



**TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL**

台北歐洲學校

## **EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER**

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### **Message from the Head of High School**

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to the new school year. We have close to 500 students at the secondary campus. Our thanks for your support at home each morning with your child's health. The best prevention of the spread of the H1N1 virus is for students (and adults) who are not well to stay at home and seek medical advice and support before coming into school.

Our Sports extra-curricular activity programme has commenced this week. Some performance groups for Music will also soon commence. Other ECA's will be starting in Week 5 of term 1 and these will be offered between Week 5 and 12 (over 8 weeks). Information about these will be given to students starting in week 3. This year, students will be able to register for ECA's on-line. Most ECA's will be free, but a few may require a small additional payment as the activity leaders are from the outside community.

Yours sincerely

Roger Schultz – Head of British and High School Sections

### **TO REMEMBER...**

Students who have an afternoon school bus trip home may register for a bus after ECA's at school during the week. The buses leave at 4:30 and 6:00pm.

Registration for other ECA's will commence in week 3. These will be advertised to students starting week 3.

### **FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...**

<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Students can commence to register for ECA's for term 1</b>
Saturday 19th September	H4 TOK Workshop Day
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>CEM Testing for Year 7, H1 and H3 (also new Year 8 and H2 students)</b>
<b>Friday 25th September</b>	
<b>TES Autumn Fair at the EPC</b>	
<b>18:00 - 21:00</b>	
Friday 25th September	Newsletter 2
Saturday 26th September	HS Girls Football Trophy at ESC

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Message from Dr. Weston - CEO of TES  
Dear Parents, Students and Friends of TES

**Heinrich Matthias Klimek (1966 – 2009)**

It is with great sadness that I report to you the passing of one of our German section teachers Matthias Klimek. Matthias collapsed at the Phase 1 ESC campus last Monday morning (August 31) and was taken to hospital where he was treated for pulmonary embolism. He received surgery earlier this week and was released from hospital Wednesday afternoon. Tragically he passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday night with his family.

Over the next few days we will look into ways we can extend our support to the family as well as ways we can support the grieving process for staff, students and the wider community. Once details of the funeral and services are known we will extend this information to you.

Matthias has been with TES since 1997 and his passing is a tragic loss to TES and in particular the German community. Matthias is survived by his wife Ya Hsu Chen and his son 5 year old son who is in the German Section Preschool.

I know you will join me in extending our condolences to the Klimek family.

Sincerely,

Allan Weston  
CEO Taipei European School



## **A tribute to a truly internationally minded Educator**

When I arrived at TES in the summer of 1999, it was then a small school of around 350 students. Matthias Klimek was one of the first Deutsche Schule staff I came in contact with at the small Yangmingshan campus which only consisted of the Phase 1 building. There were about 120 British, French and German students at this campus.

Over the last 10 years I came to know Matthias well. He was a great believer in the vision for our school to come together as one school – TES – and this was reflected in the way he contributed to the development of the school in his role as a teacher. I fondly recall our first European Day celebration in Phase in 2000, a small and humble affair but with all the intention and purpose of the more recent celebrations that we are all familiar with today. Matthias was heavily involved in the initiating, planning and successful running of the event. A donation was made to a small local school in Puli that was extensively damaged by the 921 earthquake.

As the school grew and developed into TES in the year 2002, Matthias started to teach more and more in the new high school Section in his professional areas of German Language and literature, History and Politics. He became our first German IB Language and Literature teacher. He continued his involvement in the organisation and planning for European Day celebrations for TES and his focus was always to educate our young people about Europe and to bring us all closer together - sharing our common beliefs and values as one school.

He was also passionate about developing our school's links with the local community and his work and participation within the German Section in this area over his many years at the school bear witness to his commitment in this area. He was a key part of many German Section projects with schools and communities in southern Taiwan, particularly within local aboriginal communities.

His passion for educating and involving young people in international affairs and political debate led him to be a key organiser and leader of our school's Model United Nations programme. Over the past five years, Matthias has helped to arrange and supervise students at Model United Nations Conferences regionally in Singapore and locally here in Taichung.

Matthias strived to make the mission of TES a reality – he achieved excellent results with his students in academic studies, he promoted and enhanced European culture and values within the school and its wider community and he was an example to us all in drawing our school closer to our Taiwanese community.

A warm hearted and gentle giant of a man, Matthias will be sadly missed by our community. I will always remember him as a man of principle and a passionate educator and a wonderful ambassador for what we want our school to be.

Roger Schultz

## **Excellent Examination results again for High School Students**

H2 and H4 external examination results in May and June last school year were again very good.

In the International General Certificate of Secondary education (IGCSE) exams, 43% of all grades awarded were A\* or A and 88% of all grades were at A\* to C. In addition 49 out of the 56 candidates achieved at least 5 A\* to C grades with 21 out of the 56 achieving at least 5 A\* and A grades.

For the IB graduates, three students achieved 40 or more points, with many others attaining excellent diplomas exceeding 30 points (the world average) from the total possible 45 points.

Desiree Dippenaar scored 44 points, our highest score since we commenced the IB Diploma. She has decided to study Theology in Zurich.

These results are a great credit to the students and their teachers, reflecting the pursuit of high standards across the school. One of our graduates, Kai Wohlfahrt, was successful with his application to Cambridge University in the UK to study Natural Sciences and he becomes the second TES graduate to attend Cambridge from our school.



**Kai Wohlfahrt receives his TES Diploma from Mr. Blacker Sia (TES Board of Directors)**

No doubt, we will have more successful Oxbridge graduates as time progresses.

The 2009 TES graduates have spread across the world, taking up a wide range of higher education courses including Art in London at UAL, Medicine at Southampton in the UK, Hotel Management in Switzerland at Les Roches University, Biodiversity and Ecology in South Africa at Stellenbosch University, Human Kinetics in Canada at UBC and Business in the US at UC Berkeley.



## Le mot du Directeur

Voilà une école et une rentrée où l'on aura bien pris la température du public !

Quoi qu'il arrive, « The show must go on! »

L'équipe était prête fin août pour accueillir nos 153 élèves de 3 à 15 ans, de la Petite Section à la classe de Seconde, quelle affluence, du jamais vu !

Cette année sept nouveaux professeurs nous ont aussi rejoints, venus de New York (avec escale à Kin Men), de Savoie, de Lorraine, de Paris ou de Los Angeles (en passant par Toulouse), toutes et tous très motivés pour vivre et travailler à Taipei au sein de notre Ecole européenne.

Nos classes maternelles bilingues sont maintenant bien connues, le bouche à oreille a bien fonctionné, 20 élèves fréquentent la PS et 22 la MS.

La vie continue, le Cours Préparatoire bilingue a ouvert ses portes : 18 élèves vont y apprendre à lire en français et en anglais cette année ! A Yang Ming Shan la sixième fonctionne désormais exactement comme en France

(avec quand même trois niveaux d'anglais et le chinois par dessus le marché): plus de CNED, tous les cours donnés en direct par les professeurs.

Les élèves de troisième de l'an dernier refusant obstinément de quitter la Section française le brevet en poche à l'issue du collège, nous avons dû ajouter un étage à la maison: une classe de Seconde toute neuve.

Bienvenue à nos 8 lycéennes et lycéens ! J'ai maintenant fait le tour des popotes, personne n'est malheureux, même les tout petits de 3 ans ne pleurent plus en arrivant à l'école... Il ne me reste donc qu'à souhaiter à chacun de nos 153 élèves et à leurs parents une excellente année scolaire : prenez et apprenez tout ce que vous pouvez !

Patrick Trividic



## TES Students Excel in UKMT Mathematical Olympiad

In last May's Junior Mathematical Challenge for students in Years 6-8, 19 TES students achieved a Gold Certificate, ranking them in the top 6% of competitors worldwide. Of these elite students, only the very top scoring competitors are then invited to take part in the Mathematical Olympiad, which this year took place on 16th June. From over 250,000 students taking the Junior Challenge worldwide, just 1200 qualify for the Olympiad.

This year four TES students were selected for this prestigious competition, which as the organisers' report states "...most candidates found extremely challenging." Only the top 25% of Olympiad competitors receive a Distinction and Medal, with the remainder receiving a Certificate of Participation. The results for our four students last June were:

Andrew Huang, Year 8	Distinction
Willie Hung, Year 8	Distinction
Milton Lin, Year 7	Participation
Jensen Yang, Year 7	Distinction

The Olympiad requires students, even at this age, to answer up to six extended and open-ended questions, showing clear and concise Mathematical reasoning to justify their conclusion. The whole TES Community can be proud of these achievements, not just for these four students and the raising of our school's profile alongside other top schools in the region and the UK, but for the strength of higher-level problem-solving skills that the results indicate throughout these cohorts.

Alan Daykin  
Head of Mathematics



**UKMT Mathematical Olympiad Competitors:  
(Mr Schultz), Willie Hung, Jensen Yang, Milton Lin (Mr Daykin)**



**Mr. Woodall (Head of Year 9) discusses the Year 9 activity for their team building day on Friday Week 2**

**Mr. Labschagne and H3 students**





**H1 and H2 students prepare for their team building day activities on Friday Week 2**

**Year 8 students with Ms. Berry-Khella discussing their hike on YMS this Friday – Week 2**





**Mr. Sing Key's Year 7 class with Ms. Crimmins (Head of Year 7) and Mr. Edwards**

**Ms. Harris (Assistant Head – Student Welfare) with H1 and h2 students in Phase 2 atrium**



## Form Teachers for 2009 - 2010

The form teacher should be the first point of contact between home and school. Please contact your child's form teacher or Head of Year if you have any concerns about their school life.

Year 7		Form Class
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## Les classes du collèges et la seconde au Deaflympics de judo

Les classes de 6ème, 5ème, 4ème, 3ème et seconde sont allés supporter les judokas français mercredi 9 septembre après-midi.



Nous avons assisté aux finales femmes et hommes et malheureusement il y a eu deux défaites, celle de Sébastien contre un coréen et une française a perdu en 15 secondes contre une athlète du Vénézuéla. Mais ces deux sportifs gagnent malgré tout la médaille d'argent ce qui est très bien!!

Les élèves ont été contents de faire signer des autographes et de rencontrer un médaillé d'or Frédéric Gouttenoire. Il nous a expliqué les règles du judo et nous a fait rencontrer plusieurs athlètes paraolympiques. Les élèves ont communiqué à l'écrit avec l'un d'entre eux, un athlète de badminton qui ne parlait pas. Ils ont adressé des félicitations grâce à des pages de cahier vite déchirées!!! Les athlètes français étaient très heureux de notre présence et les élèves se sont bien faits entendre dans la salle. Frédéric Gouttenoire nous a affirmé que les sourds n'entendent pas les sons mais perçoivent malgré tout certaines ondes très graves quelquefois. C'est pour cela qu'il nous a affirmé qu'encourager bruyamment les athlètes n'est pas inutile, au contraire!!



Les élèves avaient apporté une pancarte 'Aller la France' que chacun a signé et ils sont allés la donner au moment du retour au car, juste avant la remise des médailles.

L'ambiance était très chaleureuse et amicale, ce fut une excellente expérience pour les élèves et les professeurs!

Nous espérons renouveler une rencontre à l'école afin d'avoir le temps de discuter davantage avec les sportifs avant leur retour en France!

Les élèves du secondaire

# DEAR ALL,



The PSC hosts many fund raising events throughout the school year and we organise, with the help of TES parents and staff, coffee get-togethers; with the British PTA the “Summerfair”; the annual TES “Gala Evening” and the “Christmas Bazaar”, our biggest fundraising event of the year, where people from all over Taipei are coming to our beautiful and spacious WenLin Campus to celebrate with us. Of course a big thanks goes to all volunteering and supporting parents and staff who make this possible!

*For these events we continuously need volunteering parents who help us achieve our goals. This can be a donated cake, selling food or drink or support the PSC in helping to organise our school events. All the proceeds are donated to the school PAs/PTAs and local charities.*

We still need the representatives of the PAs/PTAs this academic year so please feel free to contact me directly if you have questions. Every helping hand is welcome and we can assure you will enjoy being part of a special nice social community!

## PLEASE JOIN US & SUPPORT OUR EVENTS!

Looking forward to a successful and happy scholar year 2009/10!

***Veronika Bobke***

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