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From the Head of British Secondary and High School Section

Christmas Bazaar.

A final reminder from me about tomorrow's Christmas Bazaar.

The Christmas Bazaar is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the TES calendar. I know the Houses, TABITHA and Roots and Shoots are busy preparing for a fun packed day and I encourage all members of the TES community to support their activities. Our musicians will also perform throughout the day so please keep an eye (and ear) out for them. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



Donations for the Philippines (Typhoon Yolanda relief) at the Christmas Bazaar.

Parents will have received a flyer from Mrs Patricia Tzeng about the Typhoon Yolanda relief being coordinated during the Christmas Bazaar. The flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter for your convenience. Please bring items such as canned goods, rice, sugar, blankets, pillows, toiletries (toothbrush, soap towels etc), diapers, new clothing, cooking utensils and money. The TES is always wonderfully supportive of those in need and I am certain tomorrow's Christmas Bazaar will again show the generosity of our community.

Trips

It has been an exceptionally busy couple of weeks on the trips front as we have had trips involving Music FOBISIA, Sport FOBISIA and THIMUN (Singapore). Thank you to all staff involved in leading and organizing overseas trip. All students that I have spoken to were tremendously positive about the experience. As always, I have been informed our students represented the school and themselves with distinction. Please see later on in this Newsletter for detailed reports and photos on all 3 activities. Well done to all concerned.

**Warm regards,
Stuart Glascott**

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From the Deputy Head

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce the winners of the Year 7 Thinking Map, Thinking School competition that was kindly organised by Mr Greaves this Term. The creative and experimental thinking shown by our young Geographers was outstanding. Mr Hebden our 'graphic artist in residence' is now working behind the scenes with these students to help make their vision a reality. The map will eventually be posted around the school site to indicate what kinds of thinking happen and where it happens. Winners: Charlotte Bao, Elizabeth Brown, Chloe Donovan, Orla Kriel, James Kung, Jeremy Wu, Kevin Chen, Dev Shah



The Parents' Association and members of the Student Council erected the BSHS Christmas tree last week which has given the Phase 2 Atrium a distinctly festive feel. Our thanks to the Parent body for their generosity and time in making us all feel a little more 'Christmassy' this week.

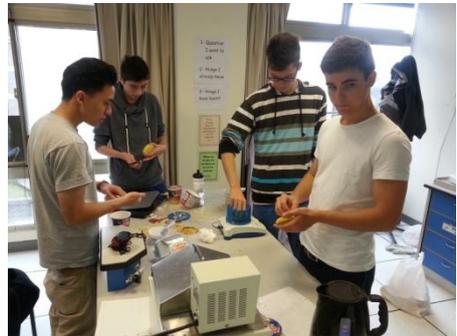
The holiday is fast approaching....which can only mean one thing...our H2 and H4 students have got exam revision to do! The mock examination season begins immediately after the holiday and students and families should be aware of the need for a structured revision programme during the Christmas break. This is never easy to plan or manage – especially when families go overseas, so please start planning now.

I am very much looking forward to this year's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday and seeing our students and parents supporting this wonderful event. Your time and your efforts are always appreciated.

H3 Group 4 Project Explores the Wonders of Instant Noodles!

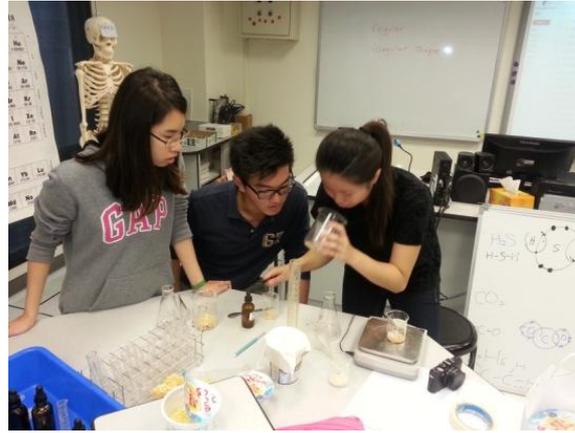
For the past two weeks all H3 students have been hard at work slaving over beakers of instant noodles! Yes, that is correct – Instant Noodles! This was the creative theme that the entire year group decided to investigate for their Group 4 Project.

The Group 4 Project is a compulsory part of the IB Sciences programme that involves students working in multidisciplinary teams to research a topic and report their findings. Students worked in small groups that included Biologists, Chemists, Physicists and Sports Scientists to come up with research questions on this imaginative topic and carry out tests to verify their hypotheses. The aim of the project is to give students the opportunity to demonstrate team work, perseverance and self reflection in a problem solving situation.



The range of experiments and tests that emerged was truly inspiring and showed both the scientific curiosity and innovation of our TES students. From testing the toxicity of disposal chopsticks, the level of anti-oxidants in palm oils, the elastic strength of cooked noodles to the sturdiness of container structures and the best way to cook instant noodles, students spent over 10 hours on their investigations. The culmination of the event was the presentation of their results in once again very unique ways, displaying artistic and technological talents. Who would have thought a talking giraffe and hippopotamus could explain the surface tension of cooking solutions so eloquently!

Overall, the project was a great success, and the students enjoyed the challenge of coming up with original scientific ideas. Whether they eat more instant noodles in the near future is another question open for debate!



Above and beyond: News from the History Dept

For our H2 IGCSE History students we were fortunate enough to have secured a visit from Mr Mike Humphrey, Vice Chair of PSC, TESBOG representative and retired US army officer to come and talk to the students about his experiences during the Vietnam War.

The H2s are currently studying the war and this was a unique opportunity for the students to learn from someone with experience of the conflict. Our Thanks To Mike for giving up his time to enrich the learning experience for our TES students.

Mr Ian Stewart
Head of History

News from the English Department

Mr. Kenny's H2 joint First Language English and English Literature class have just brought a unit of work on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar to a close with an exercise combining elements of Drama and literary criticism.

The class divides into four groups and each one selects a significant moment in the play. They present that moment in tableau fashion, as characters from the plot frozen in time. In turn the characters unfreeze and speak their thoughts, motivations, insights and comment on this moment in the unfolding drama of Caesar's ambitions, assassination, and the consequences that follow as Rome descends into civil war.

Although Shakespeare died in 1616 his play still holds meaning for us today. Political "character assassination" and even actual attempts at assassination occur in all democracies, including our own, after all. The students need to be helped to open their eyes and view their own situation with new vision. A long dead Shakespeare is still helping us to do that.

TES at the THIMUN conference in Singapore: a bilingual account



When first hearing about MUN I will not deny I was unsure of what I could get of it. However, after going to my first MUN conference in Singapore I now realize exactly how amazing this event is. Between the constant involvements in what's happening around you, the late nights intensively preparing for the next day or talking with your friends or even the instant bonding between you and some random

delegate from another school as “that guy” stands up yet again and you both cast each other a glance across the room, Model United Nations has undoubtedly grown to be an unforgettable experience.

When first walking into a room of formally dressed and rather intimidating delegates, all seemingly ready to smash your arguments down with intricate political statements, the word ‘nervous’ would be an understatement as to what comes to mind. However, 15 minutes into lobbying and approximately 15 new acquaintances later, this feeling soon disappears. One would be surprised to see to exactly what extent MUN pushes your potential. Listening in on intriguing and well developed resolutions and debates, constantly being aware of the points being made and developing arguments in your mind with every sentence spoken all contributes to creating one of the most active listening experiences you will ever have and will encourage you to broaden your horizons more than anything else. I cannot stress enough what confidence, risk-taking and public speaking skills an experience like this will give you, not to mention the genuine fun you will have, and I will be looking forwards to attending the next conference with great anticipation.

Après une longue semaine à Singapour, le seul mot pour décrire cette expérience est : incroyable. Grâce à l'intensité des débats, l'investissement de tous les participants et le sentiment constant de savoir que l'on fait parti d'un événement si grand, MUN est devenu une expérience inoubliable. Non seulement, c'est une opportunité unique pour être sensibilisé aux problèmes du monde mais c'est aussi une opportunité pour se stimuler et se découvrir de nouveaux talents.

Ina Morken H2

From The Music Department

It continues to be a busy term for music, with a large number of events and developments happening over the last few weeks.

Music Leaders

This year sees the first appointment of Music Leaders within the music department. Congratulations go to the two appointed students, H3s Jolie Ting and Stephanie Kao, but also to all students who applied for these positions. The application process highlighted the dedication, maturity and enthusiasm of our students, with some really hard decisions made to choose only two candidates. You will be hearing from Jolie and Stephanie soon when they start to make regular contributions to this newsletter.



TES ESC Christmas Concert

This year sees the introduction of the TES ESC Christmas Concert. This event promises to bring a good dose of Christmas spirit to the end of the year! Come along and enjoy some Christmas inspired food, student displays, winter themed poetry reading, music, and of course Christmas carol singing with the choirs and orchestra. The event will be held on Wednesday the 18th of December (in the last week of term), with food and displays from 6pm and Christmas carol singing from 7:30pm.

TES ESC

Christmas

Concert

18th December

TES ESC Phase II Atrium
31, Jian Ye Road, Yangmingshan,
Shilin District
台北市士林區建業路31號

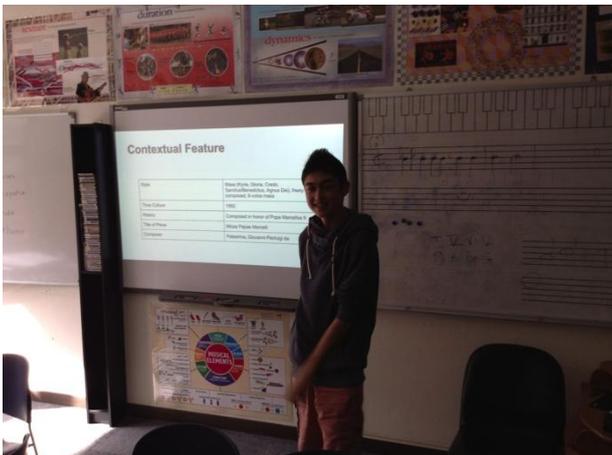
6pm
Christmas Food,
Displays,
Activities + Music

7:30pm
Christmas Music +
Carol Singing

Free Entry. Phone 02-8145-9007 for more information

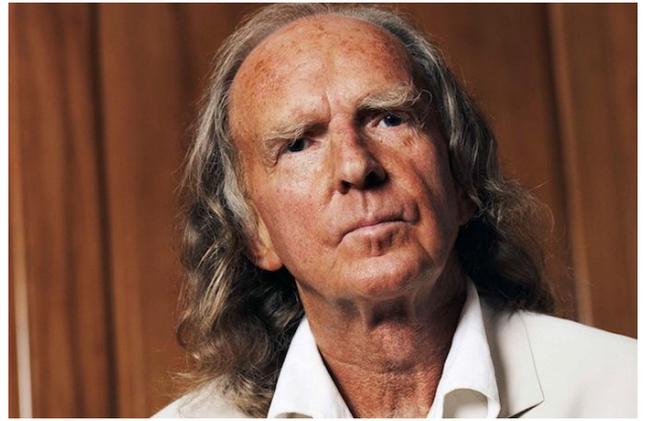
H3 Music Student ‘Teachers’

H3 Music students were given the challenge of teaching the topic of Sacred and Secular Renaissance Music from their IB Music Course to H1 students this week. The H3’s presented two very informative and interesting sessions to a number of H1 Music students (who gave up their lunchtime to attend!). A huge congratulation to the H3 Music students for all of their work on this project.



Sir John Kenneth Tavener (28 January 1944 – 12 November 2013)

One of Britain's great composers has recently passed away. The composer of works including *The Whale*, *The Protecting Veil* and *Song for Athene*, was known particularly for his large religious works. Fellow choral composer John Rutter, once described Tavener as someone who "could bring an audience to a deep silence which is a very rare gift. He believed that music was for everybody and was a prayer." As part of the current Vocal Chants unit, Y9 Music students have been studying various pieces of vocal music, including Tavener's *Song for Athene*. More information about the composer can be found on his website www.johntavener.com.



Music FOBISSEA (FOBISIA)

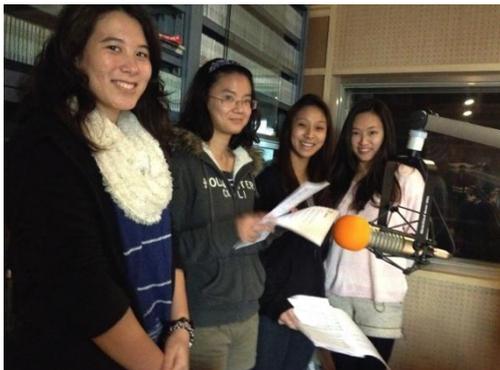
On November 14th at 5:20am, thirty sleepy but excited students arrived at the EPC ready to travel to Rayong, Thailand for this year's annual Music FOBISSEA festival. For the first time in TES's attendance at this event, the travelling group represented all sections of the school, Primary, High School and French and German sections. The students enjoyed five days of music making and cultural activities, rehearsing music for a combined choral and orchestra concert on the final night of the trip. Students also had the chance to try their hand at something new, with workshops including such diverse opportunities as traditional jazz band, musical theatre, ballroom dance and ska band. Two of the cultural highlights were a visit to a traditional market and the activities surrounding the Thai celebration of Loi Kratong. This celebration culminated in students decorating small disks with flowers, which were then set alight and released to float in the sea.





The 14th Annual TES Music Concert will happen next term on January 24th. In preparation for this event, auditions will be held for students wishing to perform as soloists or in small groups. This concert is one of the highlights of the TES Musical Calendar and always delivers high-level performances from some of our most talented music students. All students have been emailed a invitation to sign up to this concert via their school email addresses. If your child has not received an email, please either have them see me or email me at chris.papps@tes.tp.edu.tw.

Students Perform on Radio ICRT



Students from the ESC were again given the opportunity to perform during a live broadcast in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. Four students and



Miss Tara McNeill performed several pieces on Wednesday the 27th November, during the morning show host by DJ Terry. Students were then invited afterwards to record several jingles and short audio clips for further radio play. Congratulations and thanks Miss McNeill for organizing this event and the four students, Jolie Ting, Melody Cho, Chi-wen Chang and Theresa Stoelzel. A student response from this event will feature in the next newsletter.

TES Annual Music Concert

The 14th Annual TES Music Concert will be held on the 24th of January (Term 2), a little earlier this year because of where the Chinese New Year holiday falls. Auditions for this concert will be held soon, from the 9th -12th of December. If your child is interested in performing as a soloist or in a small group, please have them follow the sign up instructions that have been sent to them via their school emails. If your child has not received this information, please have them see me in the Performing Arts Office (1108) or email me at chris.papps@tes.tp.edu.tw.

Chris Papps
HOD Music



News from the Mathematics Department

We have an amazing amount of award winners – 81 in total from this year’s Senior Maths Challenge, congratulations to all who took part. Special mention must go to **Willie Hung (H4)** who achieved a perfect score. Willie, along with Jensen Yang, Milton Lin, Daniel Lee and Alex Lee will take part in the [British Mathematical Olympiad](#).

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge - Award winners								
GOLD AWARDS			SILVER AWARDS			BRONZE AWARDS		
Xinya	Chai	H4	Amit	Agnani	H3	Nathan	Burrison	H4
Sharlene	Chen	H2	Alvin	Chang	H2	Lihyan	Chang	H3
Jim	Chen	H2	Wei	Chen	H4	Yun	Chen	H4
Ryan	Chiang	H4	Tim	Cheng	H2	Anni	Chen	H3
Nina	Demurat	H4	William	Fangwang	H4	Bobby	Chen	H3
Daniel	Hsieh	H3	Kelvin	Hsu	H4	Minnie	Cheng	H3
Kelly	Huang	H4	Stephanie	Kao	H3	Alex	Chiang	H4
Willie	Hung	H4	Hyemee	Kim	H3	Melody	Cho	H3
Vincent	Kao	H3	Kelvin	Lee	H4	Felicia	Chua	H3
Senta	Kretzschmar	H4	Wilson	Li	H3	David	Degeorge	H3
Leo	Ku	H2	Evan	Lin	H3	Roe	Halperin	H4
Daniel	Lee	H2	David	Lin	H2	Vincent	Huang	H2
Alex	Lee	Y8	Joseph	Liu	H4	Sion	Ings	H4
Jorge	Leejiayang	H4	Steven	Liu	H2	Jessica	Kao	H3
Jenny	Li	H2	Amanda	Liu	H4	Calvin	Ku	H3
Stephen	Lien	H2	Janice	Liu	H3	Joelle	Kwuo	H3
Milton	Lin	H3	Linus	Lu	H3	Vernon	Lin	H4
Angel	Mai	H3	Francois	Ly	H4	Michelle	Lin	H3
Elizabeth	Morrison	H2	Jeffrey	Sun	H3	Vivian	Liu	H3
Matthew	Ng	H4	Jonathan	Tseng	H2	Kevin	Ma	H3
Matthew	Shen	H2	Tzeyang	Tung	H4	Henry	Reynolds	H3
Brian	Shih	H3	Sunny	Tung	H3	Benjamin	Su	H3
Freya	Smith	H3	Kevin	Wang	H3	Jolie	Ting	H3
Ming	Toh	H4	Konrad	Wang	H2	Hugo	Trinelle	H4
Stanley	Wong	H4	Conrad	Wang	H3	Lesley	Wang	H3
Jensen	Yang	H3	Jacky	Wu	H3	Jasleen	Won	H3
			Calvin	Yeo	H4	Jasmine	Wung	H4
			Brian	Yu	H3			

From the Assistant Head (High School)

The Where are They Now? Interview series will return in the next edition of the Newsletter

H2 and H4 Mock Examinations

The mock examination period for H2 and H4 students is quickly approaching. From Tuesday, 7th to Friday 17th January both year groups will have the opportunity to get a taste of the real

deal – a true examination experience. Students have been exploring study skills and study plans in PSHCE to help prepare them for these next intensive weeks of revision and examination preparation. Subject teachers are supporting this process in lessons and providing students with plenty of guidance, past paper practise and TLC!

It is important that in the lead up to Christmas and over the two week break all H2 and H4 students shift their focus to preparation for the mock examinations. The mocks provide an opportunity to show off what they know and to give themselves clear targets for improvement in the last short months leading up to the final IGCSE and IB examinations.

TES Students Nominated for Film Award

A huge congratulations to Kelvin Lee, Charles Barratt and Jacky Chen (all in H4), who were recently nominated in Taiwan's WonderCity Film Awards. The WonderCity theme this year is 'dreams and cities', and the three students' film, *Asleep*, is described by Kelvin as "a narrative film about a patient who suffers from a sleep disorder. The monologue/narration in the film explores the protagonist's condition and his consciousness."

The film was produced and directed by Kelvin. Charles wrote the script and played the starring role. Jacky supported the process as Production Assistant.

Out of the 218 films submitted, *Asleep* was chosen as one of the 33 finalists. The final judging and awards will be presented on 6th December. We wish Kelvin, Charles and Jacky luck and we are keeping our fingers crossed for a big win!

Dr. Matthews' Ponderings: School rules and the Ship of Theseus

It was Plutarch who wrote of the Ship of Theseus, a boat of commemoration preserved by the Athenians. Being wooden, parts of the ship naturally rotted, and as these parts rotted, they were replaced. Over time, the Athenians replaced every part of the ship. The problem that has been debated since is whether the restored boat was the same as the original boat. (For fans of the British comedy *Only Fools and Horses*, the same problem is raised by Trigger's broom, which he has had for twenty years, despite having seventeen new heads and fourteen new handles. The same problem arises for fans of *Sugababes*, the British pop group that over a number of years managed to replace all of their original band members – are they really still the same band?)

This might seem a strange topic to raise in a secondary school newsletter, but it is a paradox I often ponder, because it relates to the job we do as teachers (and, indeed, as parents). The ship of Theseus is typically used to illustrate the problem of whether we are the same person as our childhood earlier selves. I think back to decisions I made when I was young, the same age as the people we teach now. I don't feel like I recognise that younger person. When I think back to decisions I made more than twenty years ago, what was my reasoning, what were my emotions? When I and other teachers judge the decisions of our students, we make those judgements based on our adult faculties, on how we respond now. It is very hard for us truly to put ourselves into the shoes of others. Yet both parents and teachers need to be able to do that, so that we engage effectively with our students. It is surely easier for us to appreciate the thoughts and feelings of young people than it is for them to appreciate our thoughts and feelings. We have been young before, they have never been adults.

The reason I felt like writing this is because I have had a number of conversations with students recently about school rules they disagree with: the colour of hair, the length of shorts, the right to wear hats indoors. In truth, most teachers won't have strong feelings about any of these individual rules, but we will have strong feelings about the importance of upholding the rules that we have. We can almost always justify the rationale behind each of

our rules, and the students can justify their strong objections to each of those rules. (Our rationale is usually about the need to present the school in a good light and the need to prepare students for an adult world which will have expectations of conformity. The students' feelings are typically based on the right of free expression.)

Ultimately, our students do need to understand that our rules are drawn up with the interests of the entire TES community in mind. We teach them of the values of democracy within our PSHCE lessons, but on these matters we cannot be a democracy. Within that same PSHCE umbrella, we also teach our students of their belonging to wider communities, and it is this point that determines these rules. Students should understand that the wider TES community: parents, teachers and school leaders - may well have – almost certainly do have – very different norms and expectations to the average teenager.

In turn, if we expect this understanding from our students, we should always be prepared to communicate our thinking to them. We should also listen to them, and be open to the fact that they have some very good ideas. After all, we were once those same young people, before we had seventeen new broom heads and fourteen new handles.

Dr. Gavin Matthews
Head of Year, H1 and H2



GENERATING GREAT IDEAS @ TES WORLD CAFÉ

Last week's H4 PSHCE lesson focused on Study Skills and I was very grateful to Mr David Wong and his team of study skills experts for putting on a very impressive carousel activity in which students shared good practice and gave each other advice. There are students in H4 with excellent, exemplary study habits and there are those who struggle. This session was an opportunity for those who manage this aspect of their IB studies extremely well to share their top tips with everyone else and allowed those for whom studying and revising pose challenges to get some really useful, practical ideas to take away and apply.



The session was organized in the European Café style, with tea and snacks being served throughout to keep people focused. It is said that all best ideas in recent human history were concocted in cafés with the help of coffee so that's the intellectual milieu that Mr Wong wanted

to re-create in our multi-purpose room (but with tea rather than coffee in order to avoid over-stimulation!).

The top tips were provided by the following study skills experts, students who, throughout their IB Diploma course, have consistently shown themselves to be adept at time and resource management and capable of achieving really impressive grades in assessments and tasks. I'm very grateful to Willie Hung, Jorge Lee, Ryan Lin, Vernon Lin, Karishma Mahtani, Ming Toh, Young Tung and Stanley Wong, for their input as were the other H4 students who visited their stalls.

The general advice offered to H4 students by their peer leaders that day is shown below:

- ✓ Study in advance for all topics and always get approx 7-8 hours of sleep especially on the night before an exam. (Jorge)
- ✓ Always use the rubrics, syllabus, past year papers and mark schemes to create your notes so that you know what you have to revise and do not revise topics in vain. (Jorge)
- ✓ There is a trade-off between actively listening in class and spending time revising at home. If you actively listen and take notes in class, you will not need to spend a lot of time at home. Whereas, if you choose not to listen in class, you will need to make up for it at home. (Karishma)
- ✓ If you're tired after school, take a power nap. There is no point in studying when you are exhausted. (Ming)
- ✓ Try to set targets for yourself over the week and tick off the list - use a timer to help manage time. It's best to keep a watch. (Ming)
- ✓ Have a goal to aim for and follow that goal. You can reward yourself at the end to motivate you to achieve your goal. (Ryan)
- ✓ Be interested in what you study using IB sources specifically. Use the syllabus to make notes. (Ryan)
- ✓ Relate what you observe in your everyday life to what you have learnt in your subjects. (Ryan)
- ✓ Outside reading always helps. It can help with specific case studies in certain subjects and can help further gain your interest towards a subject in publications like *New Scientist*, *The Scientist*, *Scientific America*, *National Geographic* etc. Keeping up with the news always helps with further understanding of the world around us, allowing us to be more culturally diverse and understanding international students. Keeping up with the news helps with TOK and can spark many questions raised to help with our essays and reflections. (Ryan)
- ✓ It may be hard in IB to manage your workload and time. Playing sports, doing extra-curricular activities and doing your work need to be managed properly and efficiently. (Ryan)
- ✓ Always finish homework before doing anything else. (Stanley)
- ✓ If you feel too tired, don't study!! Take a nap for 30 minutes and start studying afterwards. That way you will be more refreshed and hence study more efficiently. (Stanley)
- ✓ Find ways to mitigate the pressure from schoolwork. Find yourself a hobby. Do sports or play instruments... your choice. (Stanley)
- ✓ Stay optimistic no matter what. Always aim higher. This way you'll be motivated to study. (Stanley)
- ✓ Remove any forms of distraction before doing your work. (Stanley)
- ✓ Whenever you feel like procrastinating, go to sleep because sleeping is in fact productive itself! When you wake up, you'll be refreshed to start revising. (Willie)
- ✓ Categorize topics in your mind into subsections. This will help your memory retention. (Willie)
- ✓ Actively study, not just passively. Achievements do not correspond to the time spent, but the efforts spent. (Willie)

In addition, there was a wealth of subject-specific information that students shared. Though we tend to think of our students as Diploma students with a range of strengths, they certainly have their subject preferences and it was great to walk around the 'café' and hear genuine expertise and passion for learning. Many thanks to Mr Wong for his planning and organization of the session, his selection of students and for the tea! Many thanks also to the student presenters for their top tips, for being so professional and for their genuine willingness to share with others the skills that they have developed themselves. Their involvement showed the kind of intellectual altruism and collegiality that we love to see in our students at TES.



H3 EXTRA THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

H3 students have had TOK in their Thursday afternoon sessions for the past four weeks to accommodate the extra time needed for aspects of the IB Core. There have been a lot of interesting things going on and H3 students continue to impress their teachers. The new topic in this new TOK syllabus has been the focus of recent lessons and will form the basis of a later article. Look out for more on *Indigenous Knowledge Systems* in a future edition of the Newsletter.

Mr. Darren Latchford
IB Co-ordinator

From the Assistant Head (Key Stage 3)

Last week I had the pleasure of travelling with the U15 FOBISIA squad to Hong Kong. It was fantastic to see so many KS3 students in the team. The teams performed extremely well and a full report can be seen in the Sport section. As ever the students were a credit to the school. Good luck to all Year 7 and 8 students who are taking part in the U13 FOBISIA trials over the coming weeks, competition for places will be fierce.

Teachers are currently in report writing mode with KS3 end of term reports being written now. These will be distributed to all KS3 students on the last day of term before the Christmas break. These are full academic reports with comments and targets that will give you a detailed picture of the progress being made in all subjects in KS3.

James Woodall
Assistant Head Key Stage 3

Year 7: PSHCE: Puberty

Over the last three weeks, Year 7s has been studying 'Personal Hygiene' and 'Puberty' in PSHCE. Early adolescence can be as tough a time for children because their bodies and minds are changing and the Year 7 PSHCE teachers have strived hard to provide an arena of comfort where the students feel safe asking and answering questions about something that could potentially feel awkward. After introducing puberty as a topic and going over the guidelines of respect, teachers gave an overall picture of 'the birds and the bees' in a co-ed classroom environment. The PSHCE classes were split for the next puberty lesson by gender so both boys and girls would feel even more comfortable asking gender specific questions. The students performed skits and used different strategies to help them deal with new situations that often occur in adolescence. Discussing these integral teenage topics in class is so important to their development and judging from classroom observation, it was a huge success. The Year 7s are now studying the 'Reproduction Cycle' in Science which will help reinforce prior learning in PSHCE as well as enhance their overall knowledge of the human body and the natural changes that occur.

Raymond Imbleau
Head of Year 7

Winter is Coming!

The words of House Stark ring clear and from George R.R. Martin's "*A Game of Thrones*" as the temperature drops up here at the European Secondary Campus on the beautiful Yangmingshan. Indeed ... **winter is coming!**

With that said, it is important for students in KS3 to be prepared and dressed properly for the winter. According to our school uniform policy, TES KS3 uniform should be as follows:

Boys:

- A striped blue and white school shirt
- A TES school jumper
- School navy blue shorts or navy blue trousers
- Short navy blue or white socks
- Smart, breathable black leather shoes
- TES school cap

Girls:

- A striped blue and white school shirt
- School skirt, school skorts, navy blue shorts or navy blue trousers
- Navy blue or white socks
- Navy blue tights (if tights are worn instead of socks)
- Smart, breathable black leather shoes
- TES school cap

PLEASE NOTE:

- Nail polish is not allowed to be worn at school by KS3 students.
- Jeans, three quarters, tracksuit bottoms and army/utility trousers are not acceptable
- FOBISSEA hooded jackets are not considered regular TES uniform and are not permitted

Please also make sure that all clothing items are clearly labeled as many items go missing or are forgotten by students.

Please refer to the images of our role model models of TES KS3 uniform.



Year 9 Girls wearing correct uniform



Year 8 Boys wearing the correct uniform

If for some reason a student in KS3 does not have the appropriate uniform, a written note or email from a parent or guardian must be sent to the student's form tutor in order to receive a temporary uniform pass until the student has the full correct uniform.

Timothy Sing Key
Head of Year 8 & 9

From the Secondary and High School Library

December Special in our Library!!!

Santa sent his elves to our Libraries where you find Christmas is everywhere! For eager readers, there are special treats every time when you borrow a book.

Have you noticed the Advent Calendar which counts down from NOW to Christmas? It might be YOU who receive the surprise of the day.

As there is only ONE gift per day for each Library, there is a lucky draw when you check a book out. Don't wait! Borrow a book and see if it's your lucky day!

Happy Reading!

Angela Chang, Chief Librarian



From the Head of Sport

It was another amazing fortnight of sport by the TITANS athletes, we placed 3rd for the first time ever in swimming and also put in our best overall performance in Fobisia. We also played our first ever tennis fixture against TAS, our boys middle school team played admirably against JV TAS boys team. Standout performances came from the dynamic pair of Milledge Cossu and Bo-Chyan Topham and also Ethan Chen who dominated his singles match. There are many reports written by students and coaches throughout the year and without their contributions the Fortnightly Sports News would not be so packed.

Kwok Chow
Head of Sport

FOBISIA U15 Games Report

Day 1 - Departure, Arrival, and Opening Ceremony

The team met early in the morning, everyone was excited and ready to go. An hour and a half plane ride brought us to Hong Kong and another hour car journey took us to the hotel. We settled in and went to nearby shops to look around. The day ended with an opening ceremony at Kellett School which we got the chance to introduce ourselves to other schools. TES made a great first impression.

Day 2 - Swimming and Athletics

The day started off with the 200 IM girls and boys for swimming. Both of our swimmers tried their best in the IM however, the other schools took advantage with their size and was far ahead during butterfly. Almost every swimmer in our team won a medal, whether its in the relay or individual event. Our school came close for second however we were about 30 points behind, and finished in 3rd place. (First time ever that TES won a trophy in swimming! We were the only school without a pool!)

Athletics started with the 1500m long distance event. This event showed off the team spirit TES had in cheering for our team mates. The events were split into 4 sessions and then into the different sprinting/running events. TES managed to keep our place as second throughout the day and ended with us getting silver overall in the athletic events.

Special Mentions:

Swimming-

- Wilma Lilljequist: Being the smallest girl yet dominating in her events
- Yohann Perocheau: Getting medals for all the events he did
- Ellie Stokes: Bringing home 4 medals
- Tiger Hung: Perseverance
- Yu-ting Chen: Perseverance



Go Tiger!



Howard Lin taking the lead....

Athletics-

- Kentaro Temma: Astounding javelin throw of 33m
- Mae Taylor: Sprinter and jumper
- Howard Lin: Sprinter and shot putter
- Nathan Alzon: Jumping the height of 1.65m
- Kimberly Chuang: Perseverance
- Liann Pelhate: Running like the wind in the 4X100 relay B, Winning 3rd for 1500
- Jacob Wu: High jumper and sprinter
- Tiger Hung: Sprint, javelin and discus medal winner

Day 3- Boys Basketball and Girls Football

On the third day, the boys went to Kellett School Hong Kong to start the basketball tournament. Our first game started off at 8, and it was against DBIS (Discovery Bay International School). Our school started off very well, and was leading by double digits in the 1st quarter. We took the win scoring 22-2 in the end. The next game was against BSG (British School Guangzhou) and our school took down another easy win. Our third game was against Kellett School, it was a very close game, however our school lost by 7 in the end. It was a disappointing loss, however this brought a huge motivation for the team. This led us to the victory in our 4th game against DCSZ (Dulwich College Suzhou), with our team winning by one point. Winning this game also brought our team back to the finals. Our final game was against Kellett School, however this time our coach prepared a different type of defensive formation (2-1-2), this helped close out all the shooters in Kellett school. This forced Kellett to cut in, however we had great defenders at point, blocking and forcing players to take shots. With this strategy, our school took a great lead in the first half, and we kept the point difference up in the second half. Getting 1st place.

The girls started the day off at the Kellett School's Sky Pitch. The first game commencing at 11:00 against DCSZ. It was a slippery mess but still we managed to hold on tight and end the game 2-0. The second game was against DBIS, one of the more aggressive teams. The hard battle led to a 1-1 draw. The third game against HISB (Harrow International School Beijing) was quite a success. We were given the target of scoring at least 5 goals in the time of 24 minutes. Hard task eh? However, we managed to score not only 5 goals, but 6; ending with the final score of 6-0. We went into the semi-finals with SFBS (Seoul Foreign British School). We started off the game with 2 quick goals but lost concentration as SFBS knocked in 2 quick goals to tie the game. The pressure was on now on, we had a chance for a corner kick and Wilma took this opportunity and guided the ball into a curve straight into the back of the goal. We couldn't believe it. We managed to sneak in another goal towards the end of the game and ended it 4-2. Mr Woodall probably had a few heart attacks in this game. The final was against Kellett, and from watching their previous games we knew that they had a strong team. The game started rocky for us and by half time they had scored 2 goals against us. However we did not give up and battled our way in the game. The game ended with Kellett winning 4-0, getting gold. In our hearts we know that we were the winners; we battled and never gave up.



Skies the limit for Nathan Alzon!



Wilma aiming for the bottom corner.....

Greatest Moment:

Boys Basketball-

- Winning the championships under the lead of Howard Hsu (through his high fever and stomach ache)
- Coach Li's amazing defensive strategy in the finals.

Girls Football-

- Wilma Lilljequist's amazing corner kick goal in the semi-finals against SFBS (she couldn't believe her eyes)

Day 4 - Boys Football, Girls Basketball, and Gala Dinner

On the final day of the sports trip, the boys started their first game against Kellett School on the sky pitch. It was an intense game, both team were trying to get shots in, however both teams were great on defense and TES weren't taking as much shots as possible. The game ended as a tie, with the score 0-0. Our next game was against SFBS (Soul Foreign British School), this time we tried to score goals however their defense stopped as, and they scored quick goals with their accurate passing. We lost the game 2-0 in the end, we had good shots however they were deflected by the crossbar. Our last game was against HISB (Harrow International School Beijing), we started the game off with a quick goal and we were pressurising the other team with our offense. In the end we snatched the win, scoring 3-1. Unfortunately, we couldn't make it into the semi-finals.

The girls started the first game of basketball against BSG (British School GuangZhou). We took the lead quite fast and almost everybody got a chance to play. It was a great way to start as we took a 7 point lead, winning our first game of the day. Our next game against DBIS was straight after the first. DBIS's full court press baffled us a bit and managed to keep our scores quite close. With 3 minutes left, we were only leading by 2 points (4-6). However with a great and successful pep talk from Coach Huang, we managed to sneak past their defence and score another 3 points, beating them 4-9. Third game against SFBS was a bit rusty. We couldn't keep our head in the game and lost with SFBS winning by 1 point. This led to a three way tie as we beat DBIS, DBIS beat SFBS, and SFBS beat us. However, we still managed to get first in our pool and move on to play in the semis with BSB (British School Beijing). The BSB girls were aggressive but we still managed to win by 4 points and move on to play in the finals. The finals were against Kellett (again). With injuries from previous games, we went on to play against them. By the first quarter, a lot of substitutions were already made. The Kellett School managed to drag the points farther and farther apart and in the end, we fell to Kellett's defeat once again.

The night ended with the Gala Dinner at a restaurant in Hong Kong's Ocean Park. We partnered up and sat in tables with people from each school. Everyone was dressed up in formal attire, however our students were still better dressed than all of the other schools. Dinner was served and we had a great view of the aquarium (some students and even teachers were craving some seafood). Students sang, gave speeches, and the girl's received their basketball medals. The day ended with each school having two representatives (a girl and a boy) to collect the school's participation medal in this year's U15 FOBISIA Games. It was a great way to congratulate all the success of each school throughout the three days.



That's a 3 pointer by Chloe!



Liann looking good on the ball.....

Greatest Moment:

Boys Football-

- Nathan Alzon's kicks from goal straight to the other side

Girls Basketball-

- The girl's perseverance in the finals even though they were well behind
- Kimberly Chuang's countless steals and turnovers

Day 5 - End of Trip

We said goodbye to our newly made friends one last time and departed from Hong Kong by mid-day. The journey of the 2013 U15 FOBISIA Games in Hong Kong came to an end.

Special Thanks

We are very proud of this year's squad, everyone tried their best and we all had a great time in Hong Kong!

We would like to thank the coaches:

- Mr. Chow - Organising everything in order for us to participate in the games, boys football coach
- Mr. Li - Boys basketball coach
- Mr. Woodall - Girls football coach
- Ms. Huang - Girls basketball coach

We would also like to thank the following:

- Henry Chuang (a.k.a. Canon) - Squeezing into spaces and taking shots from the best angles
- Students involved in the filming of the events
- Kellett School Hong Kong
- Parents that came to support us throughout the games



U15 FOBISIA Squad

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone in the squad. Thank you all for being so supportive of each other and pushing each other to do our bests. Without all of you, nothing would have been possible. We are sure that if there is an award for the team with the best sportsmanship, we would've gotten it. With the support of each other, we achieved our goals. Through tears of joy or sorrow, we stuck together as a team and that's what's most important.

GO TAIPEI! GO TITANS! GO TES!

Ivory Lee and Chris Lu
U15 FOBISIA Captains

High School Boys Basketball So far.....

Basketball season is finally here! It started two weeks ago, and the varsity boys have already been preparing themselves for the upcoming games! They train 4 times a week, twice in the morning before school, and twice after school. Though the season has only just begun, they have had two games against Chinese Cultural University already. Unfortunately, they lost both- first game lost by 26 points, and the second game lost by 14 points. The next game will be on Thursday, 18th of November, playing a top 12 team from HBL division I. The JV boys had their first game last night and beat GCA convincingly by 20 points. The JVB and JV Girls team are practicing intensely ready for their games next week.

Sports Leadership Team: Charlotte Lee



JV Boys Team looking sharp!

First Seasons Softball Match

It was a great day for autumn softball when the TES Titans hosted a ballgame against Grace Christian Academy last Friday, November 22nd. TES was the first to muster a run, but then lost the lead as the mighty Jaguars belted a two run home run to straightaway centre field. Since TES had 25 boys on the team, the coach decided to play everyone on Team A and B. When the B team finally took to the field after a few innings, they scored 3 runs in the bottom of the third, taking the lead back 4-2. After this, both teams defended well, routinely making strong defensive plays. No one scored for three more innings until the Jaguars notched another run, narrowing the gap. However, the Titans scored three more runs in the sixth, claiming victory on their home field with the final score of 7-5. This game was a truly exciting game as no one knew who was going to win. As the old baseball cliché goes, "It ain't over til it's over." This pre-tournament game will hopefully get the team prepared for the tournament on December 14th in Taichung

Year 8 Boys Softball: Written by Captain **Keisuke Makino**



U13 FOBISA Trials from 3-4:30pm.

Monday 2nd Dec

Girls Basketball- Ms Huang, Boys Football- Mr Chow

Weds 4th Dec

Girls Football- Mr Booth

Thursday 5th Dec

Boys Basketball- Mr Morris

Please make sure you have transport after the trial.

Donations for the Philippines (Typhoon Yolanda Relief) at the Taipei European School Christmas Bazaar



Time: 10am to 4pm on Saturday 30th November

Place: Taipei European School Christmas Bazaar (727 WenLin Road, Taipei)

Collection Point: TES/Santa Fe Relocation Services Collection

Tent at the Christmas Bazaar (grassy area past the TES security desk)

Items needed:

- Ready-to-eat food/ready-to-open canned goods, rice, sugar, milk/chocolate drink
- Sleeping mats, blankets, pillows
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, bath soap, towels
- Diapers
- Detergent soap
- Clothing (new only)
- Cooking utensils/apparatus
- Money

Please note that the donation-in-kinds are accepted on the day only.

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