



# INTERACT 2017-18

# CHARITY

**DULWICH COLLEGE | BEIJING |**  
北京德威英国国际学校





# SERVICE IN DULWICH

## – INTERACT

### INTERACT IS...

a student-led charity organization and is a branch of Rotaract. DCB first founded Interact in 2006 and it has quickly grown to become one of the most popular groups in school.



### EVENTS

- Moonlight Madness
- Olympics-themed Free Dress
- Sports Day
- Halloween Basket Sale
- Teachers Production
- Pink Day Pins Sale
- Movember Mustache Sale
- Candy Cane & Cookies Sale
- Christmas Bazaar
- CNY-themed Free Dress
- Valentine's Roses Sale
- Family Badminton Day
- ISCMS
- Crayon-themed Free Dress
- AGD Debate
- 48 Hour Fundraiser
- Founder's Day

### OUR AIM IS...

to raise awareness for a range of charitable causes in both our local and global communities, while also supporting a variety of local schools through fundraising. These include Men and Women's Health, Tabitha House Building Project, Breast Cancer Awareness, Disaster Relief, Migrant Children's Foundation and Bethel & Hope. Besides fundraising, we are also keen to involve as many of our students in community service projects as possible. Examples of this are our visits to the Migrant Children's Foundation, Bethel & Hope (a school for visually impaired children) and our annual Tabitha House Building Project.



## EARLY YEARS

For the Early Years and KS1 students, Interact looks to work closely with our Service prefect to educate the children of the importance of service, for this will not only prepare them for future responsibilities, but will also raise a stronger sense of community within them.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

For the Junior School students, we work towards providing links with schools in our local community for the students to gain practical experience. Through activities, such as sports and arts & craft, we wish for it to be an opportunity of leadership and character development.

## FRIENDS OF DULWICH

Friends of Dulwich is an essential part of our community- we join together to discuss collaborate fundraising projects as well as potential charities to support. Beyond our independently planned events, their continuous support of our vision and projects (eg. Make a Difference Day, annual Enrichment fund). In the upcoming year, we hope for them to continue to encourage the children of our community to take upon a more active role in service activities.

## SENIOR SCHOOL

We look to develop senior school students to become keen, proactive students outside their academic lives. KS4/5 students serve as role models for the rest of the student body. They are heavily involved in the majority of the events and sales we hold in school and benefit greatly from them. Their endless enthusiasm and leadership year after year is truly extraordinary and inspiring for the younger children.

MR FLANAGAN

MR JOHN ASTBURY

MS KLAUDIA TOMASZUN

[FRIENDS]

DCB COMMUNITY

MS HOLLY LEES  
MS HANNAH WRIGHT

INTERACT

SECRETARY

The Secretary, also the Vice President, is in charge of taking minutes during weekly executive meetings, supporting the President in appointing assignments to the team members, notifying the Interact club of upcoming events and meetings as well as other extraneous responsibilities.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is in charge of managing the finances of the charity club. Besides keeping a detailed, up-to-date record of all expenses and profits, budgets and allocations of funds need to be made with thought and discussion

EVENT MANAGER

The Event Manager is responsible for organizing volunteers for all the variety of events Interact holds. They are also in charge of close communications with the Caterer (and Treasurer) in deciding all the necessary purchases that need to be made before an event.

PRESIDENT

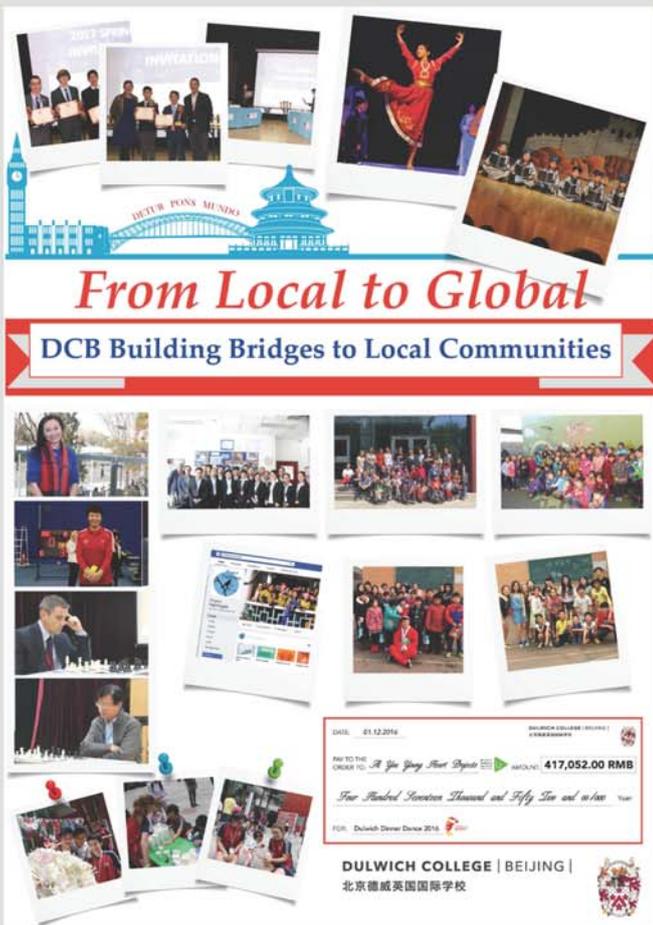
The President holds the responsibility of organizing the Executive Team, making meeting agendas, and keeping track of the club's progress throughout the year. Liaising with the many charities that Interact supports is another major area of responsibility. Communication with the rest of the Executive Team is essential for success in collaboration.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The PR is the one that translates all upcoming events into illustrative posters that allow for close engagement with the student body. Not only this, they are also responsible for sending emails to Senior School students, updating them on any upcoming events.

CATERER

The Caterer's role is to order food, drinks, and all necessary purchases for upcoming, school events or charity visits. They work closely with the Treasurer to determine budgets and set prices.



KS3/4 MEMBERS



KS5 MEMBERS



## OUR VISION...

Our school is built upon diversity and talent: by providing more of these practical opportunities for our younger Key Stage 3 students, it allows them to explore themselves at a further depth at an early stage. Dulwich holds dear to the value of *balance*, for we believe that only through a well-rounded and comprehensive approach are students able to reach their full potential.

This will not only aid the process of discovering their passions and interests, but will also support their future IGCSE and IB lives. As many of our students are extremely eager to immerse themselves within all service opportunities, we have decided to expand beyond our fundraising projects and draw our focus towards developing practical leadership experiences in our local community. This will be achieved through regular visits to nearby schools such as Bethel & Hope. Students will gain more hands-on experience with children outside the DCB community, and form bonds that will be enriching for both parties. Having grown up in disparately different social and cultural backgrounds, it is vital for our students to be exposed to a variety of people to develop themselves as flexible and open-minded individuals.

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# LINKS TO CAS...

Interact aims to provide our students with as many service opportunities as possible. One of the ways we have achieved this is our link to the IB CAS programme. Below are the charities and foundations our IB students are currently working closely with:

## 1. H.O.P.E. (HORSES OFFERING PEOPLE ENRICHMENT)

- Provides children who have special needs with care through animal therapy
- During several CAS trips throughout the academic year, DCB students help make lunch for the children, partake in chores in the stables, work with autistic children through interactions with horses (eg. horseback riding) and interlink with children from Bethel & Hope (see below for details regarding this foundation)

## 2. LITTLE TREE LEARNING CENTER

- A project under the Chunmiao Little Flower Foundation
- Students accompany handicapped and orphaned children up to 10 years old in their daily activities with the assistance of the caregivers: this may range from changing diapers to playing interactive games
- During the process, IB students obtain skills in caregiving, develop bonds with these children and engage closely with the local community

## 3. MIGRANT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

- This is a well-established foundation and is another important outreach project our students have consistently participated in over the years
- This is a joint initiative with the Nightingale Project, which is another charity group in DCB that aims to teach children music and connect with them through this
- At the school, students are involved in preparing activities and lessons; they often need to have the ability to improvise and be flexible, as sometimes the details of class numbers, room availability and school grounds facilities are not always accurate
- Annual *Make a Difference Day*: over ¥30,000 raised through Senior School bake sales and ¥18,000 donated by the Friends of Dulwich group

## 4. NEW HOPE

- A foster home for physically handicapped babies; some are taken in at the age of 6 months-old
- Security is provided in this environment with the care of attentive caregivers
- Our students bond with the children through reading books and playtime, with the guidance of nannies; seemingly mundane, these days are seen as extremely valuable experiences



## BETHEL & HOPE [\(HTTPS://WWW.BETHELCHINA.ORG/\)](https://www.bethelchina.org/)

... is a school dedicated to providing care and education for visually impaired children across China through cooperation with local hospitals, orphanages and adoption agencies.

### LINK TO INTERACT

KS4/5 Interact members visit the institution in groups of 10 to 15 several times a year, bringing with them goods for the children. These range from diapers and formula milk, to laundry detergent and disinfectant, to dried fruits and energy bars. It is a great outreach project that Interact has been involved in since the beginning. Students not only strengthen values of kindness and empathy, but also gain a broader insight into the community around us.

### LINK TO DCB STUDENTS

Through multiple fundraising events, we raised over ¥10,000 to support Bethel & Hope with their heating expenses during the winter. While Senior School students contributed towards this cause through Free Dress Day, both Junior and Senior School students are avid participants of our Bubble Tea and Bake sales; events such as the Family Badminton Day and Christmas Bazaar involved staff and family members as well. None of this would've been possible without the support of everybody in our Dulwich community.

## CAMBODIA HOUSE BUILDING PROJECT... [\(HTTPS://TABITHA-CAMBODIA.ORG/PROGRAMMES/HOUSE\\_BUILDING\)](https://tabitha-cambodia.org/programmes/house_building)



... was first founded in 1995 and has become one of the most renowned charity projects. This four-day practical experience incorporates elements of a cultural immersion experience (visiting historical sites) as well as skills of house building. In 2016, the community raised over ¥55,000, and thirty Dulwich students managed to build twelve houses in just under two days!

### LINK TO INTERACT

Throughout this trip, students interact closely with local Cambodians who come from the most underprivileged areas. They embody the very faith and courage of their local community. This is an eye-opening experience for the students, for they are not only exposed to a foreign culture, but also acquire a greater sense of global awareness and engagement.

### LINK TO DCB STUDENTS

A range of events was organised to fundraise for this annual project. Again, Senior School students took part in Free Dress Day Bubble Tea sales, and Sports Day; Junior School alone managed to raise an impressive ¥7800! Below is a short article written by Annette Yan and Ming Chin, two of the 2016-17 Interact Executive Team members:

*“Everyone in the Dulwich community—from the Riviera Early Years campus to the students at Legend Garden—helped fund the housebuilding, with the Interact Club organising school events to raise money for the*

*necessary materials for the houses and blankets for each family. The combined efforts of the community paid off in a successful trip, balancing service activities with visits to historical landmarks such as the Angkor Wat Temple. The trip, a truly humbling experience, not only provided 12 families with homes, but also 34 students with an opportunity to learn about Cambodian history and culture."*

## EDUCATION IN SIGHT... ([HTTP://EIS.VISION/](http://eis.vision/))

... is a non-profit organisation that aims to provide students who have poor vision in rural China with eye examinations and glasses. It was founded by social entrepreneur Andrew Shirman in 2012, and has since visited 337 schools, provided 19145 pairs of glasses and raised \$269,178,000 in the process.



### LINK TO INTERACT

As a joint project with Dulwich International Schools Foundation, Interact has partnered with the 99 Tencent Philanthropy Charity campaign, with Education in Sight as our supported charity. Students, teachers and parents were all encouraged to donate on the WeChat platform. Besides this, a summer-themed Free Dress Day was organised to further fundraise for this cause. A total of ¥37,875 was raised in the span of one month! This marked a successful beginning in our long-term "Local to Global"

initiative.

### LINK TO DCB STUDENTS

In September 2017, we kicked off this collaborative project by launching a Photography and Poster Design competition for our Senior School students. Everyone was encouraged to submit any vision-themed artwork and the rest voted for their favourite pieces. The winner of each competition would receive either 1) a rock-climbing lesson with founder Andrew Shirman, 2) Brunch with the Co-Founders of Mantra Sunglasses, Andrew and Sam, 3) Over \$1000 worth of Mantra sunglasses. On the right is the piece designed by Vivian Tan in Y12, the winner of the Poster Competition. Aside from this, snazzy spectacles were sold to the student body, as seen in the photo above.



## WHEELS FOR LIFE ([HTTP://WWW.UNITEDFOUNDATION.ORG/EVENT/WHEELS-FOR-LIFE-LAUNCH/](http://www.unitedfoundation.org/event/wheels-for-life-launch/))

... was founded by the United Family Foundation in November 2015. The Wheels for Life project uses health buses with mammogram machines as its mobile clinic. Studies have shown that early prevention and treatment may decrease the fatality rate by up to 34%. With these resources, Wheels for Life aims to provide underprivileged women and orphaned, migrant children in the rural areas of Beijing with breast cancer screenings and health check-ups.



## LINK TO INTERACT

Last year, the Pink Day event became one that united students, teachers and parents. Whether it was a Year 3 or Year 13 student, you could see a pink ribbon pinned on their lanyard. It's safe to say that these pins became quite the fashion trend among the Dulwich community. We raised ¥25,500 last year for this project throughout the entire college with over 4000 pins sold over the span of 3 weeks! Not only this, the donations of eager parents who devoted themselves to this cause filled us with awe: on a single day, the parents of Coffee & Books raised ¥2340.

## LINK TO DCB STUDENTS

In addition to last year's pink ribbon pins sale, we are also selling wristbands with the slogan "Think Pink" imprinted on it. Furthermore, a T-shirt design competition was also launched, where all Senior School students are free to submit any Pink-Month-themed T-shirt design, and the winning design would be printed and sold to students! At the end of the month, a Pink Day Fun Run would be organised for students from Y7 to Y13.

## YUNNAN PROJECT...

... is a potential new outreach experience for our Y9 to Y12 students within China. It is one that is highly focused on service and community work. We look to partner with a foster home in Kunming called *The Father's House* that cares for orphaned and migrant children who come from the poorest areas in Yunnan.

## LINK TO INTERACT

This is to be headed entirely by our student-led Interact Executive Leadership team as an annual, long-term CAS project. With our potential partnership with the foster home, as well as a local school called Yuan Yang Xue Xiao (□洋学校), the purpose of this outreach project is to provide the most authentic, service experience for our students. Below is a short description of the school, written by the founder of the Foster Home, Cassy:



*"It is located inside a wet market in a city slum. There are more than 600 children studying in there and all the rooms are dark and crowded with more than 50 children in each room. Four children sit tightly together to share a table and a bench in every classroom. Teachers have nothing other than a blackboard."*

## LINK TO DCB STUDENTS

Funds for this trip would be raised through Bubble Tea and Bake sales and Free Dress Days. It would also take on a pivotal role in Interact's advocacy of "Local to Global," for this would be the first service project based locally within China. The importance of initiating an outreach in Yunnan is beyond assisting underprivileged families and children - it highlights the significance of interaction with the close community (DCB), the surrounding community (Beijing) as well as the global community (Yunnan).