



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

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From the Head of British Secondary and High School Section

British Secondary and High School AGM.

The British Secondary and High School AGM was held on Wednesday May 16. At that meeting the following people were elected to the BS and HS Council:

Yuan-shan (Shirley) Teng (re-elected)

Fabrice de Murat (re-elected)

James Grigsby (re-elected)

Bob Greenwood (re-elected)

Paul Lu (re-elected)

Rita Haudenschild (re-elected)

Adrienne Goh

Jenny Lin

On behalf of the BS and HS community I thank these people for their willingness to undertake this significant role.

High School Graduation.

Our H4 students completed their examinations this week. This is the culmination of 2 years dedicated work and I know all the students are looking forward to a well earned break. The IB is a very rigorous program and the students have shown great commitment to their studies. The last official function for these students is the High School Graduation ceremony to be held on Saturday May 26. The event is a special one on the school calendar and I am looking forward to sharing the occasion with our students.

PDE Week

PDE week is just around the corner and staff and students are eagerly preparing for a week of fun filled learning opportunities. All year levels have the opportunity to go on an 'overnight' experience. I look forward to reading in the last Newsletter of the year how some of the following activities go:

Year 7: Camp Taiwan.

Year 8: Outward Bound – Longtan.

Year 9: Outward Bound – Hualien.

H1: Skimboarding – Yilan.

H3: House building in Cambodia (TABITHA) or working with the Bunun tribe in the South East of Taiwan

**Warm regards,
Stuart Glascott**

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From the Assistant Head – Studies

Dear Parents,

Students are in the process of receiving feedback on their end of year examination attainment at the moment. It is important that students act on the advice given by their teachers both in class and on the end of year reports which will be issued on Friday 15 June. Students in the High School should expect to have to study during the summer break and this is a particularly important time for IB students who will need to work on their Extended Essays during this time.

H2 and H4 students are nearing the end of their IGCSE and IB examinations. Results for these will be out in July (IB) and August (IGCSE) and Mr. Sparks and Mr. Redden will have provided information to students regarding accessing their results online. Good luck to all the students with their results. I hope that they get the results they deserve.

In the articles below you can read about some of the enrichment activities that students at TES are offered. Thanks to the Mathematics teachers and the Chinese teachers for making these competitions available to our students and giving them the opportunity to extend their learning.

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Head of Secondary (Studies)

News from the Mathematics Department

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UKMT – Outstanding Successes!

Over half a million students take part each year in the UK Maths Trust mathematical challenges. These challenges are designed to stretch and test the most able young mathematicians worldwide and we have a lot of success in this activity at Taipei European School.

500 of the top students are invited to take part in the Olympiad – the follow on round to the challenge

Y11 - Willie Hung - Maclaurin medal + distinction
Y11 - Matthew Ng - Merit
Y11 - Young Tung - Merit
Y9 - Stanley Chang - Merit
Y10 - Jensen Yang - Hamilton medal + distinction
Y10 - Milton Lin - Hamilton medal + distinction + book prize

All participants receive a UKMT keyfob and a Certificate of Participation (50%), Merit (25%) or Distinction (top 25%). The top 100 students in each paper receive medals; coloured bronze for Cayley, silver for Hamilton and gold for Maclaurin. Book prizes are awarded to the top 50 students in each paper.

Milton's achievement also puts his name and the school's name in the UKMT yearbook, which is sent out to all participating schools. Congratulations Milton!



Junior Maths Challenge – Results just in!

Well done to Alex in Year 6 who took the Best in School award, beating all the year 7 & year 8 students! Alex, Alpha, Justin & Shawn have been invited to take part in the Junior Olympiad – it's wonderful to see the next generation of young mathematicians at TES doing so well. Congratulations to everybody who won a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate or who took part & all results are available on the UKMT noticeboard in the Mathematics department.

	JMC 2012	AWARD WINNERS			
1	Alex	Lee	123	Y6	G
2	Alpha	Wu	118	Y8	G
3	Justin	Liu	112	Y8	G
4	Shawn	Lam	110	Y7	G
5	Junxiang	Soo	102	Y7	G
6	Joseph	Lin	102	Y5	G
7	Laurence	Jiang	99	Y8	G
8	Lisa	Lee	99	Y8	G
9	Henry	Lin	95	Y8	G
10	Ivory	Lee	94	Y8	G
11	Yuki	Nogawa	91	Y7	G
12	Andrew	Wu	91	Y7	G
13	Saku	Kuittinen	89	Y7	G
14	Jatin	Agnani	88	Y7	G
15	Howard	Lin	87	Y8	G
16	Antonia	Nuttall	83	Y7	S
17	Chris	Lam	81	Y8	S
18	Nidhi	Mehta	81	Y7	S
19	Xuanlin	Tham	81	Y7	S
20	Curtis	Chen	81	Y7	S
21	Chloe	Oani	80	Y8	S
22	Jefferson	Chien	80	Y8	S
23	Natalie	Yu	80	Y7	S
24	Hannah	Kwuo	79	Y6	S
25	William	Chen	78	Y7	S
26	Yu ting	Chen	77	Y7	S
27	Kak	Jonghyeon	73	Y8	S
28	Mason	Lee	72	Y7	S
29	Heather	Shen	72	Y7	S
30	Irene	Lee	71	Y8	S
31	Jesse	Buckmann	68	Y8	Br
32	Sherry	Chen	68	Y7	Br
33	Jennifer	Li	67	Y7	Br
34	Milan	Zaavy	65	Y8	Br
35	Stephan	Jao	65	Y8	Br
36	Ashley	Fuh	65	Y8	Br
37	Will	Huang	65	Y7	Br
38	Nirav	Agarwal	64	Y6	Br
39	Jimmy	Yang	63	Y7	Br
40	I chuan	Hsia	62	Y8	Br
41	Chris	Lu	61	Y8	Br
42	Yvonne	Wei	61	Y7	Br
43	Selina	Lee	61	Y7	Br
44	Elaine	Goh	60	Y8	Br
45	Marek	Beloch	59	Y8	Br

News from the Chinese Department

2012 Mandarin Speech Contest for Foreign Nationals

The 2012 Mandarin Speech Contest for Foreign Nationals is hosted by Radio Taipei International on May 19 at Suzhou University. The topic this year is Chinese Wit & Humor. This year we had three teams representing TES Secondary Campus: **Aiden Lee and Sara Ellis from H3, Freya Smith and Rebecca Ellis and Henry Reynolds, Jose Calipto and KingMuun Cheah are from H1.** Students prepared their script by themselves while their Chinese teachers, **Ms. Fenny Chen** and **Ms. Aicha Chuan** also spent extra time after school to enhance their oral expression skills.



Our students all performed extremely well and deeply impressed all the audience not only by their competence in Chinese but also by their creative humor. We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all these students and their Chinese teachers for such exceptional achievement. In addition, we'd like to have your support by voting on-line for our students, **Aiden & Sara (No. 68)** and **Freya and Rebecca (No. 49)**, who were selected among 100 competitors after the first run and are now busy preparing for their final match on June 2. The on-line voting will commence on **May 23, 15:00** at <http://www.rti.org.tw/ajax/2012/2012speech/en/index.aspx>



Flora Sung
Head of Chinese Language and Culture

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Head of Secondary (Studies)

From the Assistant Head – High School

2012 Graduates

Tomorrow TES will see its 9th graduating class when 52 of our students take their next step in their academic careers, and looking at the impressive range of universities (John Hopkins, Stanford, Parsons, NYU and Cambridge to name just a few) that they have gained entry to they look destined for great things. These students have grown up and matured, just as TES has done in the last ten years, and they now have their place in the history of the school.

PDE Week

The next few weeks will remain busy at TES, and we have PDE week (4 June 2012 to 8 June 2012) coming up soon. The students in H3 will be either house building in Cambodia or working with the Bunan tribe in the South East of Taiwan. The H1 students will be skimboarding in Yilan, exploring the cultural side of Taipei and hiking in Yangminshan.

IB Induction

Just as one year is graduating from the IB another one is starting, and in the last week of term our H2 students will get their first taste of the IB in the IB Induction week. During the two and half days they will receive some very valuable information about the programme as a whole and receive introductory sessions in the subjects they will take in the next academic year. There will also be a chance for our students to talk to previous IB students from various graduating classes about what is required to be successful at the IB Diploma programme.

UCC Update

H3 Summer Internships: As in 2011, a number of H3 students will be taking up work placements for two weeks or more in Taipei and overseas, to support their future career paths. As they did last year, the British and European Chambers of Commerce have offered their support in finding work placements in Taipei. A growing number of students are also arranging their own. There is no doubt that evidence of work experience is of great benefit when applying for university, particularly for the more specialised programmes.

UCC news from the UK: The **University of Dundee** offers the best student experience, according to the **latest Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey**. The Scottish institution rose from fifth position in 2010 to take first place from long-time champion **Loughborough University** by the narrowest of margins. Loughborough - which continues a strong showing in second place - had held the top spot for five years. For more information and to see the full table of results, go to:

www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=419771&c=1

University of Oxford – changes to undergraduate application test arrangements. In response to feedback from schools and colleges, the **University of Oxford** is making changes to application test arrangements that **will affect students applying for 2013 entry**. For more information, go to:

www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses/how_to_apply/tests/index.html

Australian Universities: The recently launched **MyUniversity** website allows students interested in attending a public Australian university to compare 39 universities before applying. For more information go to: www.myuniversity.gov.au

Graham Bean
University and Careers Counsellor

Stewart Redden
Assistant Head of High School

From the Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator.

PDE Week

PDE week is approaching very quickly and the final preparations are being made. There are lots of exciting things happening over the course of the week.

YEAR 7

Year 7 students will have a house sports competition on Monday and then start preparation for their camp on Tuesday. Wednesday to Friday will be spent at Camp Taiwan which will be extremely exciting for the 60 students who are attending.

YEAR 8

The week starts early for the Year 8 Outward Bound students as they head off to Longtan on Sunday morning for three days and two nights of adventure. This is such a fantastic camp and the students are guaranteed to have great time. When back at school the students will have house sports followed by Dragon Boat lessons and a cultural city tour on Thursday and a nature hike in Yangmingshan on Friday.

YEAR 9

The Year 9 students have been set a very testing Media Challenge for the Monday of PDE week. They have one day to produce a digital presentation that needs to showcase TES, Taipei, Yangmingshan and Tienmu that will be sent to the new staff who are prepared to move to Taipei. This has to be a first class presentation to really show what a fantastic place Taiwan is and also be informative. Groups have already started planning their routes and have also been exploring the best ways of wiring their information and photographs to the media group who will be compiling the presentation at their media base in school. We look forward to seeing the results of this at 3pm on Monday afternoon.

After their sports day on Tuesday the Outward Bound group leave for their 4 day expedition to Hualien where they will undertake challenges such as river tracing, raft building and high ropes. They return on Saturday afternoon after what I am sure will be an action packed 4 days.

Other events at school for the remaining students include cooking, personal reflection and gardening.

Students have been given permission slips for their activities. Please can you ensure that these slips are signed and returned so that your son/daughter can attend all of these exciting activities.

James Woodall
KS3 Coordinator

Year 7 Service Project: April-May 2012

For the past 4 weeks during PSHCE lessons the Year 7 students have been working on their very first Service Project. This year we made links with *Zhishan Cultural and Ecological Garden* and each week the students have either visited the garden to help out or someone from the garden has visited school at ESC. When at the garden students have had a tour of the centre and helped by doing some gardening. It was great to see the Year 7s getting their hands dirty when helping to re-plant some shoots. When at school students had the opportunity to be involved in team building activities and even had the chance to make novelty owls from acorns! Not only was a lot of fun had by all, but the students learnt to help others and now know how to do some gardening!



**Jo Crimmins
Head of Year 7**

Year 8 Service Project

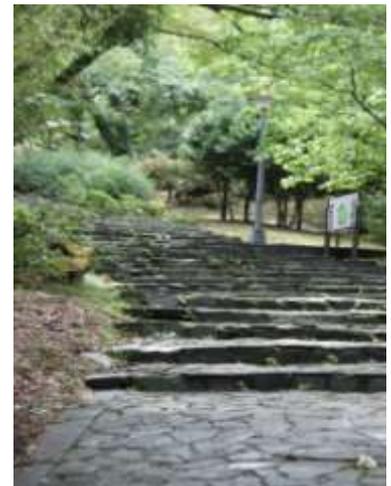
The Year 8 Garden continues to grow under the guidance of Mr Graves and Mr Imbelau. A group of dedicated Year 8s have been using their own time to tend to the garden during lunch breaks and PSHCE. Recent developments have included the building of a pond which will help catch rainwater and will hopefully be home to some fish in future when it is more established. The crops themselves are flourishing with the spring weather (and a lot of watering by Mr Woodall after his PE lessons on the adjoining field). We look forward to the harvest of the crops as the year ends and developing the garden even further next year. This has been a great learning process for both students and teachers as the garden was established and we hope these students can take a leading role in improving the garden for future year groups at TES.



**Nicole Billante
Head of Year 8**

Year 9 Service Project

On a lovely Saturday morning in April, our Year 9 students organized a Community Hike in Yangmingshan National Park. The idea of the event was to promote awareness of the amazing nature available on our doorsteps in Taipei. In the weeks leading up to the event students studied information about various aspects of the park, flora and fauna, and geological history. These students were available along the route to inform hikers. We also had students providing much needed water to hydrate in the hot Taipei Spring weather. Other students took groups of walkers through a designated route to guide them through the paths. It was great to see the many parents that came to support and the locals who came especially to the event after hearing our students promote it on ICRT. Well done Year 9!



Nicole Billante
Head of Year 9

James Woodall.
Kev Stae 3 Co-ordinator

From the Head of Sport

Varsity Boys Volleyball TISSA tournament

Coached by Peter Li

The boys varsity team (Altman, Jacky, Kelvin and Brandon) were joined by Jessica from H1 and Cindy from H4 to play in the annual tournament held at Morrison Academy Taichung. The team played exceptionally together and came away with a 3rd place medal.



Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball

Two other boys' teams also played the tournament. The self named Bumble Bee team had a difficult day but played incredibly well together and their team spirit was rewarded when they won their last match of the day in a great win against KAS.

The 'Bobcats' had a fantastic day and after winning their pool undefeated went forward to play for the medals. The games were nail bitingly close and after only losing one match all day to eventual winners, the Bobcats came away with 2nd place ribbons.

Varsity Girls Football TISSA tournament

Coached by Paul Warnants

The girls football team are the only team to have their name on the Tournament cup which is now 3 years old. However, this did not dampen the girls desire to win. On the way to the final they won 13-0 and were victorious in a penalty shoot out.

The girls won the final in a close 3-2 win to bring home the trophy for the 4th time in a row!



From the Secondary and High School Library

Calling all book lovers!

Be at the TES Summer Fair on Saturday 02 June from 11.00 - 15.00 for the Secondhand Book Fair and grab yourself a handful of quality international books! For one Saturday only!

A huge selection of secondhand books will be on sale at bargain prices in a wide variety of languages including **English, French, German, and Chinese!** Categories of books available including, travel, cooking, fiction as well as hobby and technical books on a variety of subjects.

A good selection of children's books suited to all ages will also be on sale, you just need to come and discover more! Don't miss out! All are welcome and all proceeds will go towards TES Library. Hope to see you there!

Furthermore, **The Summer Borrowing program** for this year will start from **June 11 to June 15**. Secondary students are welcome to borrow up to **7 books** and **High School students can borrow up to 10 books!** However, to ensure the whole of our Library collections, we'd like to ask all existing loans and payment for any lost books must be returned / paid for before The Summer Borrowing program starts, that is, June 8. Please note that **student who doesn't return or pay for their loans will NOT be able to get year-end report!!** Don't wait until the last minute, return your overdue books now!!

Happy Reading!

Angela Chang
Chief Librarian

A poster for Summer Borrowing featuring a background of various colored flip-flops (green, blue, pink, yellow) on a light brown surface. The text is arranged in several sections: a top right section with dates, a central title, an important notice on the left, a list of conditions on the right, and a bottom left section with borrowing limits. The overall tone is casual and informative.

Summer borrowing will commence the week starting **11- 15 June** 2012 and all borrowed resources will need to be returned by **20 Aug** 2012.

Summer Borrowing

IMPORTANT:
Student who doesn't return or pay for their loans will **NOT** be able to get year-end report!

- All existing loans and payment for any lost books must be returned / paid for by **8 June** 2012.
- Parents will be invoiced for the full replacement costs plus postage for books lost or damaged.
- Students borrowing privileges may be revoked until all items are returned or replaced.

KS3- 7 books
High School- 10 books

Have a nice break and Happy Reading!!

Used Book Collection!!

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!

Best regards

Marina Guedmardingar
EPC Library Supervisor
Email: marina.guedmardingar@tes.tp.edu.tw

Taipei European School Library

Chess Competition

Alvin Chang

The chess competition last Sunday had 14 participants from TES. Alvin Chang (Year 9) was the only representative from the ESC. He performed extremely well. He scored 2 points out of a possible 5 and came 9th out of a total of 12 players in his age category. Alvin's age category had the fewest number of participants; the Under 16's were merged with the Under 18's. That meant that in some games, Alvin was playing against much older and more experienced opponents.



Competition – June 3

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know about a chess competition that is taking place on Sunday, 3rd June.

The competition is divided into a variety of age groups, ranging from children who are under 6 years old up to those who are 17. There is also an open competition for adults and another for the over 60's. The competition will be held near Technology Building MRT station and costs NT\$300 to enter. Each player in the competition will play 6 games during the day. The competition starts at 9:30am and will finish around 4:30pm.

If you would like your child to participate in the competition, could you email me (matthew.fagg@tes.tp.edu.tw) and I can register your child. Children must be registered by 1st June. I can also send you more details about the competition, such as the address of the venue, if you would like this information. If you would like to travel to the venue with other TES parents and children, we will be meeting at Zhishan MRT Station at 7:30am on Sunday, 3rd June. The care of children is the full responsibility of parents during the day.

Last week, a team of 12 children and 2 adults from the Primary and Secondary Schools took part in another competition. All of the participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing in a big chess competition and the parents who came along to support are keen for their children to participate in the next tournament. There is more information about this competition in the latest edition of the primary school newsletter.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this event.

Matthew Fagg
Year 5 Teacher



Section Française

Une rencontre lycée et collège autour de la poésie de La Fontaine

Le programme de littérature en classe de première comprend les réécritures des *Fables* de La Fontaine. Le programme de sixième préconise l'étude des *Fables* du même auteur, donc pourquoi ne pas demander à Léa Buatois, élève de première littéraire de venir rencontrer les élèves de sixième, pour leur parler de ce qu'elle a appris sur La Fontaine et sur les réécritures de la fameuse fable : « La cigale et la fourmi » ?



Léa est donc venue en cours de français, expliquer le sens de la Fable « La Cigale et la fourmi » et elle a lu des textes de Queneau et de Ferran, qui reprennent et détournent le texte de La Fontaine.

Voici le texte de Pierre Ferran qui place la scène dans un cabinet de dentiste :

La cigale et la fourmi

La cigale peu rancunière,
Reçut la fourmi sa voisine
En son cabinet dentaire :
- Qu'est-ce qui vous amène, ma chère ?
- Des caries jusqu'à la racine
A chacune de mes molaires !
- Je vous opérerai, lui dit-elle
Avant tout, sans aucun mal ;
C'est votre intérêt principal !

La cigale n'est pas curieuse ;
C'est là son moindre défaut.
- Que faisiez-vous de ces chicots ?
Dit-elle à sa solliciteuse.
- Nuit et jour à tout venant,
Je chuintais, ne vous déplaie...
- Vous chuintiez ? J'en suis prothèse :
En bien dentier maintenant !

Pierre Ferran, seconde moitié du
XX^{ème} siècle

THE 2012 TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL PROM

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TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL PROM
COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT
OUR ANNUAL SUMMER FORMAL DANCE

Moonlight Serenade

JUNE 1ST 2012

FRIDAY

7PM TO 10PM

THE WESTIN HOTEL TAIPEI

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133 NANJING EAST ROAD, SECTION 3

TICKETS MAY BE BOUGHT IN THE PHASE TWO OFFICE

For High School Students only



**3rd Annual
Key Stage 3
Music
Concert**

**7:00pm
Thursday
31st May 2012**

**Adults NTD 100
Students NTD 50**

**Tickets on sale in the
Phase 1 British Office**

**ESC Phase II Atrium
Taipei European School
31 Jian Ye Road, Shihlin
District
Phone: (02) 8145 9007**



TESO and Friends

Taipei European School Secondary Campus Orchestra
Picnic Concert

Featuring:

TES ESC Select Choir

TES EPC Orchestra

Special Guest Conductors

Tuesday 12th June, 2012

5:30pm – 7:30pm

TES European Secondary Campus

31 Jian Ye Road

Adults: 100NTD Students: 50NTD

*Tickets on sale NOW at the EPC Primary + ESC
Offices. Bring a picnic blanket and basket!*

Food and drinks will be available to purchase

