



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

We hope you enjoy reading our last newsletter for term 1. In this issue you will hear about many of the recent events at the campus over the last few weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and wider community for your support for our school. Events such as the Christmas Bazaar demonstrate the important role that the school plays in bringing the community together.

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas period and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely
Roger Schultz – Head of British and High School Sections

TO REMEMBER...

The last day of term is
Friday 18th December.
Classes recommence on
**Wednesday 6th January
2010.**

H2 and H4 mock exams
commence on **Wednesday
13th January.**

H1 work experience week is
January 18th – 22nd.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

WEEK 14 **Wednesday 9th December**
Friday 11th December

Saturday 12th December

Year 7 to 9 Parent-Teacher meetings 13:30
Newsletter 7
Student Council Disco 18:30 – 21:30
Middle School TEAMS Softball at MCA

WEEK 15 **Wednesday 16th December**
Friday 18th December

IB Theatre Arts Evening 7:00pm
Last day of term
Year 7 - 9 Mufti Day
End of Term Assembly Lesson 3 and 4

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday 21st December - Tuesday 5th January

Classes recommence on Wednesday 6th January 2010

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**Council of International Schools (CIS)
Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)**

November 27, 2009

Opportunity for Parents to be Part of CIS/WASC

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your participation in our recent CIS / WASC (Council of International Schools / Western Association of Schools and Colleges) opinion survey which was conducted as part of our work towards accreditation by these two agencies. The response rate for most stakeholders was excellent with 500 students, 184 staff, 14 governors and 210 parents participating. I would like to thank all of you for the time you took, and for the valuable information you gave, to assist us moving forward with our accreditation process.

Our next task will be for staff and community to join together and form committees which will work to undertake the self study process. The committees will look at the standards set by CIS / WASC and rate TES against these by looking at the survey data and other information we have about our school. We would like to invite parents who have an interest in this area of our Strategic Plan 2018 to be part of these CIS / WASC committees. Whilst experience or knowledge in the committee areas would be most welcome, it is certainly not a prerequisite.

The seven committees and sub committees will be as follows:

- Philosophy and Objectives
- Curriculum
- Governance and Management
- Staff
- Student Support Services
- Resources
- Student and Community Life

Committees will normally meet between four to six times over a two to four month period. Not all committees will meet at the same time but we anticipate all committee work to be concluded by November 2010. If you would like to be involved, or simply require more information, please contact Mr Neil Elrick our CIS / WASC coordinator at neil.elrick@tes.tp.edu.tw or myself at ceo@tes.tp.edu.tw or call our office at 2862 2920 ext 101 or 8145 9007 ext 101

We look forward to welcoming you to this important part of the process.

Allan Weston

CEO

Taipei European School

Guidance Counselling Service at the ESC

Ms. Hsu can be contacted via email at jenny.hsu@tes.tp.edu.tw
or by telephone on 02 2862 2929 ext 604 (Monday mornings, all day Wednesday)

You and your child can expect the counsellor to:

- be safe, honest and trustworthy
- support and help the teenagers to make changes
- be non-judgmental and not to lay blame
- be sensitive to your family background and culture
- explore thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- be creative: talking, playing, drawing, writing and reading
- listen carefully, be caring and respectful
- tell you about risks you should know about
- act as an advocate for your teenagers and you when necessary
- maintain confidentiality unless your child or someone else is 'at risk'

Key Stage Three - Academic Target Setting

This week Key Stage Three students have been reviewing the targets set on their academics reports with their subject teachers. All students in years 7 to 9 have been given target sheets similar to the example below. These should be stapled into their Homework Diaries. Please find some time to discuss your child's academic targets with them and sign the forms to indicate that this has taken place. Progress made with meeting these targets will be reviewed in March when new targets will be set.

Sarah Pearson - Assistant Head (Studies)
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British Section

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Subject Target Setting

Term 1

Subject: Year 7 French					
My target for improvement is:					
Sustain current interest in and enthusiasm towards French.					
Use French only in the classroom.					
Volunteer as many answers as possible.					
This target has been discussed and agreed with my teacher.					
Signature of student			Date		
Signature of teacher			Date		
Signature of parent			Date		
This target will be reviewed in the week beginning			22 March 2010		
Target Review					
Progress made with target	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Need Development
Optional Teacher Comment:					
Signature of student			Date		
Signature of teacher			Date		
Signature of parent			Date		

THE MUN EXPERIENCE

At TES, the Model United Nations Club (MUN) engages in authentic simulations of the United Nations system by learning about the UN system, the skills of debate, compromise, conflict resolution and negotiation. MUN team members have fun learning about the workings of world diplomacy through the lens of current events.

Currently, the MUN club is comprised of high school students. Experienced students are now preparing for the TAIMUN conference to be held from the 15-16 of April 2010 at the American school of Taichung. At the same time, newer participants are meeting to develop skills to be successful conference delegates of the future.

Significantly, in the new year, Middle School MUN will be introduced and Key Stage Three students will have an opportunity to participate. A highlight of this experience will be the Taipei American School's First Annual Middle School TAIMUN Conference for 12 -13 year olds. This conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, 30 April - 1 May.

Recently, 17 to 21 November, sixteen students travelled to Singapore to represent TES at the Fifth Annual THIMUN Singapore Conference which addressed the theme "Limits to Growth - The need for Sustainable Development". The students were outstanding in all regards and they should be congratulated for their keen enthusiasm and their professional presentation.

Here is one student's reflection of the THIMUN Singapore experience:

What is Model United Nations, many of you may ask yourselves. It is speaking in third person, having nightmares about global conflicts, wearing suits and of course, forming long-lasting international allies over heated debates. Oh, and staying up until the wee hours of the morning, working on resolutions, in a crowded hotel room with all the other delegates from your school. This year, sixteen TES students had the pleasure of representing the Kingdom of Norway, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Holy See at the THIMUN Conference in Singapore.



On the 17th of November, the MUN delegates and advisors, Mr. Laureti and Mrs. Berry-Khella, met (half-asleep) in front of the Wenlin campus at 4:30 am. While most of us packed lightly, considering the transportation to the hotel, some brought suitcases that were ready to burst after being sat on to close. Four hours on a plane, an hour or so getting our luggage and going through customs, and over an hour dragging both our luggage and ourselves on and off the Singaporean MRT, we finally emerged from the train station closest to our hotel. The walk from the MRT to our hotel was only ten minutes, but as we were all dressed for the cold Taiwanese weather, the journey seemed ten times as long in Singapore's sweltering heat. Arriving at the Hotel Grand, we finally had a chance to rest before venturing out to Plaza Singapura, one of Singapore's many malls, and partake in the national pastime – shopping! Some of the more serious delegates stayed in to work but as evening approached, the majority of us ended up in one of the rooms, try to diplomatically resolve a conflict through the use of pillows. But don't worry, Mr. Laureti and Mrs. Berry-Khella, we did do SOME work that night! The next morning, the delegates were roused by a robotic alarm, and were dressed and ready to solve the world's issues on the first day of conference at THIMUN 2009.

The first day of the conference went by quickly in a blaze of opening ceremonies, lobbying, merging resolutions, and of course, meeting other delegates, or in some cases, meeting old friends from previous conferences. Returning to the hotel, stories of annoying, friendly or good-looking delegates filled the bus, as well as Mr. Laureti's loud voice calling for order and reviewing the expectations for the evening. In the end, the delegates were given free time, so after a meal in the food court across the road, all went back to hotel rooms to work on resolutions a bit more before the next day. One could feel the tension in delegate's rooms, where typing fingers, on laptops, travelled like bullets and tempers were easily lost over rather disputable clauses.

The next few days of conference went by at the same incredible speed, marked by hilarious speeches, laughable amendments, nonsensical points of information, and of course, the famous lunch dishes - Economical Rice. On Thursday night, the delegates took a free half hour bus tour of a shopper's heaven, Orchard Road, with its well-known Christmas lights and decorations. Although many of the delegates complained, thinking time could be better spent working on resolutions, all enjoyed the stress relief of loudly singing Christmas carols on the top deck of a double-decker tour bus. Returning to the hotel, the joyful mood helped all get through another marathon night of revising and preparing to present resolutions.

Following day three of the conference, one of THIMUN's most dreaded or most loved customs took place. You might think of more debate, or more issue-resolving, but no. This delegate is referring to the dance near the Singapore Zoo! Attendance, of course, was mandatory for all TES delegates, and is usually a pain rather than a pleasure for TES delegates. But they got through it – probably because they were allowed leave early -, and some even danced, contrary to the usual anti-social stance most of our delegates take at these dances. The next day was a tad gloomy, as it was the last day of the beloved THIMUN conference 2009. All delegates went about normal procedures in the morning, debating resolutions and voting on them, but in the afternoon, the routine changed. All General Assembly (GA) committees had their Plenary Session, where the first passed resolution from each GA committee is debated before the entire GA. Then, after Plenary, the other committees joined the GA's for the closing ceremony, which although sad, was entertaining. And then, the almost heartbreaking moment happened, just as it does in every conference. The Secretary General, banged his gavel, and declared the annual THIMUN conference of 2009, closed.

The last night was spent doing some high-speed shopping along Orchard Road, and of course discussing the unforgettable events of the conference, until the eleven o'clock curfew, when all delegates had to be at the hotel, or have their parents and the police called. Then, the 21st of November, the last day in Singapore, flashed by with airport shopping, taking pictures, another flight, and the most beloved conference trip was over as quickly as it had began. Happily, we splurged on taxis to the airport as by the end of our trip, none of us could lug our suitcases on public transportation. Mr. Laureti even had to buy a second suitcase!

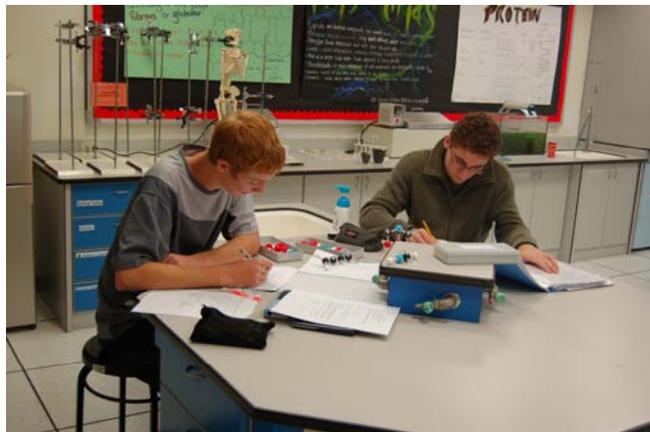
Article by Aisling Martin and Mrs. Berry-Khella

University and Careers News

- *Futurewise* students in H2/3 received their profiles last week and can now log onto the website with their own personal accounts. Mr. Broadbent will be back in early February for the interview session.
- Many US/Canadian universities require a TOEFL qualification regardless of your English language background. TES in conjunction with Princeton Review are offering a TOEFL Strategy Course next term. *H2 and H3 students*: Please contact Mr. Bean or Ms Hazel if you would like to register. A FREE one hour multiple-choice diagnostic test with an instant result feedback is available on www.princetonreview.com.tw under TOEFL. This gives an idea of the demands of the real test.
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology are offering IB Diploma Scholarships of up to full tuition fees for the first year of a degree. The UCC notice board has details or www.ust.hk/admissions
- H1 students are currently returning their Work Experience information sheets to the Phase 2 office, having organized job placements for 18th-22nd January. Thanks must go to the TES community for supporting our students in this annual programme.
- Last Friday, Mr. James Tang, a TES parent and Columbia graduate with experience in US university admissions met seven of our H4 students and gave them some very helpful advice on the application process.



IB and IGCSE Mock Examinations



The IB mock examinations are fast approaching for the H2 and H4 students. The mock examinations will take place from 13 January 2008 to 22 January 2008. It is important that the H4 students look upon this as an opportunity to test themselves against IB examination papers under a replica of the real conditions. The mock examinations also serve as a diagnostic tool for their teachers to provide insightful and directed advice. However, if a student does not adequately prepare, this opportunity will be lost, and the only feedback that the teacher can provide is that the student needs to prepare more thoroughly.

Students who are successful revise actively, thinking about what the material they are learning means. The more links a student can make to the information that they are revising, the more readily they will be able to recall it. When a student feels their concentration is waning they should take a fifteen minute break and then resume their study with a quick review of the work they have previously covered. Nevertheless, learning facts and concepts is only fifty percent of examination preparation, and the students also need to complete as many practice questions as they can. I would also recommend that the students seek the help of their teachers when they are unsure about a concept or idea that they are revising. It is very hard for a student to remember something that they don't understand.



Tired brains are not good at studying. I would advise students to get a good night's sleep before embarking on a day's revision during the Christmas vacation. Nutrition is also important, especially a good balanced diet. Organization and time management are key factors in making revision efficient and effective. If a student spends the first day of their revision time during the holidays organizing their notes and constructing a schedule then they should be successful, provided they have given themselves enough days to study all the required material.

Click here to find a link to the H2 and H4 Mock Exam schedule on the website:

<http://www.taipeuropeanschool.com/ths/H2andH4MockExamDetailsJanuary13to222010.pdf.pdf>

Click here to find out more about how to approach study for exams:

<http://www.taipeuropeanschool.com/ths/documents/AGuidetoStudySkills.pdf>

Middle School Softball end of season tournament

At 6.15am last Saturday 85 Yr 7 - 9 students, 6 senior High School students and 6 teachers “sleepwalked” on to the buses at EPC on our way to the Taipei Expat Association of Middle Schools end of season Softball tournament in Taichung.

As always, the weather in Taichung was sunny and warm. In each of the boys & girls divisions there is usually between 6-10 teams with TES entering a total of 7 teams.

All our teams gave great effort and played with great spirit however, we didn't have a lot of luck on the day with the Year 8 boys' & girl's teams providing our best results, both with 2nd place.

Our Year 7 girl's came 3rd with our other teams in 4th and 5th places.

I would like to congratulate ALL of our students for their great efforts. You were, and always are, superb in representing TES. Well done everyone!

Thanks to our staff and senior students / assistant coaches: Mr. Turner, AJ, Chin Lin, Ms. Elmquist, Mr. Sing-Key, Jade Liu, Fredrik Lee, Henry Verrall, Ching Liu, Stephanie Ng and Kimberly Lin for all your work and support..... MS football is next!



Leighton Edwards
Head of Secondary Physical Education and Sport

“Sawardee Karp” TES U15 FOBISSEA Team in Bangkok, Thailand November 2009

Athletics training, basketball training, football training, swim training,training training....

On Wednesday 18 November trainings for the U15 FOBISSEA Games ended as we **finally** traveled to Bangkok, Thailand for the Games hosted by Shrewsbury international School.

These Games proved to be one of TES’ most successful FOBISSEA Games ever.

After Chris L had thought he’d left his bag at the airport and after we **DID** actually leave our Shrewsbury host at the airportwe finally arrived at Shrewsbury School to the opening Games ceremony and delicious food.

The owners of Shrewsbury School also own 3 high rise “serviced” apartment blocks right next to the school where ourselves and the other 7 schools stayed. I must admit the view of the river and Bangkok city from the staff apartment on the 16th floor was very nice to wake up to each morning!

Competition Day 1 was swimming in the morning and **athletics** (track & field) in the afternoon.

As so often happens, our small swim team swam very hard but with little success.

Emily Daykin, Vernon Lin & Jacky Chen were our only medal winners in **swimming**.

We did, however have great success in the **athletics** with 23 medals in all events including four gold medals. Full athletics results follow this article but special congratulations goes to:

Brandon Hsiao - Long Jump 1st, High jump 2nd, Triple Jump 3rd, 200m 3rd

Joseph Liu - Discus 1st, Shot put 1st, Javelin 3rd

Josh Chen - 100m 1st, 800m 2nd

Stefan Bever - 1500m 2nd, 800m 2nd, 400m 2nd

Emily Daykin - 1500m 2nd, 800m 2nd



Competition Day 2 was boys’ basketball and girls’ football.

The boys generally played well in the morning but lacked a little bit in the game v Shrewsbury School going down by 4 points. Despite this loss our boys still went through to the semi finals as Shrewsbury lost to Regents School who our boys beat by 2 points.

Our boys played well to beat BIS Vietnam in the semi final earning a place in the final v Regents School who we had earlier beaten. The boys worked hard but unfortunately they simply failed to “fire” in the final and were beaten quite comfortably by Regents. Still, a good result for our guys though of course, they were disappointed as our U15 team had won the basketball for the previous 6 years!

The girls' football competition was one of those days where the "sporting Gods" certainly weren't smiling down on us! Though the girls worked really, really, really, **really** hard we had no luck at all which was summed up by Caroline shooting the ball (accidentally) in to the face of the opposing goalkeeper (when it seemed easier to score!) and knocking the poor goalie on her butt, then we also lost in a penalty shoot out heavy sigh from the coach (writing this!). Nevertheless, the girls worked very hard and still enjoyed the day with our goalkeeper, Fiona Lee, being outstanding.

Competition Day 3 was girls' basketball and boys' football.

Most of the girls who played football were also in the basketball team and the disappointments of the previous day were about to be forgotten with some excellent games, and efforts from the girls. 3 wins then a loss in one of the play off games lead to our girls coming 2nd in the basketball. The girls had worked very well and have really developed as a team over the last couple of months. Congratulations to all the girls and coach, Mr. Woodall. Their 2nd place was well deserved with Emily Daykin and Ayumi Kikuchi outstanding for the team.



A successful day was finished off with the boys' football team also finishing in 2nd place. A first up 1-2 loss to ELC from Kuala Lumpur was quickly put behind us (we didn't deserve to lose!) with some great football played by our boys. Playing 5 games of football in 30c heat is a huge task and (as coach) I was delighted with the boys' efforts and the quality of their football. Our play off game went in to extra time when Stefan (Silver) Bever, who had run a marathon over the past 3 days, slipped through a gap to run on to the ball and score the winning goal for a well deserved 2nd place.

All the boys made a tremendous effort with Jonno Thompson Bean and Stefan Bever out standing and Chris Lange and Charlie Barratt showing some very nice "touches". Well done boys, your coach was very proud!

Congratulations to all the staff and students for their great performances at the recent U15 FOBISSEA Games in Bangkok.

STUDENTS SUPPORTING STUDENTS
APPEAL TO SUPPORT SAN MIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Over NT\$ 600,000 now raised

STUDENT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Year 9 students are currently organizing a TES Student Christmas Raffle. They have managed to receive some great prizes from supporting companies (for example a bike worth \$nt15,000!!, Ferrari and Mazerati merchandise, T-shirts, Pens, Caps, Cosmetics and so much more!!). The telephone group has spent hours on the phones with companies and have had a great deal of success.

Tickets will go on sale next week and the prize draw will take place on the last day of term. Ticket costs are as follows.

\$nt50	1 ticket
\$nt300	8 tickets
\$nt500	15 tickets!!!

We have some great prizes and hope to find even more over the coming weeks to really inspire students to buy the tickets. **If you are interested in donating a prize please do not hesitate to contact the Year 9 team at;**

james.woodall@tes.tp.edu.tw

The Year 9 students have been amazing over the last few weeks and we hope to make even further progress in the weeks running up to Christmas. We hope to see as many parents as possible at the Carnegies event and also hope students will want to buy raffle tickets and win the bike!



Year 9 Fundraising Leaders – Mark Liu and Masturah Azmi

Galileo's Legacy – Professor David Malin visits TES

On the 10th of November the IB science students were privileged to be able to attend a lecture by Professor David Malin research fellow at the Anglo-Australian Observatory and Professor of Scientific Imaging at RMIT University Melbourne.



Using Galileo as the first recognisably modern scientist, Professor Malin briefly described Galileo's life and times before exploring his astonishing telescopic discoveries and their implications. The telescope was the first device to extend human vision, the next was the microscope, equally influential.

This theme was developed to show how Galileo's perceptions have echoes in today's Big Bang cosmology. Professor Malin also showed many of his pictures of astronomical objects, and included numerous entertaining stories attached to them.

Thanks to the ACIO for making this possible and to David Malin for taking the time in his busy schedule to come and talk to our IB students.

Some TES website links of interest:

Frequently Asked Questions about Secondary Education

<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/ths/documents/WebsiteFAQs.pdf>

University Placements of TES Graduates Worldwide (in Chinese)

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/ths/documents/TESGraduateUniversityOffersandPlacements-inChinese_000.pdf

Retour sur ce riche premier trimestre

La fin du premier trimestre arrive à grands pas et dans deux semaines les élèves profiteront des vacances de Noël.

Faisons un petit bilan des trois mois et demi très vite écoulés.

Concernant l'aspect administratif, les **conseils de classe** des collégiens ont eu lieu mardi 8 décembre et le conseil de classe des secondes a lieu jeudi 10.

La **réunion parents-professeurs** a eu lieu mercredi 9 décembre, la plupart des parents étaient au rendez-vous ce qui va permettre aux élèves d'encre mieux démarrer le prochain trimestre avec toutes les clefs pour améliorer leurs résultats.

Concernant les projets du secondaire, les classes de troisième et de seconde sont allés découvrir le monde de la création d'images de synthèse au travers de l'**exposition Pixar** au musée des Beaux arts de Taipei. Ce travail s'est ensuite suivi d'une **conférence** donnée par M. Faure sur l'aspect technique des méthodes de création des images 2D par ordinateur.



Le collège et les secondes sont également allés rencontrer les judokas médaillés des **Deaflympics** à l'école de police de Taipei. Ils les ont vus combattre en direct lors des finales hommes et femmes.



Une **rencontre** a pu avoir lieu quelques jours après, grâce à la venue des judokas sur le campus de Yang Ming Shan.

Le trimestre s'est terminé par le grand projet **Sismos à l'école**. Une formation de trois jours a permis aux élèves et aux professeurs de mieux cerner les nombreuses applications pédagogiques du sismographe qui sera installé à l'école.



Concernant l'orientation des élèves de seconde, ils ont pu rencontrer des professionnels de l'éducation supérieure au **salon européen de l'étudiant**. Grâce à cette après-midi de visite et de discussion, ils ont pu préciser leur choix d'études et leurs perspectives d'avenir.



Ces jours-ci, les parents des élèves de seconde sont reçus par le directeur de la section française; M. Trividic, le coordinateur du secondaire; M. Faure et le professeur principal de la classe Mlle Barré. Ces rendez-vous permettent de préparer activement la rentrée 2010 des élèves selon la filière choisie, leur projet d'études et leurs résultats scolaires.

Finalement, le premier trimestre a été très riche en projets, rencontres et sorties. Toute l'équipe pédagogique de Yang Ming Shan a passé un agréable trimestre et s'attend à ce que le second trimestre soit aussi enrichissant!