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## Dear Parents and Students

What a busy week for everyone ... parents too, with the **Secondary Open House** on Tuesday, and the **Elementary Open House and Parent Faculty Organization (PFO) Welcome Morning Tea and Meeting** yesterday. As always it was terrific to meet and chat with our ever-supportive parent community, and also to be able to give a special welcome to parents new to our school family.

I do hope that you found the open house events informative and that you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with some of our teachers and to learn more about your children's school experience. If you have any concerns, or additional questions that you would like to ask, or comments about the format of the events, please do not hesitate to contact the elementary and secondary offices to arrange a time to come in and talk.

**The PFO has many aims but first and foremost it is a forum for community fellowship and sharing**, and I therefore encourage all members of our community to attend the many activities, events and meetings coordinated by the PFO Committee, this year once again under the enthusiastic leadership of Kitty Shen and Anna Centerman. Please also note that this year we have introduced AI translation services for these events to ensure that all parents are able to understand the content of presentations!

As we settle into the new school year, I like to solicit feedback from new parents about their initial experience as new arrivals in our school, all with a view to taking steps to improve our service. **All new parents will receive a separate link on Monday to a very brief 10 question 'New Parent Survey' that should only take a minute or two to complete.** The surveys are in English, Chinese and Korean (sorry that we can't cater to all languages), and I do ask new parents to please try to find the minute or two necessary to complete the survey. All new parents should also expect our admissions offices to contact them individually in the next week or two as part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that we better understand your children's school experience and so that we can better tailor programmes and communications to meet their needs.

**A gentle reminder to all parents (and drivers and ayis and family members authorized to hold an IST ID) that it is mandatory for all adults to wear an ID while on the IST campus.** Quite often IDs are shown at the guard houses upon entry and registration, but are then

### Upcoming World Celebration Dates...

#### **Saturday - August 31, 2024 Malaysia's Independence Day**

Commemorates the independence of the Federation of Malaya from British colonial rule in 1957.

#### **Thursday - September 5, 2024 IST's Birthday**

Celebrated annually to commemorate the founding of our school, the International School of Tianjin (formerly TEDA International School, Tianjin) when it opened the doors of a converted downtown Tianjin villa to some 20 children in Grades 1 to 4 on 5 September 1994.

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left in pockets, bags or cars, meaning that we have adults on school who we cannot immediately confirm to be legitimate visitors to the campus. At IST we want to promote a community-oriented environment, which is why we seek to provide open door access to our community. However, in order to avoid the possibility of unauthorized adults moving around our school and to ensure student safety, it is necessary to enforce this simple expectation: **ADULTS MUST WEAR AN IST ID AT ALL TIMES.** Thank you for your support!

A second gentle reminder that **students are required to wear safety helmets** if riding bicycles or other wheeled forms of transportation, and that they should not be riding bicycles on the campus grounds, including the fields and running track. I have seen first-hand the damage caused by head injuries, including the death of one of our school aiyis, and it is imperative that we ensure your children remain safe. Please also remember that while we allow students to stay on campus to play after school and in the weekends, **they must always be accompanied and supervised by their parent/s.** Please support us in keeping your children safe!

**Please note that school-wide co-curricular activities (CCAs) commence this coming Monday.** Please be sure to take note of the days on which your children attend these activities so that they are appropriately prepared and so that any necessary adjustments to personal transportation arrangements can be made. School CCA buses will arrive home approximately one hour later than on normal school days.

For those of you with children too young for school, or with friends with very little ones, please be advised that the **IST Baby Dragons Play Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9AM until 11AM** in the KG1 classroom (previously in the PFO room). Participation is free and all are welcome (including other expatriates with infants who do not currently have children in our school). **The first gathering will be this coming Tuesday, 3 September.**

In case you are not aware, **next Thursday, 5 September, is the 30th anniversary of the founding of our school** in a converted villa at 5 Mu Nan Dao in Heping District. We will formally celebrate this important anniversary in an assembly at school on Friday 20 September, and then at the PFO Picnic on Saturday 21 September. In the meantime, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IST!**

Have a wonderful weekend everyone – enjoy the lovely late summer/early autumn weather, and thank you for being such a terrific community!

Warm regards

Steve Moody (-:  
Director





## IST Library & Information Literacy Center

### Our Mission

The IST Library is a friendly place where our community is inspired and challenged to think critically, read widely, act ethically, value creativity, and defend the right to access information.

### Birthday Book Club

Happy Birthday, Chloe!

Thank you to Chloe, grade 4, for her birthday book donation to the library. Chloe's birthday book is *Spiders of the World: A Natural History* by Norman I. Platnick. Chloe loves reading nonfiction, especially about spiders! We thought this book, packed with information and beautiful color photographs, would be perfect for Chloe. We hope you enjoy it, Chloe!

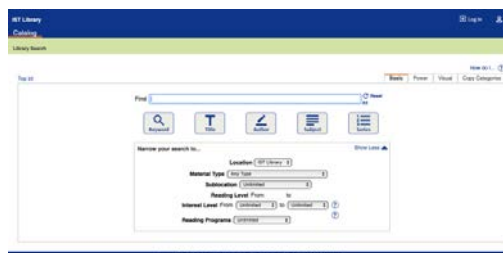
If you would like to celebrate a special birthday with the IST Library Birthday Book Club, please contact the library staff at [Linnea\\_Simon@istianjin.org.cn](mailto:Linnea_Simon@istianjin.org.cn) or [lisa\\_fang@istianjin.org.cn](mailto:lisa_fang@istianjin.org.cn) (Chinese) for more information on how to join.



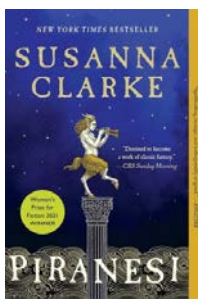
### Library Catalog at Home

Did you know that you can access the IST library's catalog at home? Go to: <https://library.istianjin.org.cn> to browse the library's collection of books.

Through the online catalog you can browse our library collection and see what books we have available.



### Parent Book Club



Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke. We will meet in the library to discuss the book on **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, in the IST library. The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese, and Korean. A digital copy in English or Chinese is also available upon request.

All interested parents are welcome to join us for a book discussion, coffee, and treats, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book.

Library hours: Monday to Thursday 7:30 to 4:30 | Friday 7:30 to 3:30



## ES Football Tournament Update

Last Saturday, we participated in the football tournament, which was a great success! The organization was impressive, featuring ample water, shaded tents, and official referees.

This tournament came together quickly, as we were approached late and unfortunately couldn't include more students this time.

The tournament included two well-organized local schools, along with Wellington and our team. While we played well, the local schools outperformed us. This resulted in a match for third place against Wellington. It was a competitive game, and as shown in the picture, we emerged victorious, securing third place!

Looking ahead, the organizers plan to host the tournament again next year, which will provide us with a better opportunity to include more students.

Kind greetings,

Ben Silvis  
Athletics and Activities Director





## Community Trip to Mongolia!

Discover the Wonders of Mongolia: Unveil its Rich Heritage, Culture, and Wildlife with Us!

This trip is designed for families and students from Grade 7 and above, who have the option to travel independently. It provides a chance to learn and collaborate, gaining a deeper understanding of our world and engaging with diverse individuals. This aligns with the IB curriculum and extends learning beyond the classroom.

Organized by Mongolia Quest, an experienced trip organizer catering to students and families from all around the world. All Quest staff are fluent in English.

While this is an out-of-school-hours trip and not organized by IST, two IST staff members (Mrs. Guo Ying and Mrs. Bekkenk) will accompany the group to ensure the experience of learning and well-being of both students and families.

Interested? Read more about the trip on the next page. Sign up with final payment deadline: 20 September.

Please get in touch with Mrs. Guo Ying or Mrs. Bekkenk through the following emails if interested.

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Trip date: September 28-October 5, 2024

## MONGOLIA EXPLORER

An unforgettable 7-day adventure designed for students to explore Mongolia's rich history, culture, and wildlife. Experience nature hikes, visit historical landmarks, engage with local communities, and make a difference through volunteer activities!



📍 UB(Ulaanbaatar city) - Hustai National Park- Gorkhi-Terelj National Park - Ulaanbaatar city

💰 Starts from \$1,045(per student), \$1,465(per parents)

✅ All meals (B, L, D), accommodation,



## MONBOLI A MX PLORER

### Daily Itinerary overview

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar and city tour.(Hotel Bayangol or similar; D)

Day 2: Visit Hustai National Park to see wild horses.

(Approx. 2.5 hrs driving, including stops;Moilt Eco-Lodge; B, L, D)

Day 3: Hiking in Hustai and travel to Gorkhi Terelj National Park.

(Ger camp; B, L, D)

Day 4: Explore Gorkhi Terelj National Park, visit Ariyabal Temple.

(Hotel Bayangol or similar; B, L, D)

Day 5: Visit ger districts and local schools for community engagement.

(Hotel Bayangol or similar; B, L, D)

Day 6: Volunteer at a local orphanage and enjoy a farewell dinner.

(Hotel Bayangol or similar; B, L, D)

Day 7: Departure from Ulaanbaatar.(B)

### Why Join This Trip?

Hands-on  
cultural  
experiences.

Educational and  
immersive  
activities

Safe itinerary  
tailored  
for students.



## MONGOLIA EXPLORER



### Students' land price:

**\$1,045**

(Based on 10-13 participants)

**\$945**

(Based on 14-16 participants)

Based on a twin occupancy;

### Parents' land price:

**\$1,465**

(Based on 10-13 participants)

**\$1,340**

(Based on 14-16 participants)

Based on a twin occupancy;

### Optional single supplement

**\$180** (Based on single occupancy)

### Land prices Include:

- Land transportation as indicated in the itinerary based on using a mid-size bus and luggage van;
- Accommodations based on a standard twin occupancy in UB hotel and ger camp;
- All meals indicated as B; L or D;
- All entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary;
- Mongolia Quest English Speaking guide throughout your stay;
- One faculty member free of charge for land costs;

### Net land prices do not include:

- International and domestic airfare; FOC's international airfare; personal laundry and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary; travel insurance; medical evacuation costs; excess baggage charges; visa fees; gratuities; photography and video fees and any other item not mentioned as included.
- Bottled waters per person per day.

*Estimating Flights cost will be RMB4500/head round trip.*

### How To Book This Trip?

- Fill out the Trip Application Form and email it to [info@MongoliaQuest.com](mailto:info@MongoliaQuest.com).
- You can download the form from our website: [www.mongoliaquest.com](http://www.mongoliaquest.com)
- A \$400 deposit per person is required, refundable until 90 days before the trip (minus \$250 fee).
- Final payment is due 90 days prior.
- Cancellation fees vary based on the timing.
- Payments can be made via wire transfer. Instructions will be provided.
- Tier pricing applies based on group size, with potential refunds if more participants join last minute.

### Contact us

✉ [Info@MongoliaQuest.com](mailto:Info@MongoliaQuest.com)  
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🌐 [www.MongoliaQuest.com](http://www.MongoliaQuest.com)





## IST Baby dragons Playgroup

Every Tuesday 9-11 am in the Nursery Classroom

starting from **3rd September**



Come along and meet other parents, enjoy free play and music time with snacks and outside play!

Friends and their children from outside IST are invited too - must be a foreign passport holder.





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## Zumba Class

— dance with Allie Su —



**Class start 5th September  
at 10AM  
Every Thursday**

**¥60/per person** \_\_\_\_\_

location: Theater or black box





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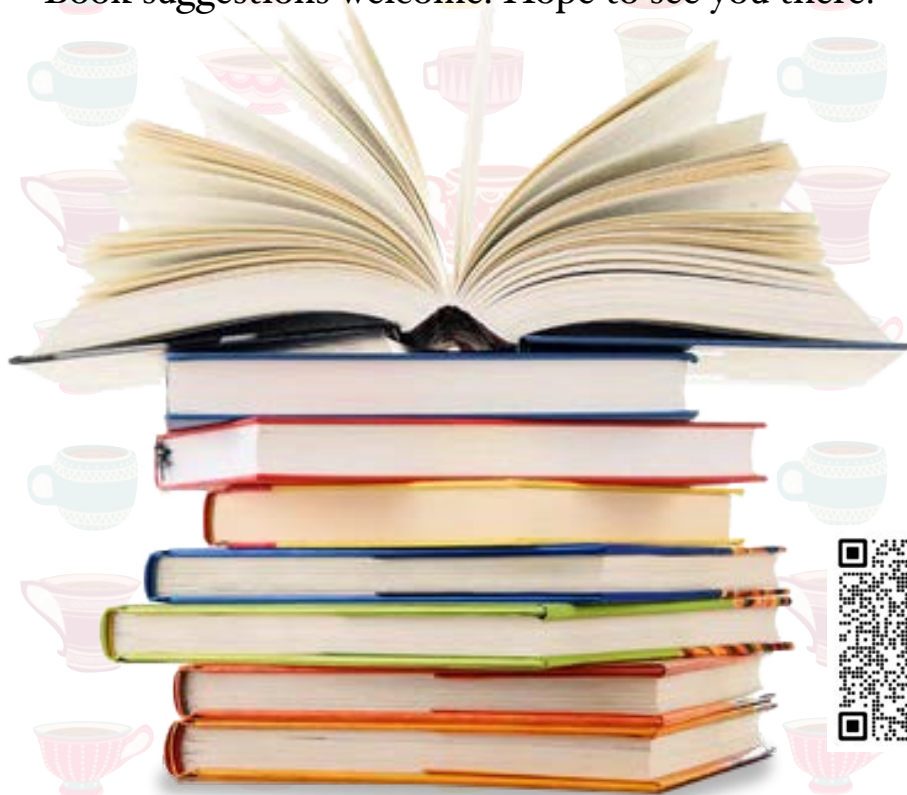
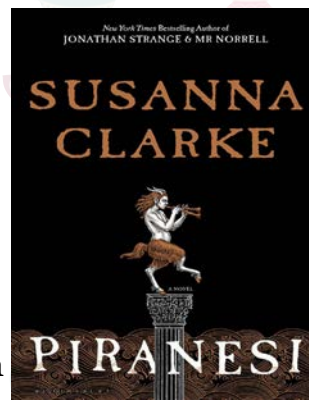
Come along to our monthly meet ups to discuss books and enjoy coffee & cakes!

This month's book is *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke. The library has copies in English, Chinese and Korean.

Our next meeting is September 19th at 8.30am in the Library.

Even if you haven't read the book come along.

Book suggestions welcome. Hope to see you there!





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*IST parents activities*



Class	Day	Time	Place
Yoga	Monday Wednesday	8:15-9:15	Theater or Black box
English Corner	Monday	9:30-11:30	Elementary meeting room
Korean Class	Monday	1:00-3:00	Elementary meeting room
Chinese Painting	Tuesday	9:30-12:00	Elementary meeting room
Zumba	Thursday	10:00-10:45	Theater or Black box
Chinese Class	Friday	8:30-10:00	Elementary meeting room
Baby Dragon Playgoup	Tuesday	9:00-11:00	Nursery Classroom






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## *Welcome Lunch*

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**THE MESH AT SHERATON**

**SEPTEMBER 12TH**

**11:00 - 14:00**



**200RMB PER PERSON**



## MENU NURSERY-G2

	Monday 2024-09-02	Tuesday 2024-09-03	Wednesday 2024-09-04	Thursday 2024-09-05	Friday 2024-09-06
Snack	<b>Yoghurt</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>	<b>Carrot Cake</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>	<b>Mini Pizza</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>	<b>Vegetable Pie</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>	<b>Cheese Sandwich</b> <b>Fruit Cut</b>
Set Meal	<b>Macaroni and cheese</b> 芝士通心面  <b>Sweet Corn and Broccoli</b> 玉米粒西兰花  <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条  <b>Allergy: flour, cheese</b>	<b>Sauteed Chicken with Broccoli</b> 西兰花炒鸡肉  <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条  <b>Rice</b> 米饭  <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>	<b>Kimbab</b> 韩式饭卷  <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条  <b>Allergy: egg, soya sauce</b>	<b>Hot Dog</b> 热狗  <b>Sweet Corn and Vegetables</b> 玉米粒炒蔬菜  <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条  <b>Allergy: flour, pork, soya sauce, green garlic</b>	<b>Spaghetti with Bacon</b> 意式培根面  <b>Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn</b> 西葫芦玉米  <b>Vegetable Sticks</b> 蔬菜条  <b>Allergy: wheat, cream, cheese</b>
Fruit	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Fruit of the Day</b>
<b>Nutritional reading over the week</b> 每周营养分析		<b>Energy 热量 (Kcal)</b>  730	<b>Protein 蛋白质 (g)</b>  27	<b>Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g)</b>  105	<b>Fat 脂肪 (g)</b>  26
<b>Nutritional recommendation</b> 营养建议		725	25	100	25

Morning snack offer available at 6 rmb

## MENU G3-G12

	Monday 2024-09-02	Tuesday 2024-09-03	Wednesday 2024-09-04	Thursday 2024-09-05	Friday 2024-09-06
Salad/Fruit	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>	<b>Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar</b> <b>Fruit of the Day</b>
Western Food	<b>Italian Baked Rice with Vegetables and Cheese</b> 意大利蔬菜芝士焗饭  <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒蔬菜  <b>Allergy: cheese, milk</b>	<b>Fried Pork Chop with Black Pepper Sauce</b> 黑椒猪排  <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒蔬菜  <b>Roasted Potatoes</b> 烤土豆  <b>Allergy: breadcrumb</b>	<b>Meat Loaf</b> 牛肉面包  <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒时蔬  <b>Mashed Potatoes</b> 土豆泥  <b>Allergy: beef, herb, soya sauce</b>	<b>Hot Dog</b> 热狗  <b>French Fries</b> 薯条  <b>Allergy: wheat, onion</b>	<b>Deep Fried Fish Fillet</b> 炸鱼排  <b>Stir fry Vegetable</b> 炒时蔬  <b>Roasted Potatoes</b> 土豆角  <b>Allergy: fish, milk, breadcrumb</b>
Asian Food	<b>Stir Fried Tomato with Egg</b> 番茄菜花鸡蛋  <b>Stir Fried Potatoes</b> 干锅土豆片  <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭  <b>Allergy: egg, soya sauce</b>	<b>Chicken Leg Stewed</b> 红烧鸡腿  <b>Steamed Chinese Cabbage</b> 蒜蓉娃娃菜  <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭  <b>Allergy: chili, soya, garlic</b>	<b>Yuxiang Chicken</b> 鱼香鸡丝  <b>Stir fry Vegetables</b> 炒时蔬  <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭  <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>	<b>Bibimbap</b> 韩式拌饭  <b>Fried Egg</b> 煎鸡蛋  <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭  <b>Allergy: soya sauce</b>	<b>Chicken Stewed with Potatoes</b> 黄焖鸡  <b>Stir fry Vegetables</b> 炒时蔬  <b>Steamed Rice</b> 米饭  <b>Allergy: Soya sauce, green garlic, ginger</b>
Noodle Dishes	<b>Fried Noodle with Vegetables</b> 蔬菜炒牛河  <b>Fried Eggs</b> 煎鸡蛋  <b>Allergy: egg, soya sauce</b>	<b>Penne with Shrimps in Cream Sauce</b> 鲜虾芝士斜切面  <b>Stir Fried Vegetables</b> 什锦蔬菜  <b>Allergy: shrimp, cheese</b>	<b>Pork Rolls</b> 肉龙  <b>Stir fry Potatoes</b> 炆土豆丝  <b>Allergy: soy sauce, oyster sauce</b>	<b>Noodle with dumplings in Chicken Soup</b> 广式云吞面  <b>boiled Vegetable</b> 煮蔬菜  <b>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</b>	<b>Spaghetti with Bacon</b> 意式培根炒意面  <b>Stir Fried Vegetables</b> 什锦蔬菜  <b>Allergy: milk, wheat</b>
Vegetarian		<b>Penne in Cream Sauce</b> 奶油芝士斜切面	<b>Vegetables Rolls</b> 蔬菜卷	<b>Mixed Rice with Vegetables</b> 杂炒地饭	<b>Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce</b> 番茄意面
Soup	<b>Laver and Egg Soup</b> 紫菜鸡蛋汤	<b>Pumpkin Soup</b> 南瓜汤	<b>Red Bean Soup</b> 红豆薏米汤	<b>Tomato and Egg Soup</b> 西红柿鸡蛋汤	<b>Vegetable and Egg Soup</b> 蔬菜鸡蛋汤
Dessert	<b>Banana Bread</b> 香蕉包	<b>Cookies</b> 饼干	<b>Carrot Cake</b> 胡萝卜蛋糕	<b>Apple Pie</b> 苹果派	<b>Fruit Tart</b> 水果塔



## DIARY DATES

Thursday - September 5, 2024  
IST Birthday

Monday~Friday - September 9~13, 2024  
Week Without Walls (G6-12)

Saturday - September 14, 2024  
Staff PD

Monday - September 16, 2024  
Long Weekend

Tuesday - September 17, 2024  
Mid-Autumn Festival

Friday - September 20, 2024  
Celebration of 30th Anniversary Day

Saturday - September 21, 2024  
PFO Picnic

Monday~Tuesday - September 23~24, 2024  
Author Visit

## SPORTS DATES

Monday, 2 September –  
HS Volleyball v TIS-Boys & Girls @ IST

Thursday, 5 September –  
MS Football v TIS-Boys & Girls @ TIS

Saturday, 7 September –  
ISCOT Golf hosted by IST@TBD

Friday, 20 September –  
ES Table Tennis (G3-5) (12:00-15:30)@TIS

Saturday, 21 September –  
ISAC MS Football Exchange  
Boys @ BIBA; Girls @ BWYA

Monday, 23 September –  
HS Volleyball v TEDA-Boys & Girls @ TEDA

Thursday, 26 September  
MS Football v TEDA-Boys & Girls @ IST

Monday, 7 October  
HS Volleyball v WEL-Boys & Girls @ IST

## WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

### Season 1 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 2 Sep and ends Friday, 15 Nov
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Please do not hesitate to contact our department with any questions.

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- ☺ Mr. Silvis – Activities Director (ben\_silvis@istianjin.org.cn)
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