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Dear MIS Family

Happy New Year - 2020

As we enter a new year with the sound of the new year's bell ringing, MIS Board members wish you all a Happy New Year!

The past year of 2019 has been a very important year, the whole team led by Mr Chris Lynn and the Academic Leadership Team, with the support of board of governors from MIS and MCS, has not only built a great foundation for MIS, but also improved the level of our School. Our achievements did not come easily but thanks to the professionalism of our Merchiston family members, the standard of MIS has been raised continuously with the widespread acclaim from parents and the community.

During the past school year, I've been touched to see that MIS students can enjoy a first-class British boarding education in our Merchiston family atmosphere without going overseas. It is our mission to deliver a holistic education to our children, develop students physically and mentally, assist them in becoming confident, compassionate, ambitious and responsible. This requires a joint effort from all of us.

This year, our first cohort of MIS graduates will enter into first class universities worldwide. I sincerely wish that they receive their ideal university offer before beginning to study further the subjects that they are really passionate about in university. These graduates will set a great example to fellow students and we are very proud of them all!

In the past academic year, the teaching team led by Mr Chris Lynn has provided the best educational and pastoral support to our students and setting very high standard of British education. Thanks to their great contribution, the characteristics of our British boarding school have stood out.

With the help of the Director of PE, Director of Arts, Director of Music and other subject teachers our students' interests and love for all subjects have grown greatly. What is equally impressive is that our students' awareness of environment protection and love of nature has grown with direction of the MIS Eco Council.

As the Director of Marketing and Admissions, Mrs Sonia Buchan has organised many open day events, successfully recruited the first group of cross-border students and HK students for MIS. She has been providing opportunities to receive British education for many students, ensuring MIS recruits students with great potential with supportive parents. It is with the assistance of MISPA (Merchiston International School Parent Association) that parents enjoy becoming involved.

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Mr Simon Lambert, as the Director of Business, leads the admin team and with them has provided great support to the teaching team. Mr Lambert has put a great deal of effort in improving the operating standards of MIS which supports the MIS teaching.

All the improvements of MIS demonstrates that we have inherited the school ethos of MCS and established the best academic atmosphere in MIS.

We are very proud of Shenzhen as a city it is full of hopes, dreams and innovations. With an increasing demand for first class international education in the GBA (Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area) it is a challenge for us that many other well named schools have been launching in Shenzhen. However, we should always keep in mind that MIS is the first British boarding school in Shenzhen, understand the meaning of this, as well as the obligations within.

I believe MIS will become the educational beacon in Shenzhen as well in Guangdong province, we will be actively involved in the international school community in GBA. MIS will become the light of international education in GBA.

Wherever you may be spending this New Year' s day, may it be with family and friends and be the start of a fantastic new decade.

Yours faithfully

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Chairman of the Board
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