

Hua Hsia Chinese School Newsletter

The term is quickly coming to an end, but we have many events to fill our calendar before breaking up for Christmas and upon our return! A friendly reminder that the last day of term is the 8th/9th of December. We will be returning on the 12th/13th of January – the full Spring Term calendar can be found at the bottom of this Newsletter.

Chinese New Year Card Competition

Cards can be picked up at reception, from either Jacques or Roland. We are hoping children will use all their imagination to create a wonderful festive card, incorporating anything related to Chinese New Year. Designs can be based entirely around one theme, such as the upcoming year of the Pig, or can bring together multiple elements such as lanterns, firecrackers/fireworks, red envelopes, dragon/lion dance, plum blossoms.

The card submission deadline is the 12th/13th of January. All cards will be displayed in the School Hall and the winner will be announced on the 19th of January. All participants will receive a certificate, with the top 3 receiving prizes!

HSK & YCT

After an extremely successful introduction to these exams last academic year, with a 100% pass rate, we are continuing to accept application this year. These exams are open to the SUKA classes and Years 1-5. Exams will take place in March and applications will need to be completed and sent off early February. If you are interested please contact Jacques who will pass over the relevant forms and answer any questions. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.huahsiachinese.org.uk/hskyct/>

Dianxindianying Film Club for Hua Hsia Students

Alice Lim from Into Film will be visiting the School on the 19th of January, to host this Chinese New Year activity. The purpose of the workshop will be to introduce Chinese animation and film, based around Chinese New Year. The event will take place from 2:30pm—4:00pm, in the assembly hall. Students, and parents are welcome to join. Booking is essential as there are only 20 spaces available, to be allocated on a first come first serve basis.



Christmas Festivities

On the 8th/9th of December there will be some light refreshments available in the main hall (mince pies and tea). A few classes will be singing Christmas carols in Mandarin. More information to follow in the coming weeks!

Goodbyes and Hellos

We are saying goodbye to a few of our teachers at the end of the Autumn Term, but hopefully not for very long! Teacher Pingping and Teacher Anthea will both be taking a short leave of absence. Teacher Joyce will also be saying goodbye to us at the end of this term.

Over the past couple of months we have been lucky enough to welcome Teacher WeiFan and Teacher James to the Hua Hsia family. We are also extremely fortunate to have two child psychologists (Dr. Mei Chun & Dr. Yang Kang) volunteering for the School to help us build an even more engaging learning environment.

Student Reports

Teachers will be releasing student reports on the last weekend of term (8th and 9th of December). If you will be away for the final lesson, reports can be picked up at the beginning of the Spring Term (12th and 13th of January).



Overseas Trip to Taiwan

Working closely with OCAC, we have recently been made aware of a very interesting opportunity for some of our older students. OCAC is sponsoring a study trip to Taiwan, with the goal of enhancing the knowledge and understanding of Taiwan's multicultural character.

Eligibility is for students from 15-25 years old.

Dates: 01/08—21/08.

Activities:

- Special topics: National situation and culture: national situation, economy, education, life in Taiwan and culture.
- Tours of government, economic, and cultural institutions: Visits to the Office of the President, museums, cultural parks and creative industry parks
- Visits to Taiwan's major landmarks, historical monuments, and ecological parks, etc.
- Visit to university campus and interaction with students
- Participation in earth environmental protection and charitable activities

There are 3 available spaces for students from the UK.

If you are interested please contact events@huahsia-chinese.org.uk

Easter & Summer Camps

We have already received a fair amount of interest for both camps. Full details will be sent out at the beginning of the Spring Term.

Office

Over the Christmas break the office will be running on reduced staff numbers. We would appreciate your patience over this period as it may take longer than usual to reply to emails. The office will be closed from the 12th of December to the 4th of January.

Keep warm, and have a wonderful Christmas break and New Year!

Katja Ting

Hampstead		Southgate
Saturday	Sunday	Saturday

Spring Term 2019 (10 weeks)

January	12, 19, 26	13, 20, 27	12, 19, 26
February	2, 23	3, 24	2, 23
<i>Half Term (Feb)</i>	<i>9, 16</i>	<i>10, 17</i>	<i>9, 16</i>
March	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Homework Forums

As a note to our new parents and students, most of our classes receive homework, which will be uploaded to our online forum weekly. If anyone has trouble finding the forums or encounters issues downloading attachments from the forum please contact secretary@huahsia-chinese.org.uk

School App

Download now for updates and notifications on School closures, camps, events and more: <http://appmc2.net/apphome?appid=24216245-671a-4ab4-ad72-96f9b7475e76>

Sign In/Sign Out

All of our classes are drop off classes, however for parents who wish to stay on campus we request that you sign in and out at reception. This will enable us to keep an accurate idea of the number of people in the School.

Student School Bag

We ask that students bring their work, text and exercise books to every lesson, along with a simple pencil case (pencil, pens, eraser and colouring pencils). Children are also welcome to bring a small nut free snack/packed lunch, and water bottle, for the short recess.

