



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Head of Secondary

Dear parents, students and friends of TES,

As we approach the end of term 2, the build up to our school show "OLIVER" is now in full swing. It promises to be a great night of entertainment for the whole family and we encourage you to come along to see it. This year there are around 100 students and staff working together to put the show on for our community.

Next Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March there are two interesting lectures being given in the amphitheatre of the Junior wing at the EPC. Both lectures start at 7:00pm - "Third Culture Kids" on Monday Tuesday and "The present and future state of Darwin's Theory of Evolution" on Tuesday. Please contact the Phase 2 office to book your tickets.

Congratulations to our U15 FOBISSEA team for their great efforts in the games recently. Our Boys basketball team under coach Lin's guidance won their competition again - a terrific result for them and our school. Our students have been involved with some interesting service projects recently - Animals Taiwan in Year 8 and Crescent Beauty in H2. You will hear more about these in a special newsletter soon.

H1 and H3 progress reports will be given in the second week after the Easter break this year. It won't be long before H4 and H2 students start study leave and their external examinations.

Sincerely, Roger Schultz, Head of Secondary

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

16 th - 20 th March	"La Francophonie" house competitions
20 th March	Newsletter 10
21 st March	"OLIVER" production full day rehearsal
23 rd - 24 th March	Visit and talks by Andy Fletcher on TOK themes
28 th March	"OLIVER" production full day rehearsal
30 th March - 2 nd April	CIS accreditation visit
1 st - 3 rd April	Secondary school production of "OLIVER"
3 rd April	Newsletter 11, last day of term 2
20 th April	First day of term 3

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Students presenting the certificates and awards for participating the Chinese writing competitions hosted by Sharing Culture Enterprise and China Times recently.



CLC teachers with Prof. Yu Kuang-Zhong after his lecture, who has been a prestigious poet and an internationally well known linguist.



THE TES SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSICAL



APRIL 1ST, 2ND & 3RD

ESC PHASE 2 ATRIUM

7 PM

ADULTS 200NT, STUDENTS 150NT

The UKMT Mathematical Challenge: 5th February 2009

TES students have achieved a record number of awards in the recent UKMT Intermediate Challenge for Year 11 (H2) and below. A total of 78 students will be receiving certificates from the UK – 24 Gold, 36 Silver, and 18 Bronze. Of these, a grand total of 16 students have qualified for the ‘by invitation only’ follow-on rounds, including three students for the prestigious Mathematical Olympiad.

Some 200,000 students took part in the UKMT Intermediate Challenge worldwide, of whom only the top 400 or so in each year group are invited to take part in the Mathematical Olympiad, with the next 1500 invited to take part in one of two European competitions.

Especially pleasing this year was the very large number of students at TES who volunteered to take part – over 100 students with the school’s MPR room filled to capacity. Rather than highlighting some truly outstanding individual performances, I would like to thank all students for their enthusiasm and sense of challenge, and particularly the many who volunteered to take part for the first time.



The UKMT Mathematical Challenges

The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) offers three annual mathematical challenges to acknowledge the achievements of Mathematics students at the secondary and high school levels. These are the largest Mathematics competitions in Britain, with over 600,000 students from 4000 schools participating in last year’s mathematical challenges. There are three levels: the Junior (year 8 and below), Intermediate (year 11 and below) and Senior (year 13 and below) Challenges. The top 40% in each division are awarded a certificate to commemorate their achievements: 21% receive a bronze award, 13% receive a silver award, and the top 6% achieve a gold award. TES students have competed for a number of years with increasing success.

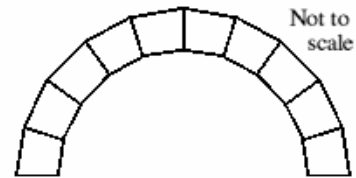
Creative Problem-Solving

Unlike most examination questions, the UKMT Challenge focuses more on problem-solving and abstract reasoning. Students are challenged to find creative ways of applying their Mathematical techniques to 'crack' problems that otherwise cannot be solved in the time allowed. The following questions are from the recent Challenges.

Alan Daykin
Head of Mathematics

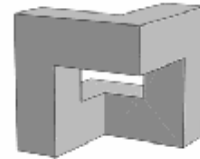
Ten stones, of identical shape and size, are used to make an arch, as shown in the diagram. Each stone has a cross-section in the shape of a trapezium with three equal sides. What is the size of the smallest angles of the trapezium?

- A 72° B 75° C 81° D 83° E 85°



The sculpture 'Cubo Vazado' [Emptied Cube] by the Brazilian artist Franz Weissmann is formed by removing cubical blocks from a solid cube to leave the symmetrical shape shown. If all the edges have length 1, 2 or 3 units, what is the surface area of the sculpture in square units?

- A 36 B 42 C 48 D 54 E 60



Gold Certificate Winners for the Senior Mathematical Challenge held in November.

Back row: (Mr Schultz), Charles Kang, Brian Lin, (Mr Daykin).

Front row: Eun-Jae Choi, Stephanie O Yang. (Also awarded Gold: Jae Woo Kim.)



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL



Black & White Gala Evening

SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2009

6:30 pm champagne reception

Join us

for a wonderful evening of the fine dining.
entertainment & dancing through the night !

Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel
Grand Ballroom (3rd Floor)

201 Tun Hwa S. Road, Sec. 2, Taipei 台北市敦化南路二段 201 號

* Contact for further information :

Lyndall Taylor at lyndall.m.taylor@gmail.com or Call:0988-760-811

* Dress Code : Cocktail

* NT\$2,500 per person

* Cash Bar after 8:30 pm

* NT\$23,000 per table of 10 persons



"Kani Jen (H1) received congratulations and recognition from the Chinese Language department last week for her Chinese writing piece entitled: "The Red Envelope and the Blessing Behind". Kani's work was published in the United Daily News last Monday and received commendation from the publication's editor."

Sale of Easter Goodies

organized by parents of the German section



When: Thursday,
2nd April 2009

At what time: 9.30 to 9.50 a.m.
(during first break)

Where: ESC, Atrium, Phase I

Please don't forget to bring along some
money (50 to 100 NT\$)

P.S. The proceeds of the sale will be donated to a
charity organization.

Calling all parents - HELP NEEDED
with our TES Uniform Mountain



Lost property bins in both buildings at the ESC have reached bursting point: please ensure that all of your son/daughter's uniform is clearly labelled with their name.



Combined FS / GS EFL program: Newspaper project

The combined French/German Lower Secondary EFL class includes students from the French 5eme and 6eme, and the German Klasse 5/6. During term 2, students from the extended-level class produced English-language newspapers as part of a unit on communications technology. Some excellent newspapers were created, although some of the jokes were pretty lame. Some of our students proudly display their work, below.

