



Canadian International School of Hong Kong

香港加拿大國際學校



Dear 6D Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at CDNIS! I hope you had a wonderful summer. My name is Chris Brodie and I am excited to be your child's homeroom teacher this year, my second year at CDNIS. Previously, I have taught in Angola and Korea and am originally from Vancouver Island, BC, Canada. To learn more about me and our 6D co-teacher, Monica Costa, please take a look at the teacher profile section on the 6D blog which you have subscribed to during the open house. We have a very exciting year ahead! Below is some information pertaining to 6D. Hopefully many questions that arise at the beginning of the school year will be answered in the following sections.



Setting the Scene

The first few weeks of school are a very important time of the year to set the scene for learning in Grade 6. A critical component of this is to establish the class and grade level community culture. In order to do this, the Grade 6 team and I will lead the students through a variety of learning engagements which will:

- Establish essential agreements and a supportive learning environment
- Engage students with the PYP and Exhibition learning language
- Begin the process of identifying passions and interests that may shape their Exhibition
- Engage in reflection on specific self-management skills
- Identify competencies in areas such as Math, Language, and ATL skills
- Invite learners to co-create learning spaces and systems
- Invite learners to identify and communicate learning needs and goals

Any home learning in these first couple weeks will be specifically related to our units of inquiry or developing class culture.

Class Blog

The 6D class blog is up and running but is limited thus far. The blog will have updates of important events and will be a format for sharing student learning.

Email

The easiest way to get in touch with me is via email. I usually check my school email in the morning before school and at the end of the day. I will try to reply to your email as soon as I am able to. My email address is: chrisbrodie@cdnis.edu.hk

If you have more urgent matters during the school day, please contact one of our lovely receptionists at: Tel. 2525 7088.

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First Day

On the first day of school, students should take their bags onto the 6/F pitch rather than dropping them on the 6/F Bridge. In case of rain, students will go directly to their homerooms as they arrive.

Pencil Case

Please bring a pencil case with stationery items of your choice. While resources will be available in class, it is important to prepare and manage your own as well.

PE Kits

All our PE classes are before recess. Please come to school wearing your PE uniform and bring your school uniform to change into after lunch.

Water Bottles

To ensure students stay hydrated during the warmer months, and to avoid trips to the water fountain, I am requesting that every student brings a water bottle to school. Please label them, and we will keep them in a central spot in the classroom.

Timetable

A timetable has been included with this letter with only the specialist subjects marked. While scheduled time for subject areas is flexible and can change depending on students' needs, it will be balanced across all subject areas.

****Curriculum Night**

Stay tuned for key information about PYP exhibition on this night.

Upcoming Important Dates

6D Photos - Thursday, August 22nd

6D Assembly - Friday, September 6th

****Curriculum Night** – Thursday Sept 12th

Mid-term Break – Oct 7th – 11th

Grade 6 Camp – Nov 18th – 21st

I hope I have managed to answer a few of your questions about 6D. Looking forward to a great year!!!

Mr. Chris Brodie 6D

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