

Pate's Grammar School & Xiehe Education Group, Collaboration

The Spring Term of 2022 saw the launch of an exciting new partnership between Pate's and the Xiehe Education Group in China, and specifically their Shanghai United International Schools (SUIS) in Qingpu and Wuxi. Teachers have already begun to work together via a new Microsoft Teams platform, that has been built solely for the purpose of our collaboration, where we are sharing good practice and exchanging teaching and learning resources.

Students at SUIS Qingpu are studying International GCSE and International A Level courses, following specifications examined by Cambridge International Education, and sit all of their examinations in English. Our collaboration bridges the five subject areas of economics, maths, physics, chemistry and biology. We have several CPD sessions planned, where subject teachers from our two schools will work together, sharing ideas and resources.

Many students from SUIS schools apply to universities in the UK. The sixth form team at Pate's will be providing some insight on the process for the SUIS teachers as well as some online sessions for the sixth form students in China, including 1:1 sessions to help students prepare for university interviews.

At Pate's, students on the Mandarin Excellence Programme will benefit from meeting with their peers in Shanghai. In the first instance, and with the current travel restrictions, this part of our collaboration will be online. But in the longer term we plan a series of study visits for staff and students, which will provide a great opportunity for our own language students as well as bringing the broader benefits of cultural and academic exchange.

We very much look forward to welcoming staff and students from the Xiehe Education Group to Pate's in the coming months and years—on our screens and in our classrooms.

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