Festival activities in their hometowns, such as the bustling temple fairs and the magnificent fireworks displays, painting a vibrant picture of the Spring Festival filled with regional customs.





Dear NBIS Families,

As the gentle breeze of spring welcomes the Year of the Snake, our hearts are filled with joy and anticipation. With the Chinese New Year upon us, the Chinese Department is delighted to extend our heartfelt greetings and best wishes to each one of you.

The snake, a symbol of wisdom and vitality, reminds us of agility, strength, perseverance, and innovation. We hope every student soars high like a young dragon, striving for progress in their academic journey. May our dedicated teachers continue to impart knowledge and cultivate virtues, guiding their students through the vast ocean of learning with care. For our families, may this year bring harmony, happiness, and precious moments as you accompany your children on their path of growth.

The Spring Festival may be China's, but the happiness it spreads lights up everyone's hearts all over the world.

新年快乐!

Best wishes,

NBIS Chinese Team

Chinese New Year Concert at NBIS 2025

Ms Nausicaa Giavarra



On Friday evening, the NBIS community enjoyed a wonderful Concert organised by our talented Music coordinator Mr Isidro Santos Galindo. The event featured brilliant students teachers and professional guest musicians organised to celebrate the upcoming Year of the Snake.

The Concert opened with Mr Isidro at the Clarinet and NBIS Piano teacher Ms Kaia Lyu at the piano playing "The Butterfly Lovers", a beautiful and popular song inspired by a romantic Chinese folk legend.



Next, Ms Min Cha, NBIS Primary teacher, delighted the audience with a lively aria from the opera "Il Barbiere di Siviglia", accompanied by Ms Wang Shimei, a multi-awarded piano teacher and a great musician.



This was followed by a skilful and dramatic Guzheng piece played by our talented Year 9 student, Linda Zhang, who invited the audience to follow her on a pentatonic emotional musical journey.



A quartet featuring Cloris Lai, from Year 7, at the Guzheng, with her exceptional teacher, Ms Mengmeng Wang, and two young musicians, Song Jia and Shuhe Zhang, delighted the audience with a highly festive piece, which is a classic favourite to celebrate Chinese New Year: "Spring Festival Overture". It has been a pleasure to watch these students and their teachers playing in such harmony.



The concert continued with three very special performances featuring NBIS chair of the PTA Ms Jo'An Zhang, an accomplished musician who shares her expertise and passion for music in Ningbo at her school "Touching Music". Ms Jo'An and her daughter Ruby Xu, a Year 4 student, played a piece for 4 hands, "Waterfall" by Oxana Krut and an upbeat jazzy version of "Fur Elise" with her older daughter Season Xu, in Year 8. The complicity and musical connection between mother and daughters made this a very special moment. Ms Jo'An's last surprise was a piece for 6 people at the piano: "I Want You Back". This was an incredible and unique performance in which teachers from Touching Music explored the infinite versatility of a grand piano, transforming it into an orchestra of percussion and strings, while the young and talented Ruby was keeping the rhythm at the tambourine and guiding the audience to clap along.



Music brought us then to a different universe with Ms Kaia accompanying us in discovering the sound of birds transformed in notes with the "Birds Suite". She concluded her skilful piano performance with the "Etude in G flat Major Op.10 No.5" by Chopin, a rapid cascade of beautiful notes known as the black keys Etude.



The charismatic Mr Jon Ander Peñagaricano, then played a festive piece of Music, "Ode to Motherland", inviting the audience to sing along, and the more nostalgic "Lake Baikal", in a duet with Mr Isidro at the clarinet.



Next, Ms Diana de Tzanevand and Mr Vladimir Tzanev, two accomplished and well-known musicians in Ningbo, moved the audience with "Broken Vow", a song about a broken heart and forgiveness. Vladimir's notes at the piano and Diana's beautiful voice then took the audience to Italy, presenting the iconic "Con te Partiro", a powerful song about the bittersweet feeling of letting someone or something go to start a new chapter of our life.



At the end of this fantastic Concert, Mr Isidro surprised the audience with a wonderful piece of his composition accompanied by Mr Vladimir at the piano: "Aire Flamenco". This is a song he composed in 2019 to share his enthusiasm and happiness about his new life in China, together with a note of nostalgia for his motherland Spain and a melody full of colours.



"I Love You China", performed by Mr Isidro and Mr Vladimir, closed this incredible Concert, reminding us of the natural beauty of this country.



The concert was a success and it has been terrific to see families and friends of the NBIS community gathering to enjoy such a treat. A huge thanks to all the musicians who made this event so special and to Mr Isidro for putting together such a great programme.

As Mr Phil Billing mentioned in his closing speech, Music is a universal language that reaches everyone's soul, transcending borders, languages, and cultures, and uniting our beautifully diverse community. We couldn't imagine a better way to wish everyone a fantastic Year of the Snake!

GET READY FOR NEXT SEMESTER

★ ★ ECAs

Enrolling your child in after-school extracurricular activities such as tennis, baseball, golf, or fencing provides numerous benefits beyond physical fitness. These activities help develop important life skills like teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, while offering a fun and engaging way to relax after school. They also build confidence, enhance focus, and can positively influence academic performance. Moreover, such programs create opportunities to make new friends and explore interests in a supportive environment. Below is a brief introduction to the external ECAs we plan to offer next semester. Sign-ups will open at the start of the new semester, so feel free to start considering your options during the holiday!



Golf



Golf is a sport that connects you with nature and teaches you to appreciate it. It offers participants a chance to find peace in a natural setting while fostering qualities such as confidence, decisiveness, honesty, patience, self-awareness, and self-discipline in children.

Each training session provides ideal challenges for kids, helping them manage their emotions, overcome setbacks, and build strong mental resilience. These skills will benefit them throughout their lives.

Ningbo Huixing Sports is proud to be the first golf teaching institution in China to collaborate with Carl Rabito, a PGA Master Certified Teaching Professional and one of the leading master-level teaching experts of the PGA in the United States. This partnership ensures that students receive world-class training, blending professional expertise with a holistic approach to personal growth through golf.

Mr Jia Li
Golf Coach



TENNIS



Astra Tennis is a teaching and research institution specialising in youth tennis training with a proven track record of delivering quality tennis programs in schools.

Students who join tennis for the first time will learn foundational skills of tennis: basic techniques of the main 5 strokes; court positioning; simple tactics; and movement patterns. Those with previous experience will further improve their tennis skills that allow them to maintain rallies and play with each other, refine stroke techniques, develop tactical knowledge of the game, and use basic game rules.

Mr Davin
Tennis Coach

BOXING



Old-school boxing is a very advanced combat sport.

Practice boxing can exercise physical fitness, improve responsiveness, improve coordination, but also exercise courage to become more courageous and confident.

Boxing is the most characteristic of its confrontation ability, in the course we will teach children how to defend and attack, thin to bully how to fight back self-defense, this is the fundamental significance of learning boxing.

Please feel free to scan the QR code embedded in the picture to watch the Boxing ECA.

Mr Kim
Boxing Coach

Latin Dance



Latin dance, a kind of energetic and enthusiastic dance art, can not only let the students get physical exercise, but also improve the psychological quality of students. The movement of Latin dance pays attention to the coordination and flexibility of the body, which helps to shape the body and enhance the beauty of the body's lines. Long-term practice of Latin dance can cultivate students' temperament and stage presence, thereby enhancing self-confidence.

Ms Zeng
Latin Dance Coach



Football

The program is designed to introduce children to the fundamentals of football in a fun, engaging, and supportive environment. Whether your child is a beginner or looking to sharpen their skills, they are all welcome.



What to Bring

- Comfortable sports clothing and football shoes/cleats.
- Shin guards (recommended for safety).
- A water bottle.
- A positive attitude and a willingness to learn!

1. Skill Development:

- Dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending.
- Understanding teamwork and game strategies.

2. Game Play:

- Small-sided games to apply skills in real situations.

3. Fitness and Fun:

- Exercises to improve coordination, endurance, and balance.
- Emphasis on sportsmanship and having fun!

4. Experienced Coach:

- Our trainings will be led by coach Yannis. [certified football coach with more than 5 years of experience in youth development, and football Head coach of the University of Nottingham Ningbo].

Mr Yannis
Football Coach



Fencing can foster bravery, decisiveness, tenacity and give students the skills to overcome all difficulties. It can also cultivate children's concentration, reaction, judgment, coordination, and flexibility. Benefits of fencing includes : Strength & Endurance; Increase Balance; Increase Flexibility; Better Coordination; Stress Reduction; Mental Agility.

FENCING



Mr Han
Fencing Coach



Baseball is a kind of team ball game with bat as the main characteristic and strong antagonism. Baseball maximizes the primal instincts of human beings to run, hit, catch and throw, supplemented by experience, judgment, wisdom, determination and action to "conquer the city and seize the land." It is called "chess on the grass".



Baseball

Potato Sports focuses on the field of baseball and is a sports training institution specializing in baseball youth training, event operations, and peripheral product sales. The company has several elite professional baseball coaches who have been in the industry for over 20 years, and has successfully formed multiple local Ningbo youth baseball teams, winning the championship of provincial youth events for two consecutive years. Please feel free to scan the QR code embedded in the picture to watch the interschool baseball match!

Mr Feng
Baseball Coach



My name is Esther Yeh, and I spent my entire childhood dancing ballet in Taiwan. This strong foundation in ballet has been instrumental in allowing me to explore the world of dance. I have been selected as both a ballet dancer and a modern dancer with the Dance Theater of Middle Tennessee State University. Additionally, I have earned several championships in international ballroom Latin competitions.

Ballet



Beyond my life as a dancer, I also find joy in being a dance teacher, guiding children in understanding ballet. With over five years of experience teaching ballet in the United States, I am dedicated to providing a safe method and environment where children can explore ballet movements, techniques, and core muscle training. I believe that every child is unique, and through dance, they can express themselves in their own way. This not only builds their confidence but also leads them to enjoy each step on the dance floor.

Ms Esther Yeh
Ballet Coach



Primary Assembly

During the Primary Assembly on January 20, we celebrated "E for Excellence," highlighting the outstanding efforts and achievements of our students. The Spelling Bee awards ceremony showcased the hard work and determination of all participants, and we are incredibly proud of each one of you for your dedication and enthusiasm.



As we conclude this event with excellence in mind, we also want to wish everyone a joyful and prosperous Chinese New Year. May the Year of the Snake bring you happiness, rest, and new beginnings. Thank you for your continued contributions to our school community!

Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week



Stars of the Week

- 1A – Maximus, Rosa
- 1B – Yoyo
- 2A – Sunny, Minnie
- 2B – Shinning, Ginny
- 2C – Everett, Daphne
- 3A – Ethan, Amanda

1A – Maximus & Rosa 1B – Yoyo

2A – Sunny & Minnie 2B – Shinning & Ginny 2C – Everett & Daphne

3A – Ethan & Amanda 3B – Ivy & Kaivin



Stars of the Week

- 4A – Torren, Angela
- 4B – Helen
- 5A – Yichen, Yan
- 5B – Notho, Samuel
- 5C – Candice, Annabelle
- 6A – Hanna, Selena
- 6B – Evan, Daniel

4A – Torren & Angela 4B – Helen

5A – Yichen & Yan 5B – Notho & Samuel 5C – Candice & Annabelle

6A – Hanna & Selena 6B – Evan & Daniel



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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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