



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

Ms Sarah Pearson and Mr Stewart Redden.

It is with great regret that I announce that TES will lose 2 of its most long serving and senior staff at the end of this year. Ms Pearson and Mr Redden will be sorely missed by staff, students and parents and their departure will be a great loss for the school. I will announce the new Senior Leadership Team for the BS and HS in the last Newsletter of the year. I wish Ms Pearson and Mr Redden all the best for the future and thank them most sincerely for the contribution they have made to TES.

Ms Sarah Pearson (Assistant Head – Studies)

Ms Pearson joined TES in January 2001 as a Mathematics teacher. She had previously worked in the UK, Botswana, Brunei and Spain. In August 2001 Ms Pearson was appointed Key Stage 4 (IGCSE) Examinations and Curriculum Co-ordinator and in 2008 was promoted to the role of Assistant Head. Ms Pearson has given passionate and tireless service to TES over the past 11 years and has contributed in so many different areas of the school. Students in her class have access to the very best of teachers. The influence she has had on Teaching and Learning, through her innovative and energetic leadership skills, is profound and students for years to come will benefit from what she has achieved.

Mr Stewart Redden (Assistant Head – High School)

Mr Redden joined TES as a Chemistry and Science teacher at the commencement of the 2002 school year after teaching stints in the Canary Islands and Singapore. Mr Redden has shown a strong commitment and understanding of the IB since he arrived at TES. This interest in the IB was acknowledged in August 2004 when he was appointed as IB co-ordinator. Mr Redden performed this role with distinction over the past 8 years and has been a major contributor to the promotion and success of the IB at TES. In August 2008 Mr Redden was appointed as an Assistant Head and has made in a significant and positive impact on many staff and students in this role.

**Warm regards,
Stuart Glascott**

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Ms Sarah Pearson and Mr Stewart Redden.



British Secondary and High School – Annual General Meeting.

A warm invitation to all parents to attend the British Secondary and High School AGM to be held this Wednesday, May 16. Parents would have recently received information about candidates who have nominated to be elected as members of the Council.

The online voting system is ready for parents who are not able to attend the AGM on the 16th of May to vote. Please log in TESmile at <http://tesmile.tes.tp.edu.tw/login.php> with your user name and password, you will be taken to the page for BH Council voting. Please vote either prior to the AGM or at the AGM. Electronic voting will also be available at the British Secondary and High School Sub-Association AGM on Wednesday 16th May 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Phase 2 Building at the ESC.

One agenda item of the AGM is to approve the previous year's minutes. Last year's minutes can be found at:

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/bshs/page.php?page_id=168

From the Assistant Head – Studies

Dear Parents,

Everyone is very busy as we head towards the end of the school year. Students of all ages are involved in end of year assessments. Teachers are putting together data for the end of year reports which will be issued for Key Stage Three, H1 and H3 on the last day of term; Friday 15 June.

Year 9 students have finalised their option choices for their IGCSE courses for next year. If they want to discuss any issues related to this, they should see me as soon as possible. Some classes are already full and so changes to options may not be possible.

As ever, if you have any questions about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Head of Secondary (Studies)

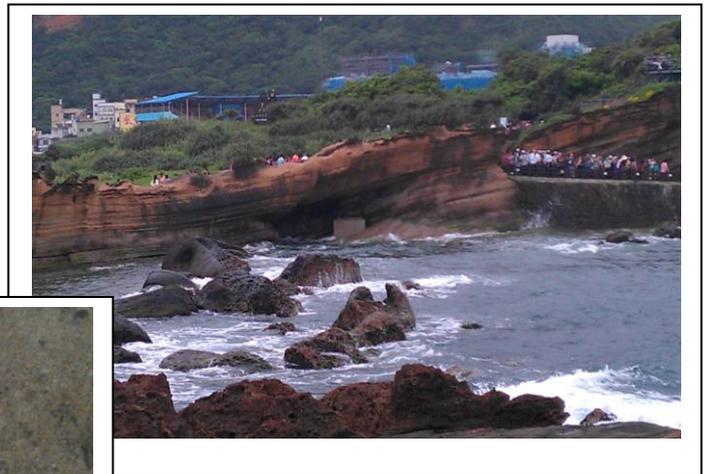
Year 7 Geography Field Trip to Yehliu and Jinshan Beach

As part of their studies on Coastal Environments, the Year 7 cohort went on a field trip to the northeast coast of Taiwan to explore coastal landforms and geological structures at the Yehliu Geopark and the beach at Jinshan. The students developed key geography skills such as landform identification, field sketch drawing and investigated longshore drift. The year 7 students also investigated the differences between the two sites and considered different ways for man to manage and protect the coastline from the powerful erosive forces of the ocean.

The day was filled with active learning and engagement as students worked closely in groups as well as with their teachers throughout the day.

Mr Sing Key

Photographs by Maya Golan 7STH



From the Assistant Head – High School

Europe Day and Good Ambassadors

Europe Day is major day on the school's calendar with many VIPs and dignitaries in attendance. The members of the Student Council played a very important role in making sure the ceremony ran smoothly by both greeting and ushering the guests. After the proceedings had finished they also made sure that guests were well fed.

The student representatives did a great job with the ceremony leading the audience through the various events. Kathleen Cheng (Y9) took care of the introductions in German, while

Thibaud Frederick (F1) was on hand to make announcements in French, and Aidan Lee (H3) introduced the speakers and performers in English and Chinese.

The Student Council provided a comic skit that presented a poignant comment on active ageing and solidarity between generations. Later in the ceremony they also provided a presentation on the charity work they have carried out through the year by informing the guests of the many different events and activities that they have organised. The Student Council President, Christine Shih, towards the end of the event delivered a great speech on the importance of the theme of Europe Day.



In summation, it was good to see the students take such an important and leading role in a day that is so important to the school's mission.

H1 and H3 Music Concert

On Monday 30 April 2012 I was very impressed by the music performances of our H1 and H3 students. These performances contributed to the students' assessment, and given this, it was great to hear so many impressive recitals.

I would especially like to thank Ms. Jameson and Mr. Papps for all their hard work in helping and guiding these students.

H1 Drama Performances

On Thursday (10 May 2012) I was very fortunate to attend the H1 Drama performances in the Phase I Drama Space. I really enjoyed the devised pieces that the students had created. In fact, I can't remember a H1 group providing such accomplished and sophisticated performances at this stage of their IGCSE course before. I would like to thank Ms. Arnold-Ochs and Ms. Crimmins for all their time and devotion to these students.

UCC Update

- Recently, a number of our H2/3 students joined the **Council of International Schools Student Registry**. This service helps to match individual students with appropriate college and university members of CIS round the world. It is hoped that this will provide another valuable support system for our students in the university application process.

- H4 students are waiting eagerly for their application outcomes particularly in the US, Canada and Hong Kong. The trickle of acceptances is beginning with the full returns expected early in April.
- On March 26th three universities will visit TES at different times: Loyola Marymount (US), and Nottingham Trent and Southampton Solent (both UK).
- This week has seen a visit by a popular Canadian destination for our students: UBC.
- Two new medical schools will open in the UK from 2013 (previously one school: The Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry (PCMD). They are:
The University of Exeter Medical School:
<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/medicine/bmbs/entry/>
The Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry:
<http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/peninsula>
- A new degree which will help students carve out a career in the lucrative marine sports industry is being launched at Plymouth University, UK. The new course includes a detailed academic programme of ocean and environmental science, and research within marine sports.

For more information go to: <http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/pages/view.asp?page=38473>

Mr. Graham Bean
University and Careers Counsellor

TES Counselling News

It's Better to Talk

We have new books available on teen issues in the library. When we read books like these, we will have good concepts to think and reflect on. At times when we need to do something in life like meeting a difficult goal, our motivation can fade away. Many of these books will help us stay focused and become more motivated.

These books are good resources for students, staff and parents.

- I Had a Black Dog
- Living With A Black Dog: How to take care of someone with depression while looking after yourself
- Sometimes Life Sucks: When Someone You Love Dies
- Talking to Eating Disorders: Simple Ways To Support Someone With Anorexia, Bulimia, Binge Eating, Or Body Image Issues
- GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Teens
- Eight Stories Up: An Adolescent Chooses Hope over Suicide
- Mad: How to Deal with Your Anger and Get Respect
- Who You are is What You Do: Making Choices About Life After School
- Too Stressed To Think?
- Teen Esteem: A Self-Direction Manual for Young Adults 3ed
- Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs: What Your Kids Really Want and Need to Know About Alcohol and Drugs
- In Love and in Danger: A Teen's Guide to Breaking Free of Abusive Relationships

Jenny Hsu
Counsellor

Mr. Stewart Redden
Assistant Head of High School

From the Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator.

Middle School United Nations Conference 2012

After months of research, preparation and practice 10 of our talented Key Stage 3 students had the opportunity to participate in the prestigious Taiwan Middle School United Nations conference held at the Taipei American School on the 27th and 28th of April. TES students were placed in mock committees such as the UN Security Council and then engaged in debate with fellow students representing United Nations member countries. Debate topics were based on current and actual world issues faced in by the United Nations. Some of the hefty and key issues that our students addressed were peace and sovereignty of the South East China Seas, drone warfare in Afghanistan and the exploitation of migrant workers. Needless to say that our students performed admirably and embodied TES values by learning to take risks through their eager and active participation in the debates, respect for the opinions of others and creatively finding solutions and to resolve the complex political issues that were raised for various committees to resolve. Notably, Victoria Yeh of H2 represented TES as a co-chair person for the Environmental Committee. Both Mr Stewart and Mr Sing Key were impressed by the perseverance and sterling effort that TES Key Stage 3 students showed throughout the rigorous two days of debate.

Mr Sing Key



James Woodall.
Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator

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 by 31st of May (Thursday). 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 Marina for further information. Many thanks!

親愛的家長們

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,於五月31日(星期四)前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Marina聯絡

Best regards

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EPC Library supervisor

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From the British Section PTA

Dear parents and carers,

Reminder: hope you have gathered your treasures! Or if you don't have enough yourself, perhaps you can share with a friend! Come and book a table for the Summer Fair flea market! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bspta@gmail.com.

BSPTA



Section Française

Les élèves de sixième préparent le spectacle de fin d'année !

Depuis le mois d'avril, les élèves de sixième préparent le spectacle de fin d'année. Ils vont mettre en scène le conte qu'ils ont écrit en cours de français. Ce conte s'intitule *La Princesse aveugle*, voici quelques personnages, photographiés durant les essais de costumes :



Voici **Anne-Sophie Richard** dans le rôle de la princesse aveugle. Son père, le roi est interprété par **Guillaume Vallet**, mais le costume n'est pas terminé. **Thomas Simon** est le héros de notre pièce, il incarne Petit Jean, le vagabond qui va tenter de sauver la Princesse.





Il y aura aussi d'autres personnages, comme la foule de villageois, ici **Albane Simon**. Nous avons donc cherché des vêtements pour ces villageois pauvres et maltraités par le méchant roi Kradoc, l'ennemi juré de Petit Jean. Pour découvrir les autres personnages de ce conte, rendez-vous le 7 juin à l'auditorium de Wenlin !

Pour construire les décors, trouver l'épée de petit Jean, du méchant Kradoc et du mage Marcelo, les élèves ont vendu des gâteaux à la récréation. Cela leur permettra de récolter des fonds pour acheter les accessoires manquants.



Au travers de cette vente de gâteaux et de ce projet de spectacle, les élèves de sixième font véritablement preuve de créativité et de dynamisme. Ils ont appris à monter un projet, à se responsabiliser, à organiser un travail de projet selon des échéances. Bravo à ces élèves si matures et dynamiques !