

G6 & G7 Yangshuo Trip

Last week, Grade 6 and 7 went to Yangshuo for our annual Educational Visit. This six day trip featured a mixture of leisure activities and service activities - which helped the local community.

We had the opportunity to take part in many fun and exciting activities such as: rock climbing, biking, caving and archery. The trip included service work building a wall for a school's basketball court using blocks and cement that we mixed ourselves. Many of these activities were challenging but made us closer as a group. Before the trip, the Grade 6s and Grade 7s, didn't know much about one another, but throughout the trip we bonded really well.

My favorite part of the trip was archery because I had never done it before, It was really interesting and I learned a lot from it. Throughout the trip I, along with many others, demonstrated many different IB learner profiles such as being a risk-taker and practicing reflection. I demonstrated risk-taking when I was rock climbing since it was only the second time rock climbing outdoors and it was quite terrifying - but fun!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and staff that put in countless hours into planning our trip.

I would like to thank Ms. Yuan, Ms. Fosseprez, Mr. Cunningham and our trip organiser, Mr. Greenbaum. And I would also like to thank Ilan, for hosting us and feeding us along the course of the trip!

I speak for all Grade 6s and Grade 7s when I say that we will remember this trip forever!

Mila Hagege - G7



Summer Discovery Program

Last Friday afternoon, Grades 11 and 12 were privileged to have Robert Friedman, a director from Summer Discovery, come speak with us about summer programs and the importance of having a productive summer. Summer Discovery is a program that offers a variety of pre-college enrichment and internship courses.

Mr. Friedman spoke to us about the diversity of subjects and interests covered by the summer discovery programs - courses ranging from screenwriting to political science. He also discussed how these summer courses can be used as an opportunity to experience university life at a school you are potentially interested in, or used to explore a new interest.

After his presentation, I had the opportunity to discuss my summer plans with him. Unsure of how to effectively spend my summer, I approached him with a lot of doubt. However, he gave me very valuable advice regarding ways to take full advantage of my summer time outside of the program.

The key takeaway from the presentation was not necessarily to join a discovery summer program, but to highlight the importance of using your precious summertime wisely, whether joining a course, interning, or visiting a college campus. Particularly stressing that meaningful experience adds value to the college application process and makes you a stronger college applicant.

Rachel Effron - G11



Interview of the Week: Yangshuo Trip

This week, our Daf correspondents caught up with Afik Himmelman and Iska Guitelman upon their return from the Yangshuo Educational Visit...

Interviewer: What were some of the highlights of your trip?

Afik: My main highlight was being with my friends. I also really enjoyed biking and caving as I love doing sporty outdoor activities.

Iska: For me, the trampoline was the best part of the trip, which was located next to the hotel. We could go on 5 at a time and it was great fun! Also it was a great way to spend time with my friends.

Interviewer: What are some other activities you did?

Iska: We rock climbed which I also really liked. I wasn't scared of the heights or anything, in fact it was quite easy for me!

Afik: We also did some archery which was a very interesting new skill to learn. As well as doing all sorts of adventure activities, we volunteered at a local school in Yangshuo to help build a wall.

Interviewer: Tell us a bit more about the service component.

Afik: Aside from building the wall, we were also able to talk to and teach the kids some English. It was great to make some new friends and make a difference in their community!

Interviewer: What are some of challenges you faced?

Iska: The mud pool in the cave was quite challenging for me. I wasn't sure if I wanted to go in as it was quite muddy and dark. Hiking was also quite challenging; it was hard work but the beautiful views were worth it!

Afik: The Service as Action component was quite difficult for all of us. The bricks were heavy and we had to spend the whole day outside; it was hard to manage it all while still being helpful.

Interviewer: Did you make any new friends?

Iska: I made new friends with the Grade 7s.

Afik: I got to know my own friends even better.

Interviewer: Did you learn anything new?

Iska: I learnt that I do not like going into the caves as it was very dark. I think I'm going to stay away from small, dark places from now on.

Afik: For me, one of the main things I learnt was to try hard to go out of your comfort zone. I think it is really important to try everything once.

Interviewer: Was this your first time being away from home?

Iska: No it was not. I'm used to it but I still did miss home a bit.

Afik: It was my second time being away from home. However, it was my first time with Elsa. I really enjoyed it!



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Agnes Yeung: Wharf Competition



Congratulations to Agnes Yeung (G12) for placing First Runner-up in the very prestigious Wharf Secondary School Art Competition 2017-18. Check out her award-winning piece above!

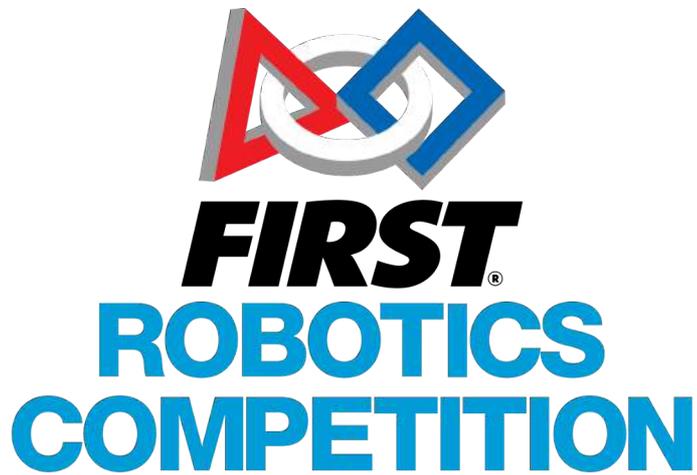
FIRST Robotics Update

The Elsa High School FIRST Robotics team have safely arrived in Shanghai and they begin their first day of competition on Friday 16th!

We look forward to receiving updates over the weekend and sharing them next week.

Click [here](#) to watch the live stream (active until Sunday).

Go Team Elsa!



Birthdays & Celebrations

Happy birthday to...

Adam Kanevsky - 19/03

Mordechai Oser - 19/03



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