



# ESC Newsletter

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## Coming up this month:

- **3 September: H4 University Info Evening**
- **8 September: Curriculum Info Evening**
- **11 September: ESCPA Meeting**
- **25 September: Y7 Reports**

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And much more!

## Welcome from the BSHS Head

Chrysta Garnett, Head of British Secondary and High School Section

Dear Parents and Students

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year 2015-16. I hope that you enjoyed a wonderfully relaxing summer break with your families. It was a fairly dramatic end to the vacation with Typhoon Soudelor hitting Taiwan at the most inopportune time, but luckily the ESC campus was relatively unscathed. Our maintenance and ICT teams made speedy work of the repairs so that we were ready to open doors on time for our returning and new students. The tennis courts at the new Sports Facility remain out of action for the time being but should be ready to use again within the next couple of weeks.

The holidays can of course be a tense time for our H2 and H4 students as they await their IGCSE and IB results, but I am thrilled to convey my congrat-

ulations to both cohorts and their families for their stellar results. Our new H3s achieved an impressive 95% IGCSE A\*-C pass rate and more H4s than ever before gained the full IB Diploma, maintaining our excellent track record as an IB World School. We wish our graduates the very best as they go on to study at some of the world's most prestigious universities.

We welcomed over 40 new students in total into the British Secondary and High School this year, a group comprised of many different nationalities who I am sure will continue to enrich our diverse student population in the coming year. As always at the start of a new academic year, several new staff members join us at the ESC campus in all sections. In this Newsletter you will find introductions from each of them. I am sure students will

enjoy the breadth of experience that this year's new staff group bring with them and will be inspired in the classroom to learn under their guidance.

As our enrolment grows and our curriculum offerings become broader, we have also had to lengthen the school day for some of our High School students, by adding a period 9 & 10. We have only added these where absolutely necessary and thank parents and teachers for their understanding and flexibility in accommodating this change.

Finally, we have many exciting ECAs on offer to students this year, some of which are brand new, which we hope our students will take advantage of and enjoy.

I look forward to all of our students and our families enjoying a productive and enjoyable year ahead.





Emmanuel Fritzen

## Willkommensgruß vom Schulleiter der Deutschen Sektion

Emmanuel Fritzen, Schulleiter Deutsche Schule Taipei (Head of German Section)

Liebe Eltern, liebe Schüler, liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

ich begrüße Sie alle herzlich zum Beginn des neuen Schuljahres. Die Deutsche Sektion blickt auf ein weiteres Wachstum als Erfolg unserer Werbekampagnen und beginnt dieses neue Jahr mit fast 160 Kindern und Schülern vom Kindergarten bis zum IB-Diploma.

Die Internationalisierung unserer Schülerschaft stellt für uns eine neue Herausforderung dar, der wir uns gerne stellen. Wir haben auf diese reagiert, indem wir den Anteil an individualisierten Sprachfördermaßnahmen noch einmal deutlich gesteigert

haben mit Jakob Lohse einen neuen Lehrer gewinnen konnten, die diese Maßnahmen über beide Schulstandorte koordiniert.

Erstmals hat es im Rahmen der Summer School in diesem Jahr auch Sprachkurse gegeben, in denen künftige und schon bei uns lernende Schüler die Gelegenheit erhielten, noch tiefer in die Geheimnisse der deutschen Sprache einzudringen. Wir danken hier unseren Lehrkräften Frau Yi Chen und Dr. Henrik Engel für die Vorbereitung und Durchführung dieser Kurse.

Das pädagogische Team der Deutschen Sektion arbeitet

weiterhin an der Steigerung der Unterrichtsqualität und der Ausfeilung des pädagogischen Profils, weil in etwas mehr als einem Jahr wieder die große Schulinspektion von Bund und Ländern ansteht, in der alle Bereiche des Schullebens auf den Prüfstand kommen.

Ich wünsche alle ein erfolgreiches neues Schuljahr und verbleibe mit herzlichen Grüßen

Emmanuel Fritzen



Sonya Papps

## Welcome back!

Sonya Papps, Deputy Head of the British Secondary and High School

A warm welcome back to all returning students, and a special 'welcome' to our new students and families. As is always the case at TES not a moment was wasted last Monday with teachers and students getting down to the business of learning straight away. It was lovely to see our students welcoming their new classmates and showing them around our school. Likewise, I enjoyed meeting many of our new parents at the ESPCA August Coffee Morning. The relationship between school and home is an important one and so it is pleasing that so many parents were able to pop in for a coffee and to learn more about the Secondary campus.

There will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about British Secondary and High School (BSHS) curriculum programmes at our annual Information Evening on September 8<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm). Presentations on Key Stage Three, IGCSE and the IB Diploma Programme will be delivered as will an overview of the pastoral and university counselling programmes.

A head's up regarding additional upcoming parent evenings:

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September our University and Careers Counsellors Jack Shull and Eric Swan will give a presentation for H4 students and their parents to 'walk through' the

university applications process many students will undertake this year.

On September 23, the Chinese Language and Culture teams from the Primary and Secondary campuses will together present an information evening for parents outlining some recent improvements to our Chinese language programmes (across the school).

Detailed information about the information evenings listed above will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## Welcome from the Assistant Head - Assessment, Reporting and Progress

Daisy Rana, Assistant Head



Daisy Rana

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Assistant Headteacher of the British Secondary and High School, responsible for assessment, reporting and progress.

My role as Assistant Headteacher focuses heavily on supporting students across the school, especially in H2 and H4, with the academic progress that they are expected to make across all their subject areas. I

have the pleasure of working alongside Heads of Department to organise intervention and support sessions for students who would benefit from a more personal approach to their learning needs. My role involves working closely with parents, students and staff, including the UCC department in order to ensure that every student completes their IGCSE or IB programme having fulfilled their maximum potential,

ready for the next stage of their academic journey. I am also responsible for organising all Parent-Teacher meetings and student reports throughout the year for all year groups.

I am available throughout the year to share the progress of your child and look forward to discussing how we can plan the next steps in your child's learning together.

## Welcome from Assistant Head, Student Welfare

James Woodall, Assistant Head

Welcome back to the new academic year and a warm welcome to all new TES families joining us this year. As Assistant Head it is my job to work with the team of Heads of Year to ensure all students are settled, happy and supported in their studies. Now that students are in class and have been through their schedules,

please feel free to contact myself or a member of the Pastoral Team with any concerns or questions you may have.

The Pastoral Team are:

Raymond Imbleau  
Head of Year 7

Neil Harris  
Head of Year 8 & 9

Gavin Matthews  
Head of H1 & H2

Darren Latchford  
IB Coordinator

Ian Stewart  
Assistant IB Coordinator

We are looking forward to another successful year at TES and welcome back once more.



James Woodall

## News from the Secondary and High School Library

Angela Chang, Chief Librarian

Welcome back to a new school year and, like always, the library has new books to greet our students back to school! Please return all your summer borrowing loans before you take out any new books. Year 7 students can simply return the books borrowed from the Primary Library to the Secondary Library.

We are glad to inform/remind you that parents are also very welcome to borrow books from our library. Parents can borrow up to 5 books for 2

weeks. Don't forget to return them on time, as parents will be charged for NT 5 per day for overdue books!



Want to know what we have in the library? Check our online

catalogue at <http://library.tes.tp.edu.tw/oliver>. You can find our new arrivals list and recommended reading list for Year 7s from the links on the homepage.

I look forward to seeing you in the library. If you have any question or suggestions regarding the library services, please feel free to contact the library staff on extension 2191 or 2192.

Happy Reading!

# Spotlight on IB

## A warm Term 1 welcome to all from the IB Year Team



Darren Latchford

Darren Latchford, IB Coordinator

Following some outstanding IB results, we are now poised to take on the challenges of another year and work towards achieving yet more excellent results. My congratulations to all of last year's H4 students who did so well in their final examinations and assessments and who, as I type, are heading to far flung destinations to take up places on prestigious courses at some of the world's top universities.

Special mention must go to our highest achievers who scored 40 or more points out of 45. Many congratulations go to Milton Lin, Janice Liu and Kevin Wang. Milton will go on to read Mathematics at the University of Oxford, Janice will study International Relations at the University of Toronto and Kevin Wang will study Science at Cornell University. We are also extremely proud of David de George, who scored 42 points and will

study in Australia and Jose Calpito and Jensen Yang who achieved 40 points each and will go on to study Communications and International Relations at the University of Melbourne and Business at New York University, Abu Dhabi respectively. Jose's achieve-



ment is even more impressive when you consider that he returned to Taipei European School at the beginning of H4 and had to make some subject and level adjustments. He, along with the others, really embodied the Learner Profile and rose to the challenges laid down by the IB Diploma Programme.

Scores of over 40 are not for everyone, of course, and I am just as proud of all the students, no matter what score they got. They all worked extremely hard and all achieved at levels appropriate to their own talents and aspirations. It is a rare privilege to work in a school that is as proud of its 25s as it is of its 43s.

I am very excited about the coming year. I will continue to work very closely with IB students to ensure their well-being and success and to help them manage their time, their course content and their interim results well. I am, as always, ably supported by my wonderful IB Team and I am looking forward to working them again this year. Here is an overview of the IB Team in 2015-2016:

### CORE COORDINATORS

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<p><b>Mr I Stewart</b> <i>Deputy IB Coordinator Extended Essay Coordinator</i></p>	<p><b>Mr P Lee</b> <i>Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) Coordinator</i></p>	<p><b>Mr S Kenny</b> <i>Theory of Knowledge Coordinator</i></p>

### FORM TEACHERS, CORE TEACHERS AND CAS ADVISERS

<b>H3:</b>	Ms A Chuan	Mr S Powell	Ms A Burrows	Ms H Brooks
<b>H4:</b>	Mr R Neroutsos	Mr F Laureti	Ms O Liang	Mr P Wright

# Welcome from the ESCPA

Jaime Chang, ESCPA

Welcome new and returning families to the TES community!

It was great to see so many new and familiar faces at the Welcome Coffee Morning on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. We hope that the information given by the school faculty and staff was helpful for you to start the new school year!

The European Secondary Parent Association (ESCPA) is made up of parents from all three sections, French, German and British, of the Secondary Campus. The ESCPA Committee is a group of parents that meets monthly to discuss and plan how to help with school events and fundraising to improve student life and school facilities where it is needed. All parents are wel-

come to join the committee. It is a great way to make friends and get involved.

We support events, from the Sports Day to the School Production and many more in between. Volunteers are always needed at these events, so be ready to hear the call-out soon!

With the money we raise every year, we come together with the school and the Student Council to work on a project to improve an area where it is needed. This year we purchased more micro-waves and upgraded the Phase II cafeteria seating arrangement to solve the problem of lunchtime congestion. The counter along the sidewall was installed and some tall bar tables with chairs were added.

With this new configuration, we hope it can accommodate everyone!

We couldn't do all these things without the ESCPA Activities Committee. They are the ones who are always responsible for the set-up, how much food and drink is needed at each event and the purchasing, loading and unloading of supplies, etc. And everyone can be a part of it. Please join us! Contact: [escpacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:escpacommittee@gmail.com)

A reminder of our next monthly meeting:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
9:00 am-11:00 am  
ESC Phase II Conference Room

Hope to see you there!





Raymond Imbleau

## Year 7— Welcome to the Secondary Campus

Raymond Imbleau, Head of Year 7 and Transition

This academic year is sure to be a fantastic year with all that is planned: Teambuilding Day, Camp Taiwan, the Raised-Garden Bed Service Project, hands on PSHCE lessons and so much more. These events, activities and lessons should prove to be new and exciting for all the Year 7s. They will also have many new teachers and classrooms; as well as an increase in the amount of homework on many evenings,

but this can be managed effectively by being organised and having a structured routine. Writing down their homework in detail in their TES student diary is a must. Asking their teacher for any clarification on the homework before leaving their classroom is also a very good idea. Having a well organised and quiet space at home to complete their homework will prove fruitful as well. A good routine will

hopefully make the transition from Primary School fairly seamless. If parents have any questions, they can write a note in their child's student diary and their Year 7 form tutor will respond. Alternatively, parents can email me directly at [raymond.impleau@tes.tp.edu.tw](mailto:raymond.impleau@tes.tp.edu.tw). My email is also printed on page 3 of the student diary.



Gavin Matthews

## Welcome from the Head of H1 and H2

Dr Gavin Matthews, Head of H1 and H2

The warmest of welcomes to all of our students in H1 and H2, whether new or returning. The H1 cohort in particular has a large number of new faces, with almost a quarter of the year group being new to the school. It's a good time to take stock and reflect on what this next year is likely to hold for us. There's an awful lot that gets packed in.

We start with a bang, with the excitement of Team Building Day: either *Masterchef* (for the H1s) or *The Apprentice* (for the H2s).

For our H2 cohort, the year is shaped by their fast-approaching IGCSEs. It is a year in which their academic lives take a sharp focus. Their coursework will be finalised throughout the year; the mocks arrive with the New Year; and there will be a con-

stant focus on revision skills. They will examine their post-school plans, which will help them to be ready for making the choices of Destination IB, which comes hot on the heels of those mocks.

For the H1s, of course, there is less immediate academic pressure, but more of a change in environment to get used to: new styles of learning, new coursework, new subjects, new teachers. For so many of the year group, everything is new, and they will take a little time to get into the swing of things. However, I am very confident, as the TES student cohort is the friendliest I have ever experienced as a teacher, and that certainly makes the settling-in process easier. Like the H2s, the H1s have their own markers in the calendar to look

forward to: the Harmony Home service project and the week of work experience are two non-academic events that result in much excitement and creativity.

All of our students this year will feel the benefits of a school-wide focus on wellbeing, which is an area of student life that does cause concern to Heads of Year. Too often we can see a work-life balance that is slightly out of kilter, or stress levels that are raised slightly too high for people so young. We are aware of this, and this year we want to make a conscious focus of it. Students in H1 and H2 will see some evidence of this in PSHCE lessons. Watch this space.

We have all had enjoyable summers, I'm sure, but it's fun to be back!

## Welcome from the University Counsellors

Jack Shull and Eric Swan, University and Careers Counsellors (UCC)

Hopefully your summer break was restful and reflective, whether you travelled, attended a program or course, or simply relaxed. Now we are off and running as we start a new school year. This is the time to welcome new students and teachers to the TES family and for returning students and teachers to reconnect and share what they did over the summer break.

Some exciting news is that Mr Eric Swan has joined Mr Jack Shull in the UCC department. Mr Swan is joining TES from Shanghai American School and

will be working part-time with one-third of each High School group on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr Shull and Mr Swan are a team and will share responsibilities and duties in all aspects of university and careers counseling. If at any time you wish to make an appointment to see Mr Shull or Mr Swan, please email them or call the high school office and speak to Ms Natalie Ku.

On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr Shull and Mr Swan will be presenting to H4 students and parents on 'The University

Application Process'. The program will begin at 6:30 pm and will be held in the MPR. The goal of the presentation is to explain the university application procedure. In addition, they will discuss details regarding essays, recommendations, deadlines and other requirements. Mr Shull and Mr Swan are always available for individual family conferences with students to discuss the 'short list' of universities they will apply to.

Welcome back and we look forward to an exciting school year!



Jack Shull



Eric Swan

Next month: The University Timeline from H1 to H4

## School Counselling Services - It's Better to Talk

Jenny Hsu, School Counsellor MNZAC

School can be an exciting and happy place, but life in general may be stressful and challenging. Counselling is a talking therapy and can help us explore what's happening in our current life and also what's happened to us in the past in order to change the way we are thinking, feeling or behaving. School counselling gives that extra support to help students make the most of their time at school.

You and your child can expect the Counsellor

- to be safe, caring, honest and trustworthy
- to listen carefully and not to lay blame
- to explore thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- to support and help the child to make changes
- to be sensitive to your family background and culture
- to be creative - talking, playing, drawing, writing and reading
- to be respectful and keep confidences
- to include parents where this is helpful
- to tell you about risks you should know about
- to refer you and your child to other people and organisations
- to act as an advocate for you and your child when necessary

School counselling hours in room 1204:

Tuesday 08:00 – 14:30  
 Wednesday 08:00 – 14:30  
 Thursday 08:00 – 15:00

Referrals can be made by students, staff and parents. Resources are also available to meet the diverse needs.

You can contact me on: Phone 8145-9007 ext.2604. Email [jenny.hsu@tes.tp.edu.tw](mailto:jenny.hsu@tes.tp.edu.tw)



Jenny Hsu

## Our New ESC Staff

### **Silvia Saez Ramos, Spanish Teacher**

I am from Madrid, Spain, where I studied Translation and Interpreting at the *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*. In 2008 I was granted a scholarship to study abroad for a year in Zurich, Switzerland. Just after finishing my studies in Madrid, I went to work as a Foreign Language Assistant at a secondary school in England in order to improve my English skills. It was then that I decided to become a teacher in England and make a career out of my passion for teaching languages to foreign students. I worked in two different schools in England and especially enjoyed the past three years teaching at Beths Grammar School, where I had the chance to teach both Spanish and German. Outside school I love practising my language skills and learning other languages, swimming, travelling and attending cultural activities such as musicals, theatre and movies.



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### **Francisco Garcia Acien, Supply Teacher**

I am from a Spanish region called Almeria and I completed my studies in Translation and Interpreting at the University of Granada in Spain. When I finished my studies, I was granted a scholarship to work as a Foreign Language Assistant at a secondary school in Montpellier, France. I decided to become a teacher of Spanish, as I really enjoyed my teaching experience there. After that, I moved out to England, as I knew there would be more opportunities for teachers and developed my career as a Languages teacher over five years, working at different secondary schools all around England. For the last couple of years, I taught Spanish and French at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Faversham. I have many interests outside of work, such as travelling, reading, hiking and cooking.



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### **Peter Bonnalie, History and EAL Teacher**

My name is Peter Bonnalie and I am here at TES to teach History and EAL and what a pleasure it is to return to Taiwan! I lived here from 1997-99, teaching English in private language schools. I met my wife-to-be here and we now have two daughters, Poppy and India, aged 6 and 7, who are both starting in the primary school this year. I have also taught in Windsor in the UK, Bogota, Colombia and most recently in Doha, Qatar. I have recently completed a Masters in Educational Technology through the State University of New York. I enjoy hill walking and running, photography, reading non-fiction, football and cricket. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you in the months ahead.



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### **Dr Andrew Hill, Head of Science**

I am from Melbourne, Australia and have spent the past 18 years at Brighton Secondary College in Melbourne, where I was also Head of Science. I have a particular interest in the relationships between cognition, learning and leadership. I have joined TES because of the great reputation of the school and I am looking forward to expanding my professional experience. I am also looking forward to pursuing my interest in the history and culture of Asia by getting to know the rich culture of the people of Taiwan and exploring the cities, countryside and mountains.



## Our New ESC Staff



**David Bracken, English Teacher**

I have taught internationally for ten years and I love the idea of creating a fun and productive learning environment for all students. I believe that teachers have the best job in the world, because they have the opportunity to engage, challenge and be inspired by the young developing teenage minds in their classrooms. When not in the classroom, I enjoy hiking, rugby, football, writing and spending time with my young family. I feel fortunate and excited by the wonderful opportunity to work with the students and staff of Taipei European School.

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**Eric Swan, University and Careers Counsellor**

Originally from California, I grew up crisscrossing the United States, moving from California to Indiana and then back to California during my high school years. I studied psychology at college and competed on the basketball court at Cal State University San Bernardino. Immediately after completing my undergraduate studies, I pursued a master's degree in Educational Counselling and School Psychology. Two years after completing my graduate studies, I found myself working as the Director of College Counselling at the International Bilingual School of Hsinchu Science Park in Hsinchu, Taiwan for four years. Most recently, I served as the Head of Counselling at Shanghai American School Pudong for three years.

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**Adam Taylor, English Teacher**

I have arrived in Taipei from China, where I was teaching English and TOK at Dulwich College, Beijing. Prior to teaching there, I spent four years at the International School of Penang. I received my educational training in Bath in the UK and qualified and taught in the south west of England before making the move to international teaching in 2009. I previously worked in marketing and publishing in Singapore and London. I very much enjoy the outdoors, in particular running and cycling. I also enjoy food and local markets and love to travel; so Taipei seems like a good fit! I arrive with my new wife, Sophie, who I met in Beijing. We are both very much looking forward to setting up a life here and being part of the TES community.

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**Hannah Brooks, Head of Geography**

I have been teaching Geography in and around Sheffield in Northern England for ten years and am really excited to be starting my first international position here at TES. I hope to learn more about the varied and interesting geography of Taiwan and to have the opportunity to travel around the island and region as a whole, discovering all the wonderful places, culture and food that are on offer. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming in Taiwan that I am really looking forward to being part of the TES team and working with all the current staff and students.

## Our New ESC Staff

### Rowena Bracken, Head of Drama

I arrive back at TES after spending six years teaching in Borneo and Shanghai. This is my tenth year overseas and second time teaching at the school. I trained in the UK as a Drama specialist and taught in two Performing Arts schools before embarking on an international career. As a teacher and director, I am known for my energy, creativity and enthusiasm. My love of theatre and working with young people are evident in the range of performances I have directed. In my spare time, I love entertaining my two young daughters, watching theatre, walking and exploring new places to eat.



### Antonia Burrows, Economics and Business Studies Teacher

I'm thrilled to be joining the Business and Economics Department at TES and am looking forward to diving headfirst into the rich and varied activities on offer. I first moved to Taipei in the summer of 2013 and spent two years away from teaching while I studied Chinese at National Taiwan University. This was a great gateway into local language and culture and helped me to fall (even more) in love with this vibrant and unique city. Before arriving in Taiwan, I was based in the UK, most recently teaching Economics and Politics at Dulwich College in London. I'm excited to be starting up the TES Debating Society, through which I hope to impart my love of current affairs and debate to the students. In my free time I enjoy 'gardening' on my balcony, yoga and escaping to the mountains or coast. I can't wait to get to know the students, parents and staff at TES and joining what looks to be a lovely community.



### Camilla Harris, Music Teacher and Operations Coordinator

I was born in Brighton, UK and lived there until I was 18 years old. I went to university at Bath Spa, where I studied for a degree in Music for three years and also played rugby for the university women's team. After completing my degree, I decided I wanted to embark on a teaching career and so did my PGCE qualification at the same university, studying Music Teaching in Secondary Education. From there I started teaching at the Brighton College Prep School and later at the Priory School, Lewes. Before I came to TES, I spent seven years teaching as Director of Music at the Duke of Kent School in Surrey, UK, teaching music to students aged 3 to 16. I love teaching music to all ages and I love performing as much as I can. I have previously played principle clarinet in a Concert band and baritone saxophone in a Big Band. I'm looking forward to my new adventure in Taiwan, as this is my first international school and also my first time in Asia.

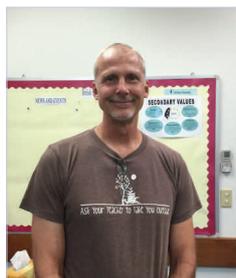


### Camille Deleuze, French Section Science and Maths Teacher

Bonjour! My name is Camille Deleuze and I am a new teacher in sciences and mathematics. I have an MSc in chemistry. I taught Chemistry and Physics between 2009 and 2012 in Paris. I moved to Taipei three years ago with my husband and I have been teaching French at the French Center of National Taiwan Normal University since then. During this time, I also took the opportunity to become an examiner for the Diploma in French Studies (DELF). I am really looking forward to this new experience, especially since my husband has told me so many stories about the school where he went as a kid. I love the people here in Taiwan. They are nice and easy-going. I believe TES is a great learning environment and I am very glad to be part of the team. A big thanks to my new colleagues for the warm welcome.



## Our New ESC Staff



**Vlad Plosinjak, Maths Teacher**

I am a secondary maths teacher, most recently from Qatar, but I have taught in Scotland and China as well as back home in Ontario, Canada. Outside of school I like to get outside as much as possible: hiking, climbing, skiing (cross country or downhill), cycling, paddling (flat water or white water), sailing and the odd bit of team sports (ice hockey and ultimate frisbee). I'm looking forward to being involved in the International Award and trying the climbing in Taiwan.

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**Neil Harris, Maths Teacher and Head of Year 8 & 9**

Hello my name is Neil Harris and I'm originally from Brighton, England. I am joining TES with my wife Camilla Harris and we have a son called Oscar who is 9 months old. I enjoy many team sports and outdoor pursuits and also enjoy listening to music and playing the guitar. Previously I was a teacher of Mathematics, Head of House and Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator at the Duke of Kent School, in the Surrey hills, just west of London. I am incredibly excited to join the wonderful TES team this year as Head of Year 8 & 9 and a teacher of Mathematics. I am very much looking forward to working with the TES students and helping facilitate their growth into successful, mature, independent learners.

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**Alice Juan, Sports Coach**

Hello, my name is Alice Juan. I am Taiwanese and I graduated from Soochow University, where I majored in Japanese language. I like to play basketball and go swimming. My expertise is in teaching swimming and coaching basketball. I have worked at Sanchong Senior High School Pool and Zhongzheng Civil Sports Center for the past two years. I am looking forward to coaching teams at TES.

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**Alexis Kauffmann, French Section Maths Teacher**

As a teacher, I worked two years in Africa, six years in France and 10 years at the French School in Rome. I also created, with Véronique Bouteille (EPC), the first Public Domain festival in Paris and the French non-profit organization Framasoft to support free culture and defend the rights and the freedom of citizens on the Internet. Check out the following links:

Wikipedia [https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexis\\_Kauffmann](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexis_Kauffmann) TEDx <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcrNbcef-to>

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**Caroline Ambrosioni, French Section Teacher**

Bonjour! I'm your new teacher and colleague in History, Geography and Economic sciences! I come from Roquebrune Cap Martin, a nice place near Monaco Monte Carlo, where I taught in High School from 2009 to 2013. In 2013, I moved to Taipei with my husband for his work as a Chef in a French restaurant! I have since studied Mandarin at Taiwan University and discovered Taiwan's culture, history and gastronomy! It's a real pleasure to be part of TES teachers' team and share this great dynamic. I wish you a great and rich year at TES!



## A Word from the Head of Sport

Kwok Chow, Head of Sport

Welcome back all! I hope you had a restful summer and are buzzing to be back at school ready for another year of TES Titans Sports. Seasonal sports for Secondary & High School have already started and its great to see so many students participating. Trials for U15 FOBI-SIA have started already and we are looking forward to competing again in the A2 U15 FOBI-SIA Games, which will be hosted this year at Dulwich College Beijing from 12-16 November. If you have any queries concerning sports this year, please don't hesitate to contact me at [kwok.chow@tes.tp.edu.tw](mailto:kwok.chow@tes.tp.edu.tw) or AJ Ming Chien Li at [mingchien.li@tes.tp.edu.tw](mailto:mingchien.li@tes.tp.edu.tw), who has been given the new post of Sports Coordinator and will be overseeing the logistical set up of sports at TES. Looking forward to a fantastic year of sport and hope to see you at the matches. Go TITANS!







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The Taipei British School (TBS), Ecole Francaise de Taipei (EFT); and Deutsche Schule Taipei (DST) began around 1990 in response to the needs of expatriate families with young children, living in Taipei. The schools soon realised that there was much to be gained by joining forces to establish a combined European campus. This would allow the schools to share some facilities and resources yet teach their own respective national curricula.

