



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 trust that the recent Curriculum Evening for the High School was informative and helpful. It was pleasing to hear positive comments about the parent-teacher meeting evening, both in terms of the quality of information that teachers are providing about each students' learning and the structures we have put in place for on-line appointments.

This weekend is varied one for the ESC. There are 23 students hiking/camping on YMS, around 70 students and staff in school for an overnight production workshop for Oklahoma and around 80 students participating in the TEAMS Football competition in Taipei and Taichung on Saturday. Go Typhoons!!!!

Roger Schultz – Head of British and High School Sections

TO REMEMBER...

Year 9 and H2 students should have returned their subject choices for study next year in H1 (IGCSE) and H3 (IB).

Friday 19th March is a TES Staff Training day and there will not be classes that day

“OKLAHOMA”

Last week of term – don't miss it !!

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

WEEK 8	Wednesday 3rd March Friday 5 th – Sunday 7 th March Friday 5th March	High School Parent-Teacher Meetings 13:30 - 19:00 IA Silver Practice Hike in YMS NP Newsletter 10 Return of H1 and H3 subject option selections
	Saturday 6th March Saturday 6 th - Sunday 7 th March	MS Football Tournament @ MCA ESC School Show rehearsals – overnight Production Camp @ ESC
WEEK 9	Friday 12th March Saturday 13th March	Key Stage 3 Progress reports issued ESC School Show rehearsals TEAMS Cross Country @ AST
WEEK 10	TES BOOK WEEK Wednesday 18th - Monday 22nd March Wednesday 18th March Saturday 20th March	U13 FOBISSEA Games in Vietnam @ BISV UKMT Olympiad H2 and below ESC School Show rehearsals HS Football Tournament @ KAS
	Sunday 21st March	ESC School Show Technical Rehearsal (evening)

FRIDAY 19th MARCH

STAFF INSET and TRAINING DAY - no classes for students

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THE TES SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSICAL

OKLAHOMA!



**24-26 MARCH
PHASE 2 ATRIUM, ESC
7 PM**

ADULTS 200NT, STUDENTS 150NT

Don't miss the ESC production of Oklahoma
For 3 nights only in the last week of term 2

High School Curriculum

If you would like to find out more about the thehigh school external examination programmes please go to these links on our school website:

International General certificate of Secondary Education
<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/thc/curriculum.php>

International Baccalaureate Diploma
<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/thc/ib.php>

More general information
<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/thc/information.php>

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE – at Chinese New Year

Marin **2937**

Bora **2509**

Sirocco **2386**

Mistral **2227**

TES Secondary Library Parent Borrowing Program

Dear Parents,

We're glad to inform you that starting today you can borrow books from any of the Taipei European School Library!

The only thing you need to do is to see the librarian, let us know your

- name
- telephone number
- email address
- names of your children and their roll class

You can borrow up to 5 books for 2 weeks. Don't forget to return them on time as you will be charged for NT 5 per day for overdue!

Don't know what we have in our library? Please check our new online catalogue at <http://library.tes.tp.edu.tw/oliver> (click OPAC and search!)

Please feel free to contact us if you have any question regarding our parent borrowing program.

Happy Reading!

TES Secondary Library Team

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University and Careers News

- H4 students are now receiving offers in response to their applications. UCAS applicants who have received all conditional offers online can now choose a *firm* and an *insurance* placement at UK universities from their lists. They have until June 8th to do this. US and Canadian applicants will receive their placements normally by the end of April.
- **NEXT WEEK:** Three overseas universities will visit TES at 1.00 pm in the LCR, Phase 2:
 - Monday March 8th – University of Liverpool
 - Thursday March 11th – University of Melbourne
 - Friday March 12th – Hult International and La Rochelle Business

Schools

- Information regarding summer schools for 2010 in the US and Europe is displayed on the notice board and table outside the main office in the Phase 2 building.
- **REMINDER:** The British Council is holding its Education UK Spring Exhibition on 6/7 March, 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm, Eslite Book Store (Xin Yi Branch) Exhibition Hall, 6th Floor. There will be 25 UK higher education institutions present. Please follow the link for more information: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/taiwan-edukex.htm>

Geography in Action - Year 7 visit to Taipei 101



Snakes in a Lab !

On the 1st of March the H1 Science students were privileged to be able to attend a lecture by Hans Breuer an amateur herpetologist and snake enthusiast. Herr Breuer, a long time Taipei resident, discussed snake ecology, showed many of his own slides of Taiwan snakes, snakes skins and eggs. He also brought along some live baby and adult snakes which the students were encouraged to touch. This was a fascinating talk which the students greatly enjoyed.



Herr Breuer will repeat his talk on Monday the 8th of March, any parents who would like to attend will be more than welcome. If they contact me on my school email address and I will be happy to supply them with the details.

Neil Tollervey
HOD Science
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TES Students Shine in UKMT Mathematical Challenge: 4th Feb 2010

This competition has grown in popularity each year, with 100 students taking part last month and a few others who would have done so had there been room. This contrasts with about 30 students two years ago, although admittedly that competition was scheduled during a chilly Chinese New Year holiday by the UK organisers.

Particularly pleasing this year was the strength in depth shown by our students taking part. Of the one hundred entrants, no less than 90 achieved an award (Gold, Silver or Bronze) compared with the UKMT average of about 40%.

The breakdown of awards won by TES students compared with last year is:

	2010	2009
Gold	25	23
Silver	39	33
Bronze	26	12
	Total 90	Total 68

Of these 90 students, 12 have qualified for the 'by invitation only' follow-on rounds which take place later this month.

Over 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.

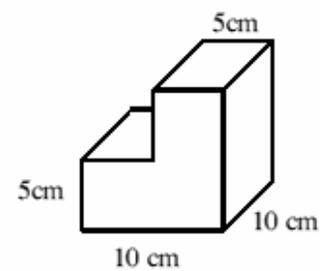
Creative Problem-Solving

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 might not be solved in the time allowed. Many past Challenge questions are used by Maths teachers at TES to help develop and encourage problem-solving skills. Below is an example from this year's Challenge which can be solved in at least two different ways, one considerably quicker than the other.

A cuboid is cut away from a cube of side 10 cm as shown.

By what fraction does the total surface area of the solid decrease as a result?

- A $\frac{1}{4}$ B $\frac{1}{6}$ C $\frac{1}{10}$ D $\frac{1}{12}$ E $\frac{1}{18}$



Alan Daykin
Head of Mathematics

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 Challenge 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.



Feb 2010: One hundred students fill the MPR room for the Intermediate Maths Challenge.



Feb 2008: Thirty enthusiastic students arrive for the Intermediate Maths Challenge.



RENCONTRE 5^{ÈME} ET 2^{DÈS} SUR LES CROISADES



PRÉSENTATION DU PROJET :

Comment s'assurer lorsqu'on est professeur que les élèves ont bien assimilé le cours, surtout quand on a fini la leçon depuis plusieurs semaines ?

Evidemment on peut donner des contrôles, ça c'est la méthode traditionnelle. Mais on peut aussi faire se rencontrer deux classes de niveaux différents sur le même thème du programme d'histoire et ceux qui ont déjà étudié le thème doivent poser des questions pertinentes à ceux qui exposent le sujet pour la première fois.



C'est ainsi qu'a été pensée cette rencontre : les 5^{ÈME} avaient déjà étudié les Croisades dans le programme sur le Moyen-âge alors que les secondes, qui semblaient avoir bien du mal à se souvenir de leur programme de cinquième, n'avaient pas encore étudié cette partie du programme. Mardi 2 février, les deux classes se sont trouvées face-à-face. Après avoir préparé les questions avec leur professeur Mr Karl-Durrenberger, les 5^{ÈME} ont écouté l'exposé des secondes et ensuite les deux classes ont échangé à partir des questions des collégiens.

Laissons la parole aux trois observateurs qui ont rédigé le COMPTE-RENDU ci-dessous :

« A 13H40 les secondes préparent un exposé sur les croisades. Ils vont présenter l'exposé aux cinquièmes. Dans l'équipe qui va faire l'exposé, il y a **Ignacio** (le capitaine), **Aisling** (vice-capitaine), **Jérémy**, **Sophie** et **Anaïs**. Pendant la préparation Ignacio a fait un power point. Certains élèves sont un peu nerveux mais d'autres sont excités. A 14h, les 5^{ÈME} arrivent dans la classe et s'installent.

La présentation commence, les secondes vont présenter les croisades. Ils parlent des causes, des conséquences de la première jusqu'à la 9^{ÈME} croisade. L'exposé est bien présenté et expliqué, c'est très clair et toutes les définitions sont bien maîtrisées. Durant l'exposé une élève s'est trompée sur une date mais l'exposé se termine avec une bonne conclusion.

Ensuite les 5^{ÈME} qui ont préparé des questions à poser aux secondes commencent leur interrogatoire. Les secondes se débrouillent bien, et répondent à toutes les questions même celles des professeurs.

Les 5^{ÈME} se sont bien comportés durant l'exposé et sont restés sages, leurs questions étaient très dures et assez précises mais les secondes ont bien répondu.

La présentation s'est terminée sous les applaudissements des 5^{ÈME}. Il est déjà 15h les 5^{ÈME} sortent avec plein de connaissances.



J'ai trouvé cette conférence très intéressante car les élèves de seconde avaient bien préparé leur présentation, et ont pu répondre à la majorité des questions préparées par les cinquièmes, surtout **Ignacio** qui a très bien compris le sujet. Les questions m'ont étonné puisqu'elles dépassaient le niveau des 5^{ÈME}. Je suis très surpris que les 5^{ÈME} soient aussi intelligents, ils ont très bien compris le sujet des croisades, même mieux que les secondes. Mais les secondes sont très forts aussi car ils ont préparé leur exposé en très peu de temps. »

(Alain Sawadogo, Ryan Wayzani, Fady Wayzani)

Chinese Puppet Making

After a relaxing break, the CLC Department had organised very refreshing sessions of the Chinese Hand Puppet Workshop for all KS3 students, which took place from January 7th to January 11th. This year, with many thanks to Ms. Fenny Chen's hard work behind the scenes, we had the honour to invite a professional puppet master, Ms. Lucie Kelche, to host the workshop, as a preparation for the upcoming Chinese New Year Celebration. As Chinese hand puppetry is part of traditional art, we would like to introduce this cultural event to our students.

During the Chinese New Year Celebration this year, we are going to invite to TES the Chiao Wan Jan Puppet Troupe, presented by Ping-Deng Elementary School, which was established and trained by the master of the hand puppet, Li Tien-Lu. The school has the longest history of any children's hand puppet troupe in Taiwan, and our students will have the chance to learn and work with them at that time.

During the workshop, our KS3 students were taught the background and the basic knowledge of Chinese hand puppetry. They have also learned how to perform Chinese hand puppets with some basic movements and how to use their creativity to make and design their own hand puppets. Our students had a very enthusiastic, knowledgeable and enjoyable experience. Now they are fully prepared and looking forward to celebrating the coming of Chinese New Year.

Ai Cha for the CLC Team





TES High and Secondary School Parent's Association Mid-Year Report

It was on the 9th January 2009 that I was inaugurated as the Chair of the High School Parents Association Committee. When I look back over the year I am amazed to see all the different activities under taken by the Committee in its aim to support the parents and students of TES on the Yang Ming Shan Campus.

In this short report I would like to share with you an over view of these activities and extend my deepest gratitude to all the parents and in particular the Committee members who have given their time, energy and support to the HSS PA.

High School Parents Association to High and Secondary School Parents Association

The High School Parents Association evolved, after discussions with the French, German and British PAs, to become the High and Secondary School PA in February 2009 and Representatives from all the Sections joined to form the HSS PA Committee. Since then the Committee has sought to ensure that projects take into consideration the needs of all the students on the Campus. This is an ongoing development process and discussions between the four PAs continue this year.

The Committee

The Committee welcomes all ESC parents to its meetings. Parents who regularly attend meetings and participate in activities may become Committee members. The Committee actually has 24 members, with an average of 18 attending monthly meetings. The names and contact details of the Committee Officers are on the High School Section of the website (http://www.taipeuropeanschool.com/thspa_introduction.php).

Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Friday of the month (if a school holiday - the following Friday). Over the last six months guest speakers Mr Schultz, Mr Trividic, Mr Fritzen (Heads of High, British, French and German Sections) have held informative discussions with members and Francesca Bremer presented the British Section PA uniform renewal project.

Achievements

Our objectives are *Promoting social interaction, providing communication and information channels, supporting student events within the school and providing support for the school and participating in fund raising activities*

All parents with students on the ESC are invited to join our activities which so far this year are:-

September Coffee morning - welcomed parents at the beginning of the new school year January

Coffee info - informal discussion on the IB Diploma and University entrance with guests Mr Schultz (Head of High and British Secondary Sections), Mr Redden (IB Coordinator), Mr Bean (University and Careers Counsellor) and Ms Pearson (Studies Coordinator).

Student Arts and Drama Evenings, Pop Idol and Music Concert were all provided with refreshments by the HSS PA Committee members also providing the opportunity to socialize and watch high level entertainment by the students

Supporting student activities - a new activity, Committee members joined students in providing hands-on support at Harmony Home Children's Shelter

Fund raising - ESC parents participated in the organization of both the Fireworks Night (with BSPTA) and Christmas Bazaar (with PSC), the HSS PA's two major fund raising events this year.

Donations - all donations are carefully considered during Committee meetings, the growing concern being to ensure that funded projects involve as many students as possible at the ESC. All requests considered have been granted in this mid-year. Extra funds (50,000 NT) were received from the BS PTA last May to participate in projects.

Projects involving large numbers of ESC students - all Sections combined are:

Projects funded in full: An awning extension for the Phase II canteen 304,750 NT; Sports Kits for ECA and School sports 80,000 NT; Picnic tables with benches for Phase I forecourt 24,515 NT;

Projects funded in part: (involving a smaller number of students) Tympani drums for the Orchestra 80,000 NT;

Projects involving specific groups of students and funded in full were: IB Social area 67,771 NT; Graduation drinks 12,075 NT

HSS PA also donated 5,000 NT to a student supported charity - Tabitha Cambodia House Building and another 5.300 NT for a raffle prize at the Gala Diner.

On going plans for this year

The distribution of Christmas Bazaar funds were received at the end of January and included contributions from the British as well as the French and German PAs. Funds were also received for the HSS PA contribution to Fireworks Night. Requests for funding from the school and students will be considered immediately after the holidays. An evening social is being organized for early March and invitations will be sent to ESC parents shortly. Student events in the up-coming months will also be supported.

The HSS PA is reviewing its web page; please take a look at it after the holidays when news and photos will be available as well as Committee Meeting Minutes and Agenda.

http://www.taipeuropeanschool.com/thh/pa_introduction.php

The HSS PA is constantly growing and evolving, it enjoys lively debates in a friendly atmosphere and warmly welcomes parents to participate in our activities, make suggestions and help us support our students.

If you would like to know more please contact us at ledouxmargaret@yahoo.co.uk

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous Chinese New Year

Margaret Ledoux
HSS PA Chair



« Et en France, les lycéens sont-ils comme nous ? »



Les secondes savent désormais où chacun va continuer sa scolarité l'année prochaine : Sophie et Aisling à Paris ; Jérémy à Séoul, Ryan et Fady Wayzani à Shanghai, Anaïs et Alain à Lyon et Ignacio entre en IB à la TES.



Afin d'approfondir leur réflexion sur leur avenir dans le système français pour la plupart des élèves, une professeur française qui enseigne en Savoie, en lycée professionnel depuis 5 ans a échangé mercredi 24 février avec eux sur la France, les filières, la spécificité du lycée professionnel très méconnu par les français, les différences entre la ville et la campagne... Elle a surtout répondu aux questions des élèves. Cela a permis aux élèves de poser des questions très précises sur le comportement des lycéens en France, sur les différences entre Taiwan et la France concernant la loi sur le tabac pour les jeunes.



Certains élèves se sont interrogés sur la peur de ne pas être intégré par les jeunes français et sur leur difficulté à choisir leur filière. Cette rencontre est tombée à pic car les élèves se préparent de plus en plus concrètement à leur nouvelle orientation.

Geography in Action - Year 7 visit to Taipei 101

The Year Sevens visited the Discovery Centre at Taipei City Hall yesterday as part of their study on Settlement. They investigated Taipei's growth from a farming and trading settlement into the large multi-functional city it is today. They also looked at the Xingji Planned Development Zone and did a survey of the types of shops in the 101 building as part of their study.

