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From the Head of British Secondary and High School Section

Good luck to H2 and H4

Students in H2 and H4 commence examinations over the next few weeks. H4 students commenced study leave on Tuesday April 26 and IB Diploma examinations commence on Tuesday May 3. H2 students commence study leave on May 2 in preparation for their IGCSE examinations that commence on May 5. I know they have all worked very diligently over the past 2 years. On behalf of the TES community I wish all of these students all the best and I sincerely hope they all achieve their goals.

Stephen De Silva

TES is most fortunate to have Stephen De Silva visiting the school in a few weeks time. As part of his visit Stephen will conduct a session with parents and carers on keeping children safe in their online and day-to-day friendships. The evening session for parents is on May 10 and promises to be informative, engaging and above all supportive in the shared goal of safeguarding the wellbeing of our young people. For more information see Ms Harris' report later in this Newsletter.

Year 7 2011-2012 parent visit to ESC

All parents of current TES Year 6 students have been invited to visit the ESC to tour the school and find out more about what happens in British Secondary. The visit will occur on May 4 and we are expecting approximately 60 parents. This is an important day in the transition process for Year 6 students moving to ESC. This event will be followed by visits by the Year 6 students later in the school year.

Realignment of the British and High School Sections

All parents should have received a letter from Dr Weston regarding a proposal for the realignment of the British and High School Sections. A reminder that an information session will occur on May 4 (commencing 4.00pm) in the EPC amphitheatre regarding this matter.

**Warm regards,
Stuart Glascott**

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British Secondary and High School 'Values' – Mr Woodall

Having 'Core Values' or 'Shared values' in a school and in a home environment is essential. It is said that your 'Core Values' are the foundation on which everything is built. If our students are to achieve all that they can and become the best possible global citizens in the future we must instill our Core Values in them from Y7 right through to H4. It is important that these values are clear to students and parents, are lived by students, staff and parents alike and are part of every day life in our school and at home.

Starting next week a committee of staff will be meeting and asking the following;

Do our current 'Values' reflect our school mission and our student body?

Do we instill these values in our students enough?

Are our values lived by all members of the British Secondary and High School community?

Do we need to change our values?

How can we better implement these values into the classroom and everyday school life?

Etc.....Etc

The group will be asking for input from the School Student Council and also see the great importance of the views of parents. If values are to work they need to be supported and further embedded at home.

So.... I ask you the following as parents.....

What do you think our Core Values should be?

What are your core values at home?

What thinking skills do you believe will most benefit our students in later life?

What can we do to develop stronger links in values between school and home?

What values do you think will best benefit our students in later life?

It is vital that the development of our values education is done as a team of teachers, students and parents so that there is consensus, ownership and most importantly an agreement to implement these values in all that we do. Any input, views, opinions from you as parents would be greatly appreciated. Please if you have any views, questions or suggestions email them directly to me at: james.woodall@tes.tp.edu.tw

The more input we get the better and we look forward to sharing our results with you later in the term and launching and really promoting our values education next year.

James Woodall

Head of Year 8 and 9

From the Assistant Head – Student Welfare

In the past two weeks we have seen our H4 and H2 students end their regular lessons and begin their external examinations leave. In our High School Assembly last week we recognized the achievements and contributions of these students in many varied aspects of school life. I would like to wish them well during this exciting and also challenging time. This is when all the work of the past two years really counts. The journey of the H2's and H4's is only just beginning and giving their best performance and remaining determined in the weeks ahead really is crucial. Before the vacation Barbara Budin and Minori Kunii H3, organized an origami paper crane initiative, they exceeded their target and over 1,000 cranes are now hanging in the Phase II atrium to demonstrate student support for Japan in the aftermath of the recent earthquake and tsunami. This was a great effort from everyone involved. The H1 Service Project with Harmony Home will come to a close shortly, a great deal has been achieved so far and much of the work involved has taken place at lunchtimes, after school, at weekends and even during school holidays. It is fantastic to see the independence and initiative of this group of students, supported by the H1 team and Ms Papps. Term 3 is a very busy time for the Pastoral Team, this week Ms Crimmins will visit Year 6 at the Primary

Campus for the first time this year and next week we will welcome Year 6 parents to our Open Morning to learn more about life in Secondary school. A number of opportunities are planned to aid the process of transition. We are also looking forward to the visit of Stephen DeSilva, (UK consultant) very shortly. If you have not reserved your place at the Parent Workshop on Tuesday 10th May, please do so as soon as possible; this is an opportunity not to be missed. Details of how to register can be found in this section of the Newsletter. Further information about our PDE (Personal Development and Enrichment) Week in June will be in our next newsletter, however all remaining payments are now due for the overnight camps, please ensure that these are brought to the Phase 1 Office as soon as possible.

Year 7 Service Project

Year 7 have just started their Service Project on Animal Welfare! Last week the students researched two of Taiwan's Animal Welfare organisations: Taiwan SPCA and Animal's Taiwan. The focus of this Service Project is inform the students about the good work these organisations do, how to care for animals, what to do if an animal requires rescuing and to actually go to a shelter and help out for the afternoon. Next week we are fortunate enough to have Taiwan SPCA visit us at school to educate the students on Animal Welfare. Following that, over three weeks the Year 7 students will visit the Animal's Taiwan shelter in Shihlin. The students are very much looking forward to helping out and getting to walk some of the dogs, let's hope it's a nice sunny day! You will receive letters about the visits next week.

Joanna Crimmins
Head of Transition and Year 7

Year 8 and 9 PSHCE

Statistics!

We had a very interesting and informative PSHCE session last week. The whole of Year 8 & 9 were together in the gym and were working out statistics. Students were asked to be completely honest and not be influenced by other people. I believe they were honest and should be commended for the way they behaved in the lesson and for the team work and cooperation they showed when calculating the percentages and means.

We explored life styles outside of school to see if our students get enough sleep, spend too much time on computers etc. Below are some very interesting statistics and some questions we might want to ask ourselves.

SLEEP

On many websites it states that the average teenager needs at least 8.5 hours sleep a night and some require over 9 hours. When asked how much sleep they get our students gave some alarming answers: some students admitted that they get as little as 5-6 hours sleep on an average night. When all answers were put together the mean result was;

7.3 Hours per night – well below the required amount!

Are our students coming to school tired each day because of lack of sleep? Are their studies suffering? Would they achieve more if they had more sleep? Something to think about.

COMPUTERS

When asked about computer use the following results came out.

68% of students have a computer in their own room.

The average time spent on the computer a night (not work related) was **3.5 hours!**

Only **20%** said that their parents monitor their computer usage.

45% admitted that they have looked at adult sites that they know they should not be on!

Do our students spend too much time on a computer each day? Should we be monitoring the computer usage more? Should the computer be moved to a common area in the house and not be kept in the bedroom?

HOMEWORK

The average time spent each night doing school homework (actual work and not surfing) was **2.4 hours**.

Is this not enough? Is it too much? Is the work/life balance correct?

EXERCISE

When looking at exercise the results were equally alarming. Some students spent more time on a computer in one night that they spent exercising in a whole week! It is said that teens need at least one hour of exercise a day. The TES statistics showed that on average students were getting; **4 hours per week!!**

It must be stated that this is an average and actually many students admitted to doing no exercise outside of school PE time. The results were also distorted slightly as there is a core of students who do way above this and can actually do 3 or 4 hours a day on a weekend. It is quite obvious that the students on average are not getting anywhere near the amount of exercise required in a week and some are not even close to the required amount.

Do our students spend too much time surfing the net and not enough time exercising? Is there a time each day that could be dedicated to exercise as apposed to free computer time?

I thought I would share these result with you as I do find them very interesting. They may make you think a little bit about the lifestyle and choices being made by our KS3 students. They definitely set off some alarm bells with me and made me think about issues we should look at in our PSHCE programme next year. I hope you found them useful as well.

James Woodall

Head of Year, Year 8 and 9

Year 8/9 Outward Bound PDE Week

Dear parents,

We will be sending over 70 students and staff out on the 'Outward Bound' camps during PDE week. The students will have a fantastic time and will be challenged to move out of their 'Comfort Zones' and take some risks. The whole experience from camping to cooking for themselves as well as the physical and mental tests is such a positive one and the students grow and mature in so many ways.

Final details of payment and a medical form have been sent home with the students. Please ensure that these forms are filled in accurately and returned with the money to Ann in the British School office on Monday morning.

Thank you in advance for this and we are looking forward to the trips in June.

James Woodall

H2 Farewell and Good Luck!

As of Monday the H2s will be on Study Leave. I had the opportunity to formally farewell them during last week's High School Assembly. However, I would like to offer the H2s a few final words of encouragement and advice before they begin their IGCSE examinations.

The IGCSE examinations follow two years of challenging study, and for many of the H2s it will be the first time they have sat formal, external examinations. They have been given a lot of advice on how to best revise and prepare, and I know that most students have utilised these strategies. Now that the IGCSE examinations are quickly approaching, many students are beginning to feel somewhat nervous and stressed about what is coming.

It is natural to feel anxious about examinations, but it is important that students have some positive strategies they can use to help them cope with stress. The website www.rewardinglearning.org.uk offers some helpful suggestions:

Stress Busting Techniques

During the exam

1. Take deep breaths

- Taking several long, slow, deep breaths will help to calm you down and help you feel more relaxed.
- Tell yourself that you are calm and that you will do well. Remember positive thinking!

2. Reading instructions and questions

- Make sure you read each question carefully and listen to instructions given by the invigilators.
- Read the front of the exam paper which has important information on what questions you are required to answer and how many marks are awarded.

3. Staying in control

- If your mind goes blank, don't panic! Panicking will just make it harder for you to remember what you learnt.
- Everyone panics. Put your pen down and go back to taking several long, slow, deep breaths until you feel more relaxed again. Try to stop any negative thoughts and keep telling yourself you can do it. Eventually you will settle down again and you will be able to continue with your questions.
- If you find that you are stuck on a question, take a deep breath, move on to the next question and come back to the other question later when you have more time to concentrate on difficult questions.
- Do not waste all of your time on one question when there are others you could easily answer. Make sure you divide your exam time according to the marks allocated for each question.

After the exam

1. Stay positive

If you found part of an exam difficult, don't panic or get annoyed. You are not the only one. You will only know how you did when you get the results. You may be surprised! Exams are mostly about technique and the more you do, the better you get.

Some students prefer to leave the examination centre immediately so they don't have to discuss their answers with other classmates after the exam.

Remember, you did the best you could and no one can fault you on that. Stop wasting time criticising yourself for where you think you went wrong.

Focus on what you did right and learn from your mistakes. Don't dwell on questions you think you didn't do well in, or waste time comparing your answers against other students. Wait and see what the results say.

Whether you did well or didn't do as well as expected you are still to be congratulated.

Everyone knows how hard you worked and so should you.

It has been a pleasure to work with the H2s this year. They are a hardworking and talented group of students who, I believe, serve as excellent ambassadors for our school. Over the next weeks the H2s will have to remain focused and work hard in order to succeed in their IGCSE examinations. I am confident that each student will aim to achieve their best results.

On behalf of the H2 Pastoral Team – **Good Luck H2!**

Sonya Papps
Head of Year, H1 and H2

'Safe and Happy'

Parent Workshop

Date: Tuesday 10th May

Time: 7pm to 9.15pm

Location: Phase II Atrium at the Secondary Campus

We welcome the return of Stephen DeSilva to TES and provide an opportunity for parents and carers to think and talk about our young people – keeping them safe in their online and day-to-day friendships. The evening promises to be informative, engaging and above all supportive in the shared goal of safeguarding the wellbeing of our young people.

The Programme:

7.00 - 7.15pm	Refreshments
7.15pm	Welcome of Delegates & Introduction of Speaker
7.20pm	Keynote Speech: Stephen De Silva from the UK
7.50pm	Introduction to Conversation Groups
7.55pm	Parents to Conversation Groups
8.55pm	Plenary Session & Closing Remarks
9.15pm	End

About the workshop leader:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Stephen De Silva is an experienced teacher, assessor, consultant and writer with thirty years' service in the education and health sectors. He has worked across the UK and in New York, Washington D.C. and Bermuda. Originally a leader of both PSHE / Religious Education departments and Pastoral Year Teams, he has also managed young people's sexual health and drugs services in the NHS (National Health Service, UK).

Stephen is:

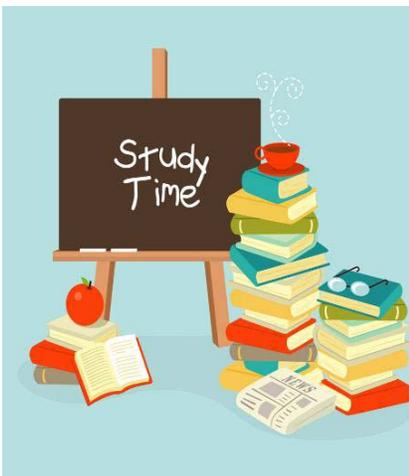
- a contributor to Teachers' TV programmes
- a consultant to QCA (UK) on the Personal Development curriculum review
- an associate trainer for the National Children's Bureau UK
- a writer and trainer on the UK Home Office's "Blueprint" Drugs Project
- an accredited trainer of SHARE "Sexual Health and Relationships Education" for NHS Scotland



He works with the subject of Diversity (particularly looking at topics such as sexuality and religious/cultural awareness) and provides training skills development for those working in Safeguarding Children (Child Protection). His voluntary work includes his role as Cathedral Warden and Lay Canon at St. Albans Abbey, UK.

Stephen will be providing professional development at the ESC for teachers across the region, our Pastoral Leadership Team and BSS/HS staff during his visit to Taipei European School from the 9th to the 12th of May. We believe that providing parents with an opportunity to listen to Stephen and to share ideas is an important aspect of his continued work with us.

Places will be limited for this event, therefore please ensure that you have reserved your place(s). The evening is not suitable for students. Please email cindy.wang@tes.tp.edu.tw



KS3 Afterschool Study Club ECA

Ms Lynn is running a homework/study club for KS3 students. It's aimed at any KS3 student – all are welcome! The Club can support students with organization, planning, research or general understanding.

When? **Every Tuesday, 3.15pm- 4.15pm**

Where? **Phase 2 library**

Just bring along whatever you need for the homework assignment.

Student Council Update

I am extremely proud of The Student Council and the work and initiative of this dynamic group of students. Their teamwork this year has been fantastic and it is especially pleasing to see our younger students becoming more and more involved. Last week the council organized a 'Neon' disco, they do make it look incredibly easy nowadays, though I know that so much organization is involved. There was a great atmosphere throughout the evening. Many thanks go to the staff that supervised at this event. Examples of the initiative of the Council are best illustrated below by Ariel Liu's report on the visit to the SOS Children's Home during the vacation, we look forward to learning more about how the council plans to work this worthwhile organization in the near future.

A report by Ariel Liu



The Service Committee of the Student Council has been raising money for the SOS Children's Village Orphanage in Taoyuan for the past term and have done so through the sales of food to students at lunchtimes. On the 28th of March, the committee decided to visit this organization to see the exact conditions that the children lived in and what we could do to help. Many of the Service Committee members along with a few volunteers from the other committees set out from the EPC to the SOS Children's Village early in the morning. We traveled there the authentic way, via the Taiwan Rail which took us around forty minutes to get to our destination. Although the train ride was lengthy, the scenery was beautiful and it gave us a great chance to get to know each other.

Upon arrival at the SOS Children's Village, we were received with a friendly welcome by the director of the orphanage, Maria Norden. We had no idea what to expect as none of us had been there before and we were taken by surprise when we finally saw the facilities. The orphanage was a lot bigger than expected and consisted of many small houses for the children, as well as a church, a dining hall and a large commercial kitchen. However, there were areas of the orphanage that were dilapidated and in desperate need of repair. Maria pointed this out to us and specifically asked that we help with funds to improve these areas, such as the extremely old church toilet. They were also in the process of developing their own vegetable patch, in which they could grow their own organic crops and teach the children some agricultural skills. This was another area that the members of the Service Committee were excited to help out with and our committee is keen on helping the orphanage purchase supplies to help them along with this project.

The visit was really inspiring as Maria shared with us many of her life stories and struggles, as well as teaching us how to make a unique 'herb pita bread' that the children sold on weekends to the locals. We were also given a special performance by one of the children, as she sang a

Taiwanese love song to us in preparation for a singing contest that she was going to enter. I really enjoyed the trip and it gave me a clearer idea of what I wanted to do with the money we raised and also allowed me to interact with the people I wanted to help on a more personal level. I know the experience was just as valuable for the other members of the Student Council and I would like to give special thanks to everyone who came along, Altman Tai, Christine Yeh, Michelle Yeh, Victoria Yeh, Katherine Wang, Brandon Hsiao, Vernon Lin, Grace Tsai and Ms. Hsu who came to supervise us.



Rachel Harris
Assistant Head of Secondary (Student Welfare)

From the Assistant Head – Studies

Dear Parents,

This week the H2 students have attended their last formal lessons before commencing study leave and then their IGCSE exams. The teachers and students have been working hard in order to prepare for the written examinations. In the last few weeks many of the H2 students have been involved in practical and oral examinations. We wish them all the best in the upcoming examinations and encourage them to revise sensibly ensuring that they eat well and that they get ample rest.

Following the IGCSE examination session we will hold an IB Induction course for the H2 students. This will provide the students with further information about the IB Diploma course. We encourage all H2 students to attend school in this week as they will be provided with preparatory work to complete over the summer. The Induction Course takes place from 13 to 15 June.

The end of year examination session for H1 and H3 students will run from 30 May to 2 June. Mr Redden, who is in charge of organizing examination sessions, will send out information regarding the timing of examinations to students and parents in the near future. Please ensure that your child has set up a revision schedule for these examinations. They should be starting to revise for these now.

Key Stage Three students will not have a formal examination session but will have end of year assessments in some of their subjects. Assessment in Key Stage Three is continuous over the year and so assessed tasks completed over this time will contribute to the overall level that the student achieves. Students will be fully aware of any tests or assessments that they are required to complete in the upcoming months.

Next week we will be holding an information morning for the current Year 6 parents. The aim of the meeting is to give parents the opportunity to find out more about the structure of the school day in Year 7 and the classes the students will be attending.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Warm regards,

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Head of Secondary (Studies)
Email: sarah.pearson@tes.tp.edu.tw

News from the Chinese Department

Book Week Visit

This year the Chinese department invited Mr. Gong Sun Ce (公孫策), the well-known historical writer, as the guest speaker to our Key Stage 3 Chinese First Language students during the Book Week. The topic of his speech was about *The Era of SanGuo* (三國). He not only provided our students a better understanding of the history at that time, but also reminded the students to learn the lessons from the past. The students enjoyed a very enthusiastic and confident interaction with Mr. Gong Sun Ce and some of the students asked very searching and advanced historical questions. We should always encourage our children to enjoy reading, and remind them of the advantages of having good books as life companions.



Year 7 Visit the Taipei Flora Expo

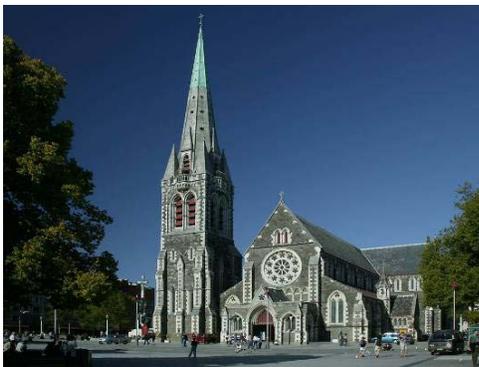
As you may be aware, the 2010 Taipei International Flora Exposition has just beautifully ended this week. On 21st March, a trip to the Expo was taken by all Year 7 students organised by the Chinese department. This trip has provided them with the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of various garden designs and flowers from many different countries and cultures, through which they will be able to achieve a deeper understanding and knowledge about our environment and so raise their environmental awareness. Prior details about the Flora Exposition along with worksheets had been provided beforehand, so the students had all fully enjoyed this very colourful and informative trip.



Flora Sung
Head of Chinese Language and Culture

News from the Music Department

Select Choir Sing at Christchurch Earthquake Memorial Service



Members of the Select Choir performed at a memorial service for victims of the recent Christchurch Earthquake held at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Shilin on Wednesday 16th March. It was a moving service with many members of the New Zealand expatriate community, including several TES Staff members in attendance. The Select Choir, under the directorship of Ms Jameson, led the singing of the New Zealand national anthem, which was very well received. The choir sang well, and was particularly complemented on their pronunciation of the first verse of the anthem, which is in the aboriginal language of New Zealand, Maori.

Donations are currently being organised through the New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office. Contact: nzcio.tpe@msa.hinet.net

International School Choral Music Society Report: February 16-20

Last month 17 talented musicians flew to Shanghai to participate in the 4th annual ISCMS festival. The festival is geared to university and conservatory level musicians and the repertoire is specifically chosen to extend all involved. This year the combined choir and orchestra numbered over 300 with *Belshazzar's Feast*, *Peter and Wolf* and *Pomp and Circumstance* presented at the Shanghai Oriental Arts Centre. A TES website was built for our students to read and update in the form of blogs. Here is a selection written independently by the students themselves.



Well, I'm not exactly the photographer type of guy, so I'll just say a couple of words here :P I really enjoyed this trip and it couldn't have happened without the efforts of Mr.Papps, Mr.Mawhinney, and Ms.Jameson. I think it was a great experience for me as I had the opportunity to actually experience what it is like to play in a big orchestra. Along with that, it was a lot of fun outside of rehearsal times too as we got to meet new people, explore the city and of course, fool around. It was a very memorable trip and if I'm still in TES next year, I wouldn't hesitate about going to this again, or music FOBISSEA. I think we did a good job:) **Carwyn Hong-Eveleigh H2**



The ISCMS Shanghai Music Trip has shown me another aspect of musical activities and events. Different from the previous music trips I've been on, the rehearsals were very tense and I was under a lot of pressure. Although I was nervous during the practices and the actual performance, I also enjoyed the trip. I met a lot of new friends in the violin section; and although it lasted for only 25 minutes, the shopping at H&M was great fun as well! I felt very satisfied with the concert even though I made some mistakes. I will try to improve more, and join the next

ISCMS trip in Beijing! **Julia Chang H2**

I thought the trip would be extremely boring **BUT I WAS SO SO SO SO WRONG**. I really enjoyed it and I had so much fun with everyone who went, the performance was also a great success!! **Cheryl Kao H2**

I am really happy that I went to Shanghai, because this is the first time for TES to go. I am also very happy because I learned some new techniques to avoid my voice from getting sore. I was not afraid to go, because I know that Ms. Jameson has lived in Shanghai for a while and knows her way around the school. But it was still really fun hanging around with the older kids and Ms. Jameson, Mr. Mawhinney and Mr. Papps!! This has been the most exciting and fun school trip ever!!! There was always something on, so I would like to thank the organizers in Dulwich College for that!! I would really like to thank Ms. Jameson for organizing this trip and also Mr. Mawhinney and Mr. Papps for following us to Shanghai. Thank you all for taking care of me too!!! **Jenny Gunnarsson BS7TS**

Chris Papps
Head of Music

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Head of Secondary (Studies)

From the Assistant Head - IB

The H4 students will start their IB examinations next week and the time just seems to have flown by. I can remember teaching a number of these students when they were in Year 8 and it is great to see how they have developed and grown, as indeed the school has also done over the past few years.

The students will not have long after their examinations finish before graduation on Saturday 28 May 2011, where they will mark the completion of their High School education. The ceremony makes an important transition in their lives as they move on to further education in many other countries. Given what I have seen of these students I am sure they have the resources and talent to deal with this new chapter in their lives.

A number of our graduates from last year have visited TES in the last few weeks. These students have conveyed to me that enjoying their university courses and that their teachers prepared them well for what they are now studying. I think it really says something about the experience our students have had at TES that so many of them come back to visit us.

UCC Update

- **Personal Development and Enrichment Week 20th-24th June: H1 and H2 Work Internships:** A reminder to students to organize work placements in plenty of time. Registration forms must be filled in and handed to the Phase 2 office.
- **Some recent news regarding international higher education:**

According to UNESCO, for the academic year ending 2009 the number of international students worldwide was 3.43 million, a 75% increase over the previous decade – 262 million is the predicted number by 2025

In 2010 the US and UK accounted for 33% of the global share of international students, France recorded 8% and Germany, China and Australia 7% each.

UK domestic fees for universities are likely to be between 6000-9000 British pounds in 2012

NUS and Yale are to establish a liberal arts college in Singapore within the next two years

Brown had 1485 places for its undergraduate class this year – there were 31,000 applicants

Graham Bean
University and Careers Counsellor

Stewart Redden
Assistant Head (IB)

From the Head of Sport

Football Championships of the International Schools in Taiwan – March 5



Year 9 BOYS “Champions“, two out of the many outstanding players: Henry Reynolds & Modou Jarjou

The **Year 9 Boys** were doubtless the outstanding team of the 2011 season. Having won the championships last year they never gave any opposition a chance, no matter who it was. Dominican School was swept away 13-2 in a friendly, the strong Japanese boys in the TES Trophy final beaten by 1-0 and mighty TAS in the championship final in Taichung by 3-1. Superb performance!



Year 9 GIRLS: 2nd place

Year 7 BOYS: 2nd place,

The **Year 9 Girls** played beautiful football as well, however were unlucky in the final when losing to MCA by 1-2. Similarly the **Year 8 Boys** lost to MCA in the final by 2-3 and the **Year 7 Boys**, who outplayed everyone (*Janko Pux* scored a hattrick in the first game ... 3 goals in a row in one half) and only lost to TAS by 0-3 in the final.



Cross Country Championships of the International Schools in Taiwan – March 12.



Middle school girls
In the background winner
of the 8-graders: **SYLVIA**



Emily – high school champion
Harry – best of the 12-graders



Modou – Year 9 champion

Results

6th grade girls – 3rd place: Chloe Oani

8th grade girls – 1st place: Sylvia Bever, 2nd place: Eri Yoshida, 3rd place: Apple Liu

8th grade boys – 1st place: Modou Jarjou, 3rd place: King Munn Cheah

High School overall champion GIRLS – **Emily Daykin**

High School overall champion BOYS – **Stefan Bever**

9th grade boys – 1st place: Kelvin Lee, 2nd place: Diego Cedeno, 3rd place: Winston Chen

10th grade boys – 2nd place: Rodrigo Espinoza

10th grade girls – 3rd place: Karmun Cheah

12th grade girls – 1st place: Sophie Chen

12th grade boys – 1st place: Harry Huang, 3rd place: Fred Lee



Stefan leads the pack and wins comfortably, **Aidan** behind



TES Running Team 2011



Karmun, Ayumi and Emily at the start line

High School Football Tournament in Kaohsiung – March 19



Max & Erik: TES defense was difficult to pass



Snuk – skillful dribblings vs. I-Shou



Javier – building up the game

Boys: 1. **TES**, 2. KAS, 3. I-Shou

Girls: 1. **TES** (Va), 2. **TES** (JV), 3. KAS



Varsity beats **JV** in the final



outstanding: **Sophie Chen**



First & Second: **TES girls**

TAS – TES – Cross Country Race at the Shuang Xi River – March 22.



Marc 3rd in the 6-graders, **Modou** FIRST in the 8-graders, **Chloe** FIRST in the 6-graders race



Track & Field Event at Morrison Academy in Taichung – March 24.



Winning both 800m & 1500m:



Emily Daykin



Stefan Bever – king of the track



Joe Liu – javelin



TES Team



Rodrigo (3000m)



Beatrice, Emily, Karmun



Fred (400m)

Peter Schulz

Leighton Edwards
Head of Secondary Physical Education and Sport

From the TES Japanese Society

Dear All,

We are delighted to announce that we, TES Japanese Community have sent the donations , total amount of NTD 457,621.- (JPY 1,290,891.-), to Japanese Red Cross Society through Sumitomo Mitsui Banking corporation Taipei Branch dated on 19th of April,

Thank you again for your warm support,
Best Regards,
TES Japanese Community,



Would you like to be a Learning Support Assistant at the Secondary Campus?

The British Secondary and High School Section has vacancies for **Learning Assistants** for **August 2011**, full and part-time hours available. This role will involve providing individual and group support to students with learning difficulties both within and outside of mainstream classes. Applicants must be proficient in English. Training will be provided. A love of learning and a caring and thoughtful approach to working with students is required.

If you are interested in maximizing the learning of some very special students, enjoy teamwork and are passionate about supporting others, please send a covering letter including your availability (full or part time work) and Curriculum Vitae to:

Mr. Stuart Glascott
Head of British Secondary and High School
highschoolhead@tes.tp.edu.tw
by Friday 13th May 2011

Roots and Shoots

Background:

In 1991, a new youth environmental activist group called the Roots and Shoots was founded by Dr. Jane Goodall and 12 local teenagers in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Over two decades, Roots and Shoots groups appeared in schools all over the world in over 120 countries. Only last year, Taipei European School joined this league of environmental pioneers with our very own Roots and Shoots club. 2011 is the 20 year [anniversary](#) year.

TES Roots and Shoots:

Was founded by students and teachers who shared the same vision and passion for a green future as Dr. Jane. After eighteen short months, TES Roots and Shoots made great progress, expanding from the initial few members to around twenty, consisting of members from a variety of age groups. From discussing ideas to taking action, from spreading awareness to raising funds, these youth steadily and gradually began to change our school, one step at a time. They did not let problems such as the lack of experience and funds come in their way of achieving their goals, and their efforts are bringing positive impact to our school's environment.

What we do:

Many people think that helping the environment is difficult; but Roots and Shoots strives to be green *and* fun! Members take part in various engaging activities that contribute to the greening of our environment, and the result of our hard work can be found all across campus. Ever noticed the neat little signs posted above the light switches? These are actually hand-made paper cards from recycled paper, not only super adorable but also super eco-friendly. Ever wondered where the pleasant touches of green in the Chinese classrooms came from? These are the results of sessions spent 'in the dirt' – members of Roots and Shoots collected seeds of oranges and pumpkins and planted them not only in small pots, but also in the flower patches around the school:



From designing posters to gardening, from creating videos to making paper, Roots and Shoots has the right job for everyone, and always **welcomes new talented members** with innovative ideas. We meet on Thursdays after school 3.15 - 4.15pm in Room 1403.

By Samantha Hall, written Feb 2011
(On behalf of the Roots and Shoots
<http://sites.google.com/site/tesrootsandshoots/>)



Recent News:

Embassy of Belize Tree planting – April 16

5 students and 2 teachers were kindly invited and attended this event organised and hosted by Mr Novelo, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Belize at Tianshou Park in Tien Mu to celebrate Earth Day 2011.



Members of Diplomatic Corps and Taiwanese government officials attended. The tree planting was followed by Belizean food, music and a volleyball tournament with teams representing embassy countries or local universities. The day showed the improving awareness of environmental issues and the Taiwanese government's commitment to addressing these issues as well as how important the concern for the environment is to the Belizean people (40% of their landmass is protected in some way and they have the second largest barrier reef in the world).

Earth Day 2011 – April 22

Roots and Shoots decided to raise awareness of [EarthDay](#) through the morning bulletin and with a video or presentation each day of the week starting 18 April as well as selling home baked cookies and cupcakes on Tuesday through Thursday to raise money for our environmental work. The team worked very hard and was very successful, raising nearly NT\$ 12,000. We finished the week on Thursday by planting a tree after school outside Phase II:



please see our website for further information and regular updates -
<http://sites.google.com/site/tesrootsandshoots/>

Mr Graves
Roots and Shoots

Used Book Collection!!

募集二手書!!

Dear Parents

Need space for new books at home? Why not donate your old books or DVDs to the TES Summer Fair and let someone else enjoy them!

All donated items can be given to the library at both campuses. The money raised will be used for enriching our library!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact Angela for further information. Many thanks!

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若您有不需要的舊書或DVD, 歡迎您捐贈給TES Summer Fair!

請將欲捐贈的物品,送至學校任一圖書館即可! 您的捐贈都會回饋給我們的圖書館。非常感謝您的慷慨協助!

若您有任何疑問, 或當天可以協助我們, 歡迎您與Angela聯絡

Best regards

Angela Chang
Chief Librarian

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