One of the most transformative aspects of a Miss Porter’s School education is that we are committed to offering our students opportunities to discover themselves and to giving permission for them to imagine all of the possibilities for their lives beyond Farmington. Our girls are the architects of their own experiences and they graduate, in the words of our mission statement, “prepared to shape a changing world.”

When young women have the opportunity to explore all aspects of their personalities, to have access to real-life career experiences, and to engage with the global community, they develop insights into themselves, their relationships, and the world. When coupled with ambitious goal setting, hard work, and resilience, all honed over their four years, their options are limitless.

Throughout our school’s history, we have offered young women a path to live their fullest lives even when others only saw limits. We continue this tradition with renewed enthusiasm as we see the tremendous impact of our deliberate efforts over the last three years.

We must inform our girls of the greater world in order for them to transform it. We achieve this by inviting Ancients to return to campus, building our InterMission program, and requiring international travel. Our international travel pilot program was so life changing for our students and faculty that we knew we must continue to forge ahead. This year, our board of trustees voted to fully fund an international travel experience for all students in their junior year, at no additional cost to families. Additionally, we ensure that our faculty members have also traveled abroad so that classroom discussions are robust in perspective.

Our Miss Porter’s School community is worldwide, and our newly formed International Advisory Committee will help us share the news of the school to all the corners of the globe. During the spring semester, I was joined by Trustees Fraser Bennett Beede ’81 and Sharon McQuade P’11 and Director of Global Resources Rebecca Yao for a school trip to Asia for an International Advisory Committee meeting and assorted Ancient and family receptions. We thoroughly enjoyed our visits and hearing more from our international families while also sharing the news from school with the Asian media. One of the most significant moments for me, however, came from Farmington.

After sharing an email update on our trip with the entire school community, I received a heartfelt response from Rebecca Clark ’17 that affirmed our leadership decisions to date and their power to transform. I share her message with her permission. Our students have been loud and clear with their positive responses to the improvements we have made in our program and perhaps even louder and clearer with their constructive criticism! Their feedback has been incorporated and we move forward each year with the strongest program we can present. As they enjoy their summers, we remain hard at work to launch the 2016-17 school year. We can’t wait to see what lies ahead, and your support of Miss Porter’s School is valued and appreciated as we continue our work leading the leading girls’ school.

Sincerely,

Katherine G. Windsor Ed.D
Head of School

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To: Katherine G. Windsor
From: Rebecca Clark
Re: Hello from Asia

Hello Dr. Windsor!

I just wanted to wish you an amazing rest of your trip in Asia! It seems like you are learning a ton and are truly getting to experience a glimpse of what life is like in the various countries and cities you travel to.

My trip to Shenzhen with my Miss Porter’s InterMission group completely changed my life and perspective. Not only am I now equipped with an unwavering desire and determination to study Chinese history, but I have also researched other Asian countries and started taking Korean online. I can’t wait to travel to Seoul one day when I’m proficient in the language to immerse myself in another Asian country.

This whole experience reminds me of just how important our mission statement is and how we are all doing our part to fulfill it.

Have an amazing trip and I hope to hear many stories when you come back!

All my best,
Rebecca Clark