



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE (ISE)



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My time in Hong Kong was a highly enriching and rewarding learning experience. It provided me with valuable insights into Hong Kong's education system, as well as a deeper appreciation of the challenges faced by both teachers and students. During the attachment, I had the opportunity to observe classroom lessons and student assessments, and to participate in a wide range of school activities. I also greatly value the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with students and colleagues from diverse backgrounds, and to contribute to the educational work that supports students' growth and development.

Observing forty-eight students—where each classroom at Zhejiang's Baochuta Shenhua Experimental School (保俶塔申花实验学校) is a dynamic hub of energy and intellectual engagement. Observing Language Arts (语文) lessons—was a truly eye-opening experience. I saw students immersed themselves in classical Tang dynasty poetry, guided by teachers who challenged them to think beyond the text through rigorous and thought-provoking questioning.

Beyond the classrooms, students enjoyed moments of unstructured play along the corridors and on the basketball court, striking a healthy balance between academic intensity and joyful exploration. The school's vibrant learning culture was further evident during the Mathematics Festival, where Primary 2 students enthusiastically raced to solve Rubik's Cubes. Equally impressive was the strong professional learning community among educators, with teachers participating in weekly open classrooms that were thoughtfully reviewed by Hangzhou's regional Master Teachers, underscoring the school's commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.

