

Winter Term, 2021- part 1

Enrichment Opportunities



Great learning has been happening outside lessons this half term!

Let's hear some of the most exciting initiatives from our Upper School students.

The Young Leaders Global Summit at InvestIN



By Manasa Krishna

I very much enjoyed attending the Global Young Leaders Summit held by InvestIN. It was a great opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and gain knowledge in the different aspects of being a good leader. I had become comfortable speaking to the same audience, our school/parents, that it was difficult to speak to a bigger and different audience but throughout the week my public speaking improved. Working with different people around the world to come up with ideas for world problems was one of the things I enjoyed about the Summit.



By Zac Goodwin

On the 19th of December to the 23 of December 2020, I and Manasa took part in an InvestIn workshop - The Global Leaders Youth Summit. InvestIn, specialises in young people's futures, helping them to become future leaders and to help them with their careers.

In the programme I attended, there were over 100 kids from around the world who took part, with workshops by top industry professionals teaching young people negotiation, public speaking, innovation, team building, strategy and critical thinking.

Additionally we were given talks from influential leaders such as Major Tim Peakes, who is a British Army Air Corps officer, European Space Agency Astronaut and a former International Space Station crew member.

I feel very fortunate to have been given this opportunity as a student at Dwight, as it was so exciting to meet a real Astronaut! I even had the opportunity to talk with him one on one! He really was a great guy!

It was so awesome how I was able to ask Tim Peake's questions one on one, for example, I asked how long would it be before we would be able to go to Mars, and quite unbelievably, he said that we would be able to travel there in a few years.

Furthermore, I feel that I have benefited an immense amount from the Investin workshop and gained a deeper understanding on how to be a productive part of a team, how to interact with your audience, and how to cultivate a persuasive way of speaking to people.

Additionally, what I thought was smart of InvestIn, was creating a mini competition between the people who participated in the workshop, as it showed everyone's talents.

We were given a competition to market a vegan food, and how that should be advertised, using the most cost-efficient way possible.

After about 3 hours online with the kids in my team of 4, we came up with vegan burgers and decided to advertise them using Instagram, as it is one of the most used social media apps in the world. We then presented this idea to the InvestIn directors, and to the other kids.

I am pleased to say that we were chosen for the best idea and they thought that it was a remarkable choice that we went with vegan burgers, as they are usually quite difficult to advertise. Moreover, winning the competition meant that we had won the best idea out of all the participants at the Youth Leader Summit and, what I thought was quite cool, is that as a prize - each person got a £10 amazon gift card. (handy!)

I must say that many things surprised me, such as I didn't know that so many kids had quite such similar views to me and that many had ideas that I thought were amazing and I probably would never have thought of.

I would like to thank both Dwight School and InvestIn for giving me one of the most amazing opportunities of my life. Going to Space is one of my dreams and the talk with Major Peakes has inspired me to be the best I can be, in order to get there! I really enjoyed the week and would love to come back again soon!



HSK, Chinese Mandarin Certification



By Hui Lim Chong

Ever since my family relocated to Shanghai in December 2008, my love for learning Mandarin ignited. The HSK exam consists of 6 grades which test the Mandarin proficiency levels of non-native speakers, and I challenged myself by participating in this extracurricular activity to learn the language at a deeper level, to measure my Mandarin proficiency and to enrich my learning experience.

Due to the pandemic, my HSK 6 exam was delayed from May to October of 2020. During these months, I allocated a few hours' time out of every week to study for the exam through making use of free online resources as well as additional textbooks and past papers I purchased. I am extremely grateful to have had Ms Lee's voluntary guidance during the summer break. This kept me busy and on track on my studies during the holiday and pandemic.

The HSK qualification is certified by the Chinese government, and would definitely benefit your future in so many aspects. Mandarin is one of the most widely spoken languages and can potentially become the next global language of the world! Holding an HSK certification will certainly make you stand out from the crowd since being able to communicate in mandarin is a highly demanded skill. The HSK qualification is very valuable because you can acquire a competitive advantage in the job market. This qualification is required for foreigners to gain scholarships and admissions into Chinese universities and can open doors to further education and career opportunities. Learning mandarin and challenging yourself with the HSK exam enables you to indulge in the Chinese culture and at the same time, have fun!

Congratulations to Hui Lim Chong (M4), Hui Shing Chong (D2) and Hui Wen Chong (D20) for achieving top marks in this examination.

Computer Science Masterclasses



By Noah Lam-Po-Tang

I had the joy of attending some online lectures on computer games design and related topics, hosted by Staffordshire University.

I attended two of the lectures one on Press Kits and Press Releases and another on Web Application interface Design Usability Testing. I especially enjoyed the talk on Games PR, we learned about how to create press releases and press kits and the difference between the two. The second lecture I attended was on usability design, we looked at the evolution of web design and different techniques for usability testing. Both lectures were extremely interesting and engaging.

The Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclasses at the University of Kent



By Stella Win

Last Saturday, I attended my first Maths masterclass hosted by the University of Kent and let's just say I can't wait for next week's session. I love maths, and regardless of the stress gained during the process of working out a question, you have the reassurance of knowing there's always a solution, and the feeling of reaching that solution, gives a greater peace and sense of accomplishment than any minute challenges on the way. Initially, the class began with an introduction between the hosts and a video relating to the topic we were going to study; clinical trial. I had some knowledge prior to the lesson on clinical trials as I study psychology but the new knowledge learned was a plethora abundance. It consisted of John Snow's cholera map, and equations on clinical trial results, how data is interpreted. We were split into breakout

rooms, worked in groups of 35 students, out of the 126 participants in total, this allowed for better concentration. All in all, it was a fantastic experience!



All the best luck to our contenders, Iman and Manasa!

If you want to see their entry videos, click below.

[Manasa](#) [Iman](#)

