



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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From the Head of British Secondary and High School Section

British Section Inspection

In June 2010, the British Section invited three Inspectors from the UK to visit our section and carry out a review of the education we provide for our pupils who are between 3 and 14 years of age.

The three Inspectors are all Ofsted trained (The Office for Standards in Education), and they spent 4 days with us. They observed many of our teachers teaching, they looked at our pupils' work and talked to them, they investigated many of our policies and procedures, they interviewed many of our staff, and they analysed some of our data. While doing all these things, we asked them to pay particular attention to the work of our EAL departments (English as an Additional Language).

At the end of their four days in school, the inspectors wrote their findings in a report. The report was extremely positive, but also contained some areas for our future development. As well as writing a full and detailed report, we also asked them to write what we call an "Executive Summary", which you can find on our website.

If you would like to find out more, or just talk to us about what the Inspectors had to say, please feel free to make an appointment with Stuart Glascott (British Secondary), Adele Corry (British Junior) or Ruth Martin (British Infant).

Reception for Great Britain's Downs Syndrome Swimming Team

I had the enormous honour of attending the reception for the Great Britain Downs Syndrome swimming team on Thursday September 30. The event was hosted by the Director of the British Trade and Cultural Office. 4 students from the Student Representative Council accompanied me to the event. They were: Ching Liu, Ariel Liu, Crystal Wang and Steven Mai. For more information on the event please see Ching's report later in this edition of the Newsletter.

**Warm regards,
Stuart Glascott**

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From the Assistant Head – Student Welfare

Service in the PSHCE Programme

In the past week or so many parents may have been seen and heard some interesting conversations taking place about planning, campaigns, media and business links. The Service Projects for this year have begun with H2 and Year 8 working together to prepare for our International Day of Tolerance this year and develop good community links within Taipei. In the next newsletter we will update you on the progress of this Service Project, which from the flurry of activity this week is going to be quite special for us all. Each year level embarks upon a Service Project during the year so that students become more aware of their role in bringing about positive change, linking what is discussed in the classroom with real life and importantly being given an opportunity to use talents and skills through great teamwork. Whilst teachers bring structure and advice to the projects, they are owned by the students who learn valuable lessons and meet many challenges along the way. Last year the Year 9's raised 1 million NT to assist San Min Junior High School in its journey of recovery after Typhoon Morakot destroyed its school buildings, this year the Year 9's will be making a difference to Taipei and demonstrating that TES has much to offer the local community. James Woodall tells us more ...

The Year 9 students started their Service Project last week and are very enthusiastic and excited about it.

If you are a non Mandarin speaker, how many times have you walked past a local restaurant because it does not have an English menu? Probably too scared to go in as you have no idea what to order? Or how many times have you seen an English menu that has some typing or spelling mistakes that you just want to fix? With the International Floral Expo about to start in Taipei, the Year 9 students realised that they could offer a fantastic service to the local community. With so many international visitors expected, the Year 9's want to offer a menu translating service within the local community to enable businesses to attract more custom from the tourists.

So, the Year 9 Menu Company has been launched (they are still trying to decide on a company name!). Their plan is to target restaurants close to the Expo sites and offer to produce a TES English Menu for establishments in need. It will be a free service and they see it as a great way to give back to the local community.

Over the last week they have organised themselves into working groups (Translating Group, Design Group, Promotion Group, Information Collecting Group, Sponsorship Group etc) and this weekend they will be visiting the Floral Expo site to explore the area and plan how to organise their project.

Hopefully, when you are in the city in around 4 weeks time you will see a sticker in a restaurant window saying 'We have a TES English Menu', and that you will want to go and eat there because

Good Luck to the Year 9's and we hope this will be a huge success.

James Woodall
Head of Year 8 and Year 9

Service through CAS (Community, Action and Service)

Key Stage 2 Disco

A group of our H3 and H4 students organised a disco for the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students at the EPC on Friday October 1st. Led by Ryan Weston, Nir Plopsky, Tin Tin Chin, Mehul Christian, Dimitri Aubert, Stephan Sass, Matthias Kern, Ahmad Tata and Jo Ligalevu ably assisted by Peggy Tsai and Camilia de Murat publicised the event, and organised the music, lighting, smoke machine, food and drinks for over one hundred Key Stage 2 students. A great time was had by all with Primary student commenting "This is just the best fun ever". All profits were donated to Tabitha Cambodia our H3 and H4 CAS Service Project.

Following the great success of this night we hope to organise similar events later in the year. Thanks to Ms Bronwyn Thompson, Ms Adele Corry, Mrs. Susan Turner and Mr. Chris McKelvie for their support with the supervision of the students.



Paul Turner
Head of H3 and H4

The Student Council

The Student Council is now underway with the leaders of Committees holding meetings and presenting ideas for discussion with their committees. The average committee has ten students busy discussing the work that the Council intends to complete this year. It is great to see our younger students, especially Year 7, taking their place in the Council, so a warm welcome to Jenny Gunnarsson, Berkay Onaz and Alex Lin from Year 7. It is also impressive that more and more High School students are seeking positions this year.

The Student Council President is **Ching Liu**, assisted by **Doris Hsueh** and **Christine Yeh** as Student Council secretaries.

The Committee leaders are:

Central Committee: Cindy Chen H3

Events Committee: Steven Mai H4

Service Committee: Crystal Wang H4

We wish them every success as they continue to plan events, represent the school, build community links and represent the 'voice' of the students to teachers and all school staff. The seriousness with which the students themselves regard their roles is impressive and we look forward to the events and service they organise this year.

The Klimek Cup

The Secondary House System 2010-2011 – the race is on for the Klimek Cup

In the last two weeks we have secured the House Captains for this academic year and are now building the house leadership with students of all ages coming forward to support their House.

The House Captains for this year are:

SIROCCO	Eric Lee and Stephanie O Yang
BORA	Lilian Barratt and Justin Lin
MISTRAL	Kimberly Lin and Josefa Ligalevu (both voted in again this year)
MARIN	Ariel Liu and Brian Hsia

The best way to learn leadership is through 'doing' and we wish them luck this year as they continue to develop excellent team spirit and encourage the participation of all members of the House in House events. Our rewards system for Key stage 3 and IGCSE (1 Points), contributes to the House totals so in fact students in these year levels are contributing to their house with every point they earn during lessons and through all the positive things they do which develop them as people and also create the great community that is TES Secondary.



The House Competition was launched in style yesterday with the first ever House Beep Test Competition. All Key Stage 3 and High School students assembled in the gym wearing house colours after their House Meetings led by the House Captains and were in full voice ready to support their house representatives. The gym was a sea of red, yellow, green and blue and the roof was shaking with the noise coming from the 4 groups of excited supporters.

Each House had to enter one boy and one girl from Key Stage 3 and High School to take the test as well as try to persuade one male and one female member of staff to take part. If you do not know the beep test it is very simply this; a test of Cardiovascular Endurance. You need to run between two lines 20 meters apart every time the CD beeps. Each level is one minute long and every level gets faster and faster. The aim is to keep in time with the beeps for as long as possible. The test goes from level 1 to level 21! When you eventually cannot keep up and miss 3 Beeps in a row you are eliminated. The atmosphere in the gym was fantastic with all houses encouraging and shouting for their athletes. The athletes responded and we saw some of the best performances **EVER** at the school. In the female event 4 people went over level 10 (Ayumi, Sylvia, Emily and Ms Brock). It was a fierce competition with nobody wanting to drop out. Eventually Emily was the last one standing and she equaled the school record with a fantastic score of 11.2. Mistral took an early lead in the standings when the 3 female

scores were combined. Jenny Gunnarsson's determination and endurance was an impressive sight as she held her own against the senior students and Ms Brock.



The boys then got ready and this proved to be an equally exciting and tense competition. A number of boys had their eyes set on the school record (13.10) so we knew it would be a hard fought encounter. At level 12 the athletes started to feel the strain and numbers began to fall. Three people made it over level 13. Mr. Woodall and Kelvin tried to hold on but eventually Stefan showed tremendous determination and fitness to hold on and score the highest EVER score reached by a TES student. His score was 14.2 which is incredible and it helped Sirocco to take a commanding lead in the male event.

When the male and female scores were combined it was very close with Marin in 3rd place (871 points) Sirocco 2nd (884 points) but after such a strong performance in the female event Mistral held on for a well deserved win (911 points).

Huge congratulations to the Mistral team members:

Sylvia, Katerina, BK, Kelvin, Ms Brock and Mr. Sing Key.

It was a great event enjoyed by the students and staff and it certainly launched the competition with a "bang", or should we say "a Beep"!

James Woodall

I would like to thank Mr. Woodall for organising this excellent event and to recognize the participants who were:

SIROCCO
STAFF

Jenny Gunnarsson, Jennifer Fang, Steffan Bever, Jeffrey Sun
Maggie Hsu, James Woodall, Chris Papps

BORA
STAFF

Apple Liu, Ayumi Kikuchi, Modou Jarjou, Jackie Chen
Megan Elmquist, Leighton Edwards

MISTRAL
STAFF

Sylvia Bever, Katerina Lai, Bryan Kuo, Kelvin Lee
Natasha Brock, Tim Sing Key

MARIN
STAFF

Christine Hsu, Emily Daykin, Axel Queau, Bryant Hsiao
Peter Li, Peter Schulz

Rachel Harris
Assistant Head (Student Welfare)

From the Assistant Head - IB

The extended essay deadline is fast approaching for the H4 IB Diploma students. These students have until the 27 November to complete their 4000 word piece of original research. The fact that our students have taken on such a major piece of research early in their academic career will serve them well in the future. In fact, I had some correspondence the other day from one of our May 2010 graduates who is studying sports science in the UK. He informed me that he the only one in his class that could correctly use references in his work. In general, many of our graduates comment on how the extended essay gave them a head start over their peers at university.



The library staff at the Swire European Secondary Campus led by Ms. Angela Chang is well placed to help our IB students with their extended essays. In the library assistance can be sought with referencing and academic writing in general. The library staff, however, really come into their own with the assistance that they can provide in helping students find subject specific resources.

The ESC library is no longer bounded by its physical walls and with the aid of two large databases in EBSCO and JSTOR it offers a vast resource of journals, magazines and periodicals. The internet itself also offers a wide variety of information, but students need to be discerning in what they chose to use. The information on EBSCO and JSTOR is all subject to editorial review and is published in well respected publications.

The students each have a tutor that provides 4 hours of support over the 10 months that the students have to complete their essays. All of our supervisors are experts when it comes to research and academic writing. The advice and insights that they can provide are invaluable and it is important that the students seek their advice and make sure that they use up their allotted time wisely.

The average student will spend 40 hours on their extended essay and it is a piece of work that they should be proud of at the end of the day. A number of our former students have used their extended essay to good affect in their personal statements to universities to illustrate the passion that they have for the degree they wish to pursue.

The H3 students will commence their extended essay in December of this year. We strongly recommend that the H3 students select an extended essay subject area that they are studying at Higher Level, as this is where their academic interests should lie. Within that subject area the students can follow their own curiosity to research something that particularly interests them. In summation, this is a great opportunity and really something that students should enjoy while furthering their knowledge.

Stewart Redden
Assistant Head (IB)

UCC Update

The TES University and Careers service has begun another busy year, with a record graduating class of 54 students and a number of events this term. The important ones coming up are:

- Saturday 13.00-18.00/Sunday 11.30-16.30, October 9/10: American International Education Foundation Fair is at the Taipei CPC Corporation, No. 3, Song Ren Road, Taipei
- The Princeton SAT Strategy course begins with the baseline diagnostic test in Phase 2, Saturday 9 October
- *Futurewise* psychometric testing for H2/3 will be 18-20 October in the MPR
- TES University Mini-Fair will be held 9.00-11.00 on Friday 12 November in the MPR. More details will follow about this event at our campus
- November 13/14 the EHEF University Fair will take place at the World Trade Centre. Times will be confirmed
- And the last word.....H4 students should be well into the application process having completed personal statements, college essays!

From the Assistant Head - Studies

Passport to Success in Chinese

The CLC department at ESC has recently initiated a new project, “**Passport to Success in Chinese**” in order to accelerate students’ Chinese learning after school. All Key Stage 3 and IGCSE students will receive a “passport”, exclusively developed by Ms. Fenny Chen. For Foreign Language Chinese learners, we’d like to have the support and participation of parents by encouraging your child to communicate with the local people in Chinese whenever possible, and you may sign and date his/her passport as a witness for the continued learning after class. As for those who are learning Chinese as a First Language, parents are more than welcome to witness your child’s success in their literary progress through the completion of the reading tasks in Chinese. Please ask you child to explain the passport to you in more detail.



“Passport to Success in Chinese” is the extension of students’ Chinese study after school and with the support and participation of the TES parents, we believe our students will make good use of the Chinese community they are living in and become fluent Chinese speakers or regular readers in Chinese.

CLC Team at ESC

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Head (Studies)

From the President of the Student Council

Reception for Great Britain’s Downs Syndrome Swimming Team

Arriving 30 minutes early at the British Trade & Culture Office I wasn’t quite sure what to expect at the reception for the GB- team-World Down syndrome Swimming Championships. Expecting to meet only adults I found myself extremely surprised to be staring at not only into the eyes of grown-ups but also teenagers and kids who were my age or younger. The evening started off calm as me, Crystal, Steven and Ariel stood around feeling like a fish out of water, but gradually it was the swim team’s warmth that broke down the ice.

The GB-team reveals that the toughest and hardest part of the effects of Down syndrome was not only the battle between the person and his body but is that fact that Down syndrome is a “genetic disease” which challenges a person’s optimism. The experience of being able to come into close proximity with people from another nation striving to improve the lives of others who carry the same sickness was truly life changing. For me it was the students my own age that inspired me most. They showed me that what I took for granted such as being able to attend school every day was something some of them could only dream of. Within the short two hours, us T.E.S the students began as outsiders that couldn’t relate to walking out feeling more attached than ever.

Best regards,

Ching Liu, President – Student Council



IDEERS competition

The Table Moved!!!

This was no séance! Just an annual science competition, but moving tables and connecting as a team were definitely the focus!

Each year over 40 schools in Taiwan enter the “Introducing and Demonstrating Earthquake Engineering and Research in Schools” competition (IDEERS) held at the National Centre for Research on Earthquake Engineering (NCREE) in Taipei. This year, on the weekend of September 25th and 26th, we had two teams entering from TES, who each constructed wooden buildings and watched nervously as they were tested by the big shaking table!

Although neither team won technical design prizes, their buildings were amongst the few to remain rigid and upright throughout the whole contest (thus being too strong to be considered “efficient”!). However, thanks to the aesthetic awareness of one Emily Yang in H4 from TES, one of our teams won the “Most Creative Architectural Design” award. This team was caught on camera by the local newspaper “United Daily” (see photos) as they mounted their building to the simulator.

For more information on NCREE, you should visit their Wikipedia page. It was written by Tina Gunnarsson from our school (see photos) whilst on work experience there!

Mr. Gavin Winter, Physics Teacher



From the Head of ICT

Budding Computer Wizards!

At the end of the last academic year, a number of our TES students entered the University of New South Wales Computer Skills competition. This competition tested students' capability in the areas of: General Computer Skills, Word Processing, Graphics/Multimedia, Internet/Email, and Databases/Spreadsheets.

In all, 17 students entered and acquitted themselves admirably, with all students receiving a Certificate of Participation, three students receiving Certificates of Credit (Irene Hung B8KC, David Huang B9IS, Stanley Wong H1RD), and four students attaining a Certificate of Distinction (Leo Ku B8SG, Nicholas Huang H2JW, Kevin Liu H2MD, Ryan Weinstein H2MD).

A special mention for Leo Ku who scored top marks in the areas of Graphics, Internet and General Skills. Well done Leo!

For all those other budding computer wizards, there will another opportunity to take part in this competition during term 3 of this academic year.



Back Row: Nicholas Huang H2JW, Kevin Liu H2MD, Ryan Weinstein H2MD
Front: Leo Ku B8SG

TES Sport

TES Football Trophy 2010

2010 – A year of transition: difficult start into the new season with both the boys and the girls coming 5th in the TES Trophy Tournaments.

Ida, Ann, Emily, Cristina ... Elliot, Ricky, Manuel ... to name only a few. All graduated – all gone! This year can be seen as a year of transition from the successful TES football teams of the past to the new generation among the younger high school students. The girls have played 8 games so far, but only won 2. The boys lost 0-3 and even 1-8 against their varsity counterparts from TAS and MCA. Both teams (boys & girls) came 5th in the TES Trophies – a tournament that was won last year and the previous year by our boys and the girls being nearly invincible among all South East Asia's international schools in the last 3 years.



Newly appointed team captain SOPHIE CHEN dribbles against TAS ... and is often unstoppable!



NADIA was TES's best player in the Trophy. MINDY has become the midfield engine this year.



STEPHAN SASS (new team captain) dribbles the ball passed MCA. SPENCER MIAO shoots against JOHN TURNER's team.

The new generation is ready soon:



AYUMI most active midfielder & MICHAELA



most reliable defender! CAROLINE shoots against TAS.



Modou becomes an ALL STAR!



Speed combined with ball skills ... MODOU



Trophy ALL Star: MAX KLEMM



FIONA with a fantastic shot.



KELVIN tackles a player from SanChong!



AWA saves it against DIS.



TAS wins the Girls Trophy 2010: Team captain Mora Grehl also wins the MVP award



AWA among the Trophy ALL STARS



The Boys All Star Team

The TES Varsity Teams 2010:



**Kim, Awa, Michaela, Fabi, Caro, Fiona, Karmun, Ella Sophie, Michelle, Morly, Ayumi, Nadia, Prety, Mindy
Mr. Peter Schulz, PE Teacher**



Matthew, Jono, George, Stephan, Spencer Matthias, Mehul, David, Henry, Stefan, Hayden, Joe