



ESC Newsletter

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Coming up this month:

- 6 November: **TES Has Talent!**
- 11 November: **Values Day**
- 20 November: **Christmas Tree Lighting**
- 25 November: **H3 University Info Evening**
- 28 November: **Christmas Bazaar**

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Welcome from the BSHS Head

Chrysta Garnett, Head of British Secondary and High School Section

Dear Parents

Autumn is almost upon us and that signals some perennial TES calendar highlights that we have enjoyed celebrating this month. Halloween came early for us this year when we celebrated on October 23rd to avoid a clash with Sports Day on October 30th. The early festivities did nothing to dampen our usual array of ghosties and ghoulies on campus.

Our second annual Terry Fox run saw a sterling effort across all sections of the ESC with students and staff committed to a fundraising 3K walk and a 7K run in the drizzle of Yangmingshan. Last year we raised a total of 847,000 NTD for a cancer research project at the Mackay Memorial Hospital and we were proud to present our TES cheque to Dr Liang of the Cancer Research Team. The Canadian Representative for Taiwan, Mr Jonathan Brasnett, joined our students for the 7K

run and the Fox family themselves sent their best wishes for our event on the day. Watch this space for a further



update on the money our community raised to combat cancer.

This term the BSHS has hosted a series of Parent-Teacher evenings that have been exceptionally well attended and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent community for their attendance at these important events. Ms Rana has been working hard with students and parents

to make these much more of a 'team' event, with parents now required, where possible, to attend with their child. Our students have been coached in taking notes during the interviews, from which they craft 'SMART' academic targets. We know that our students, as well as our parents and teachers, take their academic success very seriously and we are sure that this approach will reap dividends in their continued academic success.

Finally, a huge thank you to our ESCPA who did a great job supporting our ESC Sports Day today at Taipei Arena. It is an event in which our TES Values are truly showcased and it would not be possible without the willing volunteers who keep us fed and watered, as well as the skilled logistical planning of Ms Simmons and our wonderful PE team. Lots of sore muscles tomorrow I am sure; but happy memories too.



News from the ESCPA

Anna Durmus, ESCPA

Dear Parents,

It feels like the school year has just started but within the ESCPA it is gaining momentum very fast! Over the past month we have had a wide range of well-attended, fun events, which have also helped us to raise funds.

Our monthly Vegetarian lunch, organised jointly by the ESCPA and the Roots and Shoots ECA, featured a Mediterranean-style pasta and vegetables salad with feta cheese. It was a great success! The next Vegetarian Lunch will be on November 25th. We ask you to encourage your children to stop by and give it a try. Remember, it is sponsored by the ESCPA and is absolutely free! And if you would like to treat your child's friends to something yummy and vegetarian, please let the ESCPA committee know at escpacommittee@gmail.com

I hope many of you attended and enjoyed the first Casual Coffee Morning at Wendel's. The main goal of the event is to ease newcomers' transition and adjustment to Taipei. Some parents even asked for it to become a regular event – something we will need to discuss! If you are a newcomer to Taipei, you might find answers to your questions

through Anne-Sophie Pichot at astaipei@yahoo.fr, who is the Newcomers Liaison person for the ESCPA.

The Autumn Fair was a fantastic event, with some gifted TES students playing various musical instruments, an abundance of good food, kids entertainment and a convivial atmosphere. We managed to beat last year's record selling pizzas and wine and raised 15,000 NTD, which will be used for various projects throughout the year. A huge 'Thank You' to the Activities Committee and all the volunteers for making this such an enjoyable and profitable event. It would not be the same without all of you!

The renewed Cafeteria Menu has finally been introduced on TESmile. The new menu offers soup and bread in addition to a choice of Western/Asian or Sandwich meal. We hope that the feedback provided by the Cafeteria Committee will be instrumental in improving the quality and enriching the variety of the food our kids eat.

On October 30th, all Secondary students participated in the Sports Day at the Taipei Arena. As per tradition, the ESCPA provided water and fruit to all the students during the event. We also sold pizza, sandwiches

and drinks to keep the kids well-fed and hydrated. Providing refreshments required many volunteers, not to mention a few sporty parents who were willing to compete in the Parent vs Teacher race! We would like to thank all our parent volunteers for helping to make the day a great success.

Finally, we would also like to remind you that the Christmas Bazaar preparations are well under way. If you have not put your name down for a Committee yet, there is still time to do so, as every pair of hands counts on this festive and significant day. Please get in touch with us if you would like to make yourself useful and get the most rewarding feeling in return.

And just a gentle reminder that you can keep abreast of the ESCPA activities on the TES Parents Forum on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TESparentsForum/>. News and photos are updated regularly and there is a lot of other useful information as well.

So long for October and see you again in November,

Your ESCPA



Spotlight on IB

IB Core Deadlines 2015 - 2016

Darren Latchford, IB Coordinator

H4 students have now handed in the first draft of their Extended Essay and are receiving feedback from supervisors. On Friday 30th October, H4 students will be off timetable all day to work on their Theory of Knowledge essay. Below is a reminder of the important dates within the Core Programme.

	CAS Creativity, Activity & Service The equivalent of approximately two hours per week across the two years. This happens outside timetabled lessons*	EE Extended Essay 40 hours (including up to 5 hours of supervision). Most of this process happens outside timetabled lessons	TOK Theory of Knowledge 100 hours of lesson time plus homework time
Allocated time			
September 2015		Monday 21st September Interim reflection due Tuesday 29th September First draft due	Tuesday 8th September 2016 essay questions released to students
October 2015	Monday 12th October Progress Review Students must have an 'excellent' or 'on track' status from their CAS Adviser by this point		Friday 30th October TOK Essay Day A series of workshops focused on essay skills and the six essay titles
		Friday 16th October H4 Progress Reports issued	
November 2015		Wednesday 4th November EE Workshop Morning	Monday 30th November Essay first draft due
December 2015		Monday 30th November to Wednesday 9th December Mock Examinations	
		Tuesday 15th December EE Workshop Afternoon	
January 2016	Monday 4th January Progress Review Students must have an 'excellent' or 'on track' status from their CAS Adviser by this point	Monday 18th January Final Extended Essay due	Monday 11th January Final TOK essay due
		Friday 29th January H4 Academic Reports issued	
February 2016	Monday 22nd February Completed portfolio due (on ManageBac)	w/c 15th February Viva Voce Week Supervisors conduct interviews with students about the research process and their finished work	
March 2016			w/c Monday 3rd March Final presentations

*Since the publication of the new CAS syllabus, which started in 2013, CAS is no longer about counting hours. 150 hours is *approximately* the amount of time we expect students to devote to CAS (it's a reasonable amount of time), but what is important is that CAS experiences are meaningful and allow students to address the eight key objectives. The number of hours, though, does not feature in the final assessment of whether a student has passed or failed. 150 hours amounts to about two and a half hours per week across the two years, but could be less if students use their holidays too.

Passing Conditions and Bonus Points

The Core is important because it is a key aspect of the Diploma Programme that gives students extra opportunities for success. They are also criteria for being awarded the Diploma.

All students must pass CAS to be awarded a Diploma.

All students must achieve a grade D or above in the Extended Essay and TOK.

There are up to three bonus points available for students when the grades for the Extended Essay and TOK are combined, as shown on the right.

Tok/EE	A	B	C	D	E
A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition
B	3	2	2	1	
C	2	2	1	0	
D	2	1	0	0	
E	Failing condition				

Introducing Our New House Captains

BORA

Tiger Hong

What's up Cobra, I'm Tiger Hong and thank you for electing me and Angelina as your House Captains. I am humbled that you have placed your faith and trust in me. Being in TES since Year 8 and participating in house events has made me realise that we are not just a House, we are a family. As all of you might know, I am a very competitive person and will do anything to achieve success. Angelina and I will do our best to get us the Klimek Cup this year! Let's accomplish great feats and make this year a memorable one. GO COBRAS!

MARIN

Ray Chen

Hi, my name is Ray Chen and it is such a privilege to be this year's Marin House Captain. I've been in TES since nursery and throughout these years it has become like a family to me. I would describe myself as someone who is always curious and eager to learn, nevertheless I have a strong passion towards music and art, as these have been a big part of my life. However, without all of your support, I would never have made it this far. I want to thank you guys so much for the support; I will cherish every single moment and create unforgettable memories. I won't let you guys down. GO WOLVES!

Howard Lin

Hello Wolves! My name is Howard Lin and I am extremely excited to serve as your 2015-16 House Captain. I've been in the TES community for more than five years and I've been waiting for the chance to be the House Captain. Thank you to everyone who participated in the election, I promise I will take this role seriously and do whatever I can to make this year exciting and enjoyable. I

am really competitive and hard-working so I will do whatever I can to help you in all aspects of your school life. I am also very open minded, so feel free to talk to me whenever you see me around the school. Last year, we won the house competition and this year I know we will be able to do the same. I will give my full dedication in every house event for our victory! LET'S GO MARINNNN!



MISTRAL

Chris Lam

Hello! My name is Chris Lam. I am passionate about sports, in particular basketball and running. I'm very happy to be able to have the opportunity to be this year's Mistral House Captain. I have been a part of the TES community for a long time, and I am very blessed to be able to meet so many people, learn so much, and have so many experiences. I thank everyone for their support and encouragement, and am grateful to have the chance to finally give back to them. I look forward to working with all of you Mistral members and I know that we will have a great year. GO STALLIONS!

Ann Tsai

Hey Stallions, I'm Ann. I have been at TES for many years and I'm thrilled to serve as the House Captain of Mistral this year. I cannot wait to learn and experience with all of you. I would consider myself as an approachable, open and communicable person, so feel free to reach out to me whenever you need. Together, let's make Mistral a meaningful place

where everyone accepts each other wholeheartedly and create inspiration for individual growth; let's make each individual an irreplaceable part of Mistral.

SIROCCO

Irene Kuo

Hi, my name is Irene Kuo. I love sports, music, and light reading. I'm a very easy going person so I work well with others. I treat my friends like family and try my best to not let them down. As Sirocco's House Captain, I will listen to your voice and try to apply your ideas in the best possible ways. Since I joined the TES community, I've been waiting for the opportunity to take this role. Thanks to you guys who voted for me, I get to lead Sirocco with my best effort, through perseverance, creativity, responsibility, and hopefully to victory. LET'S GO SPARTANS!

Jacob Wu

Hey Spartans, my name is Jacob Wu and I've been in TES for more than two years. I love to play basketball and this is my second year in Varsity Basketball. I also love music; I believe that it can fix my mood and help me concentrate. I can't wait to serve you guys as your House Captain! I am very approachable and easy to get on with. If you have any questions, feel free to come and ask me anything. I believe that this year will be an absolutely fun and entertaining year. I will not only lead you guys to victory, but also bring us a lot of fun. I really appreciate having this chance to lead this big group and I thank everyone who voted for me. I won't let you guys down. I am looking forward to working with you guys in the future, let's go have fun and get that cup!





The 2nd Annual TES Terry Fox Run

Raymond Imbleau

The typhoon that was supposed to arrive on our run date, Thursday October 22nd, veered away and left Yangmingshan and our TES Secondary students with nice and comfortable weather for our 2nd annual Terry Fox Run. The morning began with a very heartwarming email from Judith Fox, Terry's younger sister from the Terry Fox Foundation:

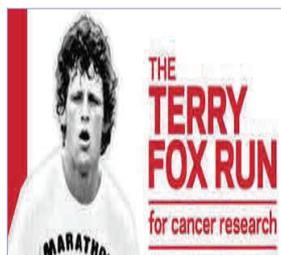
"We hope the weather has improved and everyone is staying safe! The spirit of Terry Fox lives within the hearts of all those who have participated in, donated to, supported or volunteered at a Terry Fox event. We ask that you also forward a thank you to your colleagues, students and parents. Together you embody the volunteer spirit that makes our world a better place for us all. Our admiration to each of you, who make a difference in the lives of others, is limitless. Terry would be proud of every one of you. We have all been touched in some way by this devastating disease. 35 years ago, Terry Fox had a vision, a vision that is very much alive today. His example of courage, hope and determination has inspired and united millions of people throughout the world, to work together, to build a future free of cancer. Tomorrow, you will bring us closer to the realization of Terry's vision and we are forever grateful. We wish you the very best for a wonderful, fun and successful Terry Fox Run at Taipei European School.

*To a cancer free world,
Judith, Jessie and Carrie"*

Ms Garnett read excerpts from this email to the delight of our students. It was reassuring to know that people from across the Pacific were thinking of us. While most students opted for the 3 km walk up the mountain behind our ESC campus, almost 50 students joined Dr Matthews and team for the 7 km run up Yangmingshan National Park. All three sections, from Year 7 to H2, participated in this charitable walk/run, which clearly demonstrated our students' determination and ability to rally behind a great cause.

This cause of course is the Terry Fox Foundation, whose goal is to raise money to fight cancer worldwide. However, all the money raised from our Terry Fox Run will remain in Taiwan and sponsor a cancer research project here in Taipei. The money raised by our TES students will be sent to the Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taipei, which is currently undergoing a cancer research project for children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Last year, TES students raised 847,000 NT for this cancer

research project. Our students should be very proud of themselves for making a difference in people's lives and for being kind, caring and responsible citizens and/or residents of Taiwan. Dr Der-Chern Liang, who was on hand at the start-



ing ceremony of our run, spoke very kindly of our students, knowing that they cared so much about trying to create a cancer free world. We are still counting the money raised from this year's run, but we have already reached 700,000 NT, with both campuses combined. Jonathan Brasnett, from the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei, also joined us for the afternoon and, in his speech to our students, he gave a personal touch about his Terry Fox

Run in Canada when he was in Secondary school himself.

When the students returned from the 3 km walk and 7 km run, there was a surprise waiting for them – the newly established '5 Man TES Teacher Band', who belted out great tunes such as Bryan Adams' 'Summer of 69' and Taylor Swift's 'Shake it Off.' A big thank you to Mr Taylor, Mr Bousfield, Mr Sparks, Mr Lee and Mr O'Shea for really putting an exclamation mark on the end of the day! These songs of participation and perseverance really captured the spirit of the day because, just like Terry Fox, our TES students wanted to make a difference and they did!

A big thanks to Mr Cornes as well, who played 1970s rock to get the students pumped up as they entered the gym and to Mr Neroutsos, who dressed up as Captain Canada and led the students dancing to the warm-up song of 'Walking on Sunshine'.

TES Secondary – We made a difference!

H1 Work Experience Week

Gavin Matthews, Head of Year H1 & H2 & Jack Shull, University and Careers Counsellor



Towards the end of the last academic year (which seems a long time ago now that we are back in the frenetic rush of a winter term), our then-H1 students joined the 'World of Work', hosted by sixty different businesses in and around Taipei. The students worked at architecture firms, trade offices, accounting firms, stores, hotels, restaurants, and many other sites. The aims of this work experience programme are to have the students gain an appreciation of the adult world of work, to encourage responsibility and commitment, and to provide the students with new and different situations in which to consider their future career paths.

This Work Experience Week, which ran during the week of May 25th, is an important part of the career guidance phase of PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) within TES. Prior to the start of the week, students were prepared by lessons delivered during PSHCE time. They were asked to keep a work diary, and were instructed in current work ethic and work dress. Generally, students were expected to secure their own work place-

ment for the duration of the week, but TES was able to assist in finding businesses to host students. During the week, a member of the TES staff visited the students at their worksite, completed a report on them, and also requested that the employer completed an evaluation of the student.

Between the two of us, we visited over forty worksites, with members of the Senior Leadership Team visiting the remainder. The comments that we received from the hosts, both during the site visits and on the Employer's Report, were very positive and enlightening. Comments such as: "X has demonstrated a high level of initiative and enthusiasm," and, "X's demonstration of organisational and systematic planning in achieving the assigned objective was positively received." A student in retail sales was "confident in approaching and talking to people in a good manner." A student at one of the trade offices showed "dedication and work which were truly helpful to our chamber. I appreciated her thoughtful and responsible approach." One of the hotels noted that, "He has a very

good attitude to learning about sales and travel agency." Another student, at a private pre-school, "is a friendly person and always keeps smiling at work, and maintains a good working and learning attitude." We already know that our students are wonderful people who demonstrate warmth and responsibility on a daily basis, but it's still nice to have it affirmed by others.

The students themselves were overwhelmingly positive about the entire experience. Even those students who found themselves in jobs that did not inspire them (such as cutting pastries for a day or recycling paper) learned from the process. For almost all of our students, it was a week that told them much about how a work environment can be radically different from their school lives. Some were inspired, realising that what they were doing was something that they wanted to be doing in their future lives. Others realised that they could not see themselves in a career in that area, but still had fun during the week.





News from the Mathematics Department

Julie Reakes, Mathematics Teacher

World Maths Day

Mathletics offers World Maths Day once a year to celebrate students competing with other students from all around the world in quick-fire rounds of one minute each. Students play at different levels and can challenge students around the world, within their own school, their own class or even the computer!

Here are some comments from students who took part during their lesson:

"World Maths Day was incredibly fun, trying to compete with all the other schools."
 Jeni Liu, 8.1



Enter a live game...

Select your game level and click GO! to begin. You will be matched with up to three other students of a similar ability to compete against. Once you enter the gaming arena you will have sixty seconds to answer as many questions as possible, beating your opponents to the finishing line!



"I think World Maths Day was a very special experience in which we didn't need to leave the classroom to compete with other students from other countries. It was quite enjoyable and an overall great experience. It is also very interesting to know that other countries are all very good at maths!"
 Ethan Chen, 8.2



Art News

Sam Hebden, Head of Art



Art Trip to Juming Sculpture Park

On Wednesday, September 23rd, Year 7 of the British section, along with the French and German sections, visited the Juming Sculpture Park in Jinshan.

The trip was organised and led by the Art Department and was a lovely introduction to the work of one of the most important living Taiwanese artists.

Students took part in a workshop in which they learned how to make mini Juming sculptures, making a wire armature and then using foam and string to create body parts. The end results were very creative – we had a selection of acrobats, parachutists, dancers and ninjas!

The rest of the day was spent exploring the park, sketching

the sculptures, and enjoying the sunshine.

Students learned how to visit an art museum and record what they have seen. They will use the sculptures that they made as process work for a larger piece in Term 2.



H3 Theatre Performance

Dan O'Shea, Drama Teacher

The H3 students performed their first devised play to a full audience on Thursday, 23rd October. Having rehearsed and collaborated over the last half term, they showed their developed knowledge of a series of practitioners by including the methods and practices of dramatists such as: Artaud, Stanislanski, Brecht, Brook, Lapage and others.

The students (featured in the image below) showed a deep insight into the affectations of

mental illness and transferred this in a number of ways to an enthralled audience. Using the shock tactics of Artaud, the naturalism of Stanislavski and the politics of Brecht, The H3's showed a performance of maturity and sensitivity.

We would like to thank the audience for attending and asking the students relevant and inquisitive questions about their journey throughout the collaborative process. There are further Drama perfor-

mances in the coming week: The H2s will be performing on Thursday, 29th October in the Hard Drama Space. Performances start from 6:00 pm; please look out for posters around school for more information.

The H1 Drama students will be performing on Thursday, 19th November from 6:00 pm. Both the H1 and H2 IGCSE Drama students will be performing devised pieces of Theatre.

How do you fight the demons in your head?
H3 Theatre performance

'Mind Games'

CHRIS BLACK

YOSHI UEDA

ZACHARY SAMINIEGO

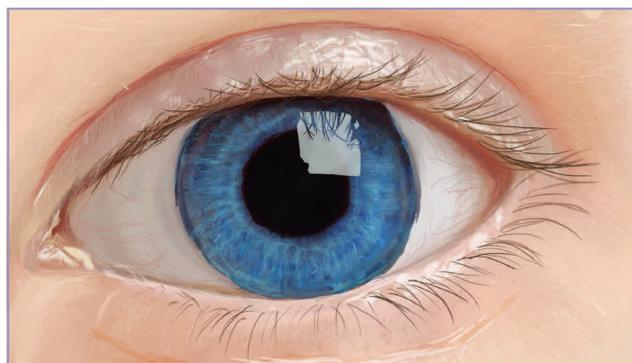
The story follows the character of Tim, who loses his mother to Cancer. He suffers so greatly from the loss that he creates a *version* of her to help him overcome the grief. Will his imagination of his mother be as sweet and caring as she was when she was alive?

ANGELINA CHEN

BETH CHEN

LIDIA RODRIGUEZ

Digital Painting ECA



Picture created by Sherry Chen (H2) during the Digital Painting ECA run by Mr Hebdon on Wednesdays. Sherry used Adobe Photoshop and a Wacom Drawing Tablet to create the image, which took approximately three hours to complete.

Year 7 Put On Their Investigative Journalism Hats

David Bracken, English Teacher

On Wednesday, 14th October, the Year 7 students conducted a thorough interview with the Secondary Head of English, Mr Jonathan Booth, to explore the concepts of fact and bias in sports news reporting.

The students were interviewing Mr Booth to 'add a human face' to their research on the history and recent league results of Sheffield Wednesday Football Club. After viewing several secondary sources regarding the club, the students sought a clear, crisp and precise primary source to shed further light on the club's fortunes.

Students worked collaboratively to discuss and rank the veracity of Mr Booth's statements regarding his beloved club. The class worked in discussion groups to exercise and develop their editorial and analytical muscle as they sifted through the flow of opinion, exaggeration and misinformation regarding the past and future of the Yorkshire club.

The students then went on to write two articles as a result of their interview; one factual news report and one editorial piece. This work is one of the initial stages in the Year 7

Scheme of Learning, *It's In The News: Textual Bias, Fact and Opinion*.

As a part of their studies, the Year 7 students will be conducting further interviews in the coming months with various staff and students around the Taipei European School campus. By mid-December, the Year 7 students will be creating and publishing their own assessed newspaper that captures the news, opinions and 'feel' of Taipei European School.





A Word from the Head of Sport

Kwok Chow, Head of Sport

It's been a fabulous couple of weeks of sport, with all our KS3 Volleyball teams and some High School teams competing in the annual end of season TISSA Tournament. Highlights on Saturday, October 17th, were JV Boys TISSA Football Champions (Mr Weston) and Y7 Boys TISSA Volleyball Champions and runners up (Mr Harris & Mr Imbleau). Of course, this would not be possible without the exceptional work of our Sports Coaches: Hannah Brooks, Neil Harris, James Woodall, Rob Neroutsos, Raymond Imbleau, Jared Duxfield, Wanda Frost, Stephen Weston, Ming Chien Li and Alice Juan. Lastly, this month's action packed Sports Newsletter has been put together by the TES TITANS Sports Leaders and what a great job they have done. Go TITANS!

Athlete of the Month



Athlete of Month Chris Lin Y7 (Y7 TISSA Boys Volleyball Tournament MVP)

Sports Leaders' Monthly Review

The TES sports season has finally started with our volleyball teams, as well as the Varsity Boys' Football team. The teams worked really hard ahead of their tournament days and TES is looking forward to more tournaments coming up in a few weeks time.



Varsity Girls' Volleyball Tournament

Report by Irene Hung

The Varsity Girls left for Taichung on an early Saturday morning on 17th October for the tournament. For the H4s, it was our last tournament and we enjoyed every moment of the game, as well as our last time playing with the H2s and H3s. After we got to the American School in Taichung (AST), we played our very first game straight away. We started off really well and won our first set. However, that got to us a little and we lost our game as well as our second set. I think we were all let down.

The first game did not go as well as it should have, which motivated us and we played exceedingly well in the second game. We won against KAS, with two consecutive winning sets that spared us the pressure of playing in a third set.

Although we lost our semi-finals, I am confident that the H3s and H2s will continue to play great in the upcoming JV tournament and will also try to become champions in next year's varsity tournament to make the H4s proud. It has been a wonderful season, with lots of amazing memories made with all my teammates. It has also been a bittersweet ending to my last volleyball season at TES.



Varsity Boys' Football Tournament

Report by Charlie Wikstrom

We arrived at the tournament with our heads held high. This was partly due to the fact that we had previously beaten DIS (a team we were facing in the tournament) 9-0, so our team was quite confident. Our first game was against a local school from the area. It was a 9-a-side tournament, so we played a relatively basic and balanced formation to start with. Within the first three minutes we scored three goals against the opposition. After this great lead, we kept on pushing forward and attacking the opposition, so by half time the score was 7-0. After half time, Mr Weston substituted the stronger players to try to give them a rest and allow others more game time games. The match finished 11-0 after a hat trick was scored by both Malthe and Abdoul.

We set a high standard for ourselves as we went into the second game against DIS. We started with the same formation and did the same kick off tactic as the previous game, thereby allowing us to score four goals in the first few minutes. As goals were scored one after the other, the half time score was 10-0, with hat tricks already scored by myself and Sean. After half time, we did not stop trying, we kept on playing until full time and kept pressuring the opposition, as other schools watched. As the final whistle blew, it was 17-0.

After the two previous wins, we had a guaranteed position in the next round. Our next game was against KAS. We were, as a team, a bit too confident, which caused us to play sloppy football and we conceded two goals in the first half. Although we attacked with all we had, we were still overthinking our game. After a wakeup call from Mr Weston at half time, we went out and won the game 4-3, simply because we calmed down and played good football. The goals were scored by Abdoul, Sean and Malthe.

As we won the game, we went through to the final. We were playing against the top team in the other group, MAK. We played an attacking formation, which was a bit of a mistake. We made the same mistake as before, letting in a goal from a free kick in the first half and we were losing as we went into half time. After we had more to drink and a short rest, we went back out to play the next twenty-five minutes. Ten minutes into the second half, Sean crossed the ball to me and I slotted it past the goalkeeper to bring the score up to 1-1. We now had more confidence and there were many opportunities in the last fifteen minutes, including close goals from Sean and Malthe and Abdoul hitting the crossbar, but in the final seven minutes, Abdoul crossed the ball to me and I smashed it past the goalkeeper, giving us the lead. With quality defending in the closing minutes, we managed to maintain the lead and win the game. After receiving our 1st place medals, we headed home.





Y9 Girls TISSA Volleyball Tournament

Report by Wanda Frost



The TISSA Year 9 Girls Volleyball tournament in Taichung this year was very competitive. Team TES 1 was placed in a difficult pool. We won our first game easily against DIS. However, our next game against MAC was more challenging. Our 4-2 offense with setters and hitters led by hitter Jemmi Chan and setter Renee Hsiao was more advanced than MAC's offense. Since we were doing more sets and hits, there was more margin for error and in the end we lost in a very close match. Consequently, MAC ended up winning the tournament. We were very disappointed, but still know that the many early morning practices, hard work, and sacrifices that we made were worth it. We hope that our more sophisticated play will help us to be successful next year in high school. Thanks to all the players and their excellent effort: Charlene Chiu, Chloe Chuang, India Lilienthal, Irene Dubois, Jemmi Chan, Jessy Lee, Renee Hsiao, Tzy Chen Huang, Wynne Tseng.

Our girls' Year 9 TES 2 Volleyball Team did very well this year at the TISSA tournament. We were led by captain and setter Shannon Peng and were able to play a 4-2 offense with 2 setters and 4 hitters. We all had a positive attitude, worked very well together, and had a lot of fun. In the end we won two out of three matches in our pool against TAS teams, but lost to the Morrison Academy, Kaoishung team, who ended up playing in the final. Thanks to our student coaches Audrey Lam and Douglas Lee who did a great job guiding us and helping us to relax. Thanks to all our team members for the early morning practices and hard work: Allie Hei, Chloe Donovan, Mariangela Izzo, Minna Hsieh, Natalie Tioh, Sarahi Zuñiga, Shannon Peng, Shuyi Lee, Tina Chang, and Vanessa Kang.



Y9 Boys TISSA Tournament

Report by Jeremy Wu

Hi guys, I'm Jeremy from Y9 representing the Y9 Volleyball A Team, who travelled to Taichung for a tournament last Saturday. It was a nice day and the weather was brilliant! Most of the people were on time, but unfortunately we were a bit late leaving the EPC. The girls and the boys were on the same bus travelling to the same place. Everyone was really excited and nervous at the same time. Some people decided to take a nap, like me, whilst others did their own personal stuff on the bus. When we got there, we had a lot of time until our first match, which was against Kaoshiung American School (KAS). We had a rest, ate, practiced before the game and finally it was TES A Team's turn on the court.

Y9 Boys TISSA Tournament (continued)



Everyone was really nervous, so we started off pretty badly, but picked up quite quickly. The digs and sets were pretty decent and the spikes were not bad. We won the game because of our consistent serves, which helped us a lot. We beat KAS in the end pretty easily with a 2-0 win. Afterwards, we had a long time until our next big game against Morrison Academy Kaoshiung (MAK). If we won that game, we would definitely get a medal, but if we didn't, we would be competing for 4th place or below. Everyone ate and was ready for the challenge. The game was a really close game and it was really intense. We started off with some great spikes and serves, but lacked accuracy at the end, with their crowd cheering for them. Everyone was really nervous and scared and unfortunately, with all the cheering and the support MAK got from their crowd, we started to panic and messed things up. We lost the first set, but it was a really close one. After that, everyone started to panic and mess up, but we didn't get down on each other. We lost the game in the end but it was really close. After the game, everyone was really disappointed. We had a bit of time reflecting and that paid off. In the end, Mr Duxfield, our fantastic coach, told us we had one last game against MAC, the home team. The game was only a friendly game and everyone had a lot of fun. We played better than all the other games because we all played without pressure and that made us more confident. After that, we all waited until we could leave after the speeches from Morrison Academy Taichung's coach. Everyone was exhausted and got on the bus and slept. We picked up some food on the way home and finally arrived at EPC. It was a great day and it was good experience for all of us. GO TITANS!



Y8 TISSA Tournament

Report by Megan Wu, Tiffany Lin, Francesco De Gan

The Year 8 girls went to the tournament with two teams. We played really well, although we didn't win a lot. One team played four games and the other team played three. My team played three games. We had a good chance of getting to the playoffs; however, we lost two and only won one. We played better than we had ever played; we were passing the ball around and getting the serves over. The games outside were really hot, but we cheered each other on. We communicated well throughout the games and had a lot of fun. We were all sweating really hard. The train ride home was nice and relaxing. Our coach Sammi helped us throughout the games and cheered us on. We celebrated when we won, but stayed as a team even when we lost.



Y8 TISSA Tournament (continued)

“Go Titans! Go Titans!” Everyone was doing their best on the day of the volleyball match. The team we played were really strong and fully skilled. Even though we lost all four matches, we had lots of fun. After the fourth match, we were all sweaty and tired, but we brought home the most valuable thing: the experience we had and the joy we had. We showed our teamwork and our team spirit to each other and we supported each other, even when we lost the match and we felt disappointed. We’ve learned a lot on this trip to Kaohsiung to play against other teams. It was a fun experience and I really enjoy the matches and the trip to Kaohsiung.

On Saturday the 17th of October 2015, we travelled to the MAK school to play a tournament. We played for the B team, in which there were 8 players. These players were Harrison, Elliott, Ishaan, Patrick, Francesco, Beyon, David and Ian. We played three games in total. We won 0, but we enjoyed them a lot. We had two periods in the first two games, ‘awake’ and ‘asleep’. When we were ‘awake’, we actively played and tried to win every point. When we were ‘asleep’, we didn’t react much to the opponent’s moves and we didn’t try as much as when we were ‘awake’ to win the point. Since we did not have an after school practice on Thursday, our skills were a bit rustier, as we hadn’t practiced for a week. Our team was quite demoralised after losing the second game, but we still tried to win the last game very hard. We used the dig, set and serve during these three games. The spike was not used, even though some players punched the ball back over a few times. We lost a lot of points by mis-serving or waiting for someone else to go for the ball, and so letting it drop to the floor. Some really nice moves were done, like when Elliott just managed to send it back over when the ball had almost touched the ground. Also, when Harrison fell to the floor by doing a dig, but still punched the ball, when he was still on the floor, and was able to get it back over on the other side of the court. Lastly, when Francesco dug it over the net, then dug it back when the ball came the second time and also the third time when the ball was hit back. About half of the team could serve well, these people were Patrick, Francesco, David, Ishaan and Beyon. These players occasionally didn’t manage to serve the ball though. In conclusion, the team had lots of fun and had the opportunity to practice and test its skills against other schools’ teams. The three things to improve would be serving and always being active, meaning always going for the ball, and always using communication.



Y7 Girls TISSA Tournament

Report by Virginia Yu

The Year 7 girls' Volleyball Team went to TAS on Saturday, 17th of October 2015 with our coach, Ms Brooks, to have our first tournament and our last game of volleyball in Year 7. We went to TAS and played against seven different schools.

We changed into the new uniform that Ms Brooks gave us, warmed up our bodies and got ready for our tournament day. We successfully won the first game, but after that, we started losing focus, but we still cheered for each other "Go Titans!" The cheering made us better and we played lots of games that had a close score. Although we lost four games, we still won four games, which gave us 5th place in the tournament!

The reason we got such a good score in our games was all because of Ms Brooks. She taught us from the start to the end, not complaining about us not serving correctly, but kept on cheering for us. We love playing volleyball and hope that next semester we can still play and get better at it.



Y7 Boys TISSA Tournament

Raymond Imbleau

October 17th was a memorable and magnificent day for our Year 7 Boys volleyball teams. With home court advantage, the three Year 7 boys' teams spent the day bumping, setting and spiking the ball in front of many cheering TES parents. The atmosphere was special and supportive which really inspired true teamwork all day long. When all was said and done, the boys came home with both the gold and silver medals. The two months of hard work and practice led by Mr. Harris really paid off. Let's hope this is a sign of things to come for Year 7 boys this year. Read the Tournament Report on the next page.



Y7 Boys TISSA Tournament (continued)

Report by Elliot Potter

On Saturday 17th of October at TES there was an exciting Volleyball tournament with three TES teams and other international school teams. All of us worked well and eventually we got to the finals against TES 3 and we won. One of the highlights of the match was when we all worked together to spike the ball over the net. The hardest match was against KSS because they served well and they were all able to spike. We would all like to say a special thank you to our coaches Mr Harris, Mr Imbleau, Mrs Frost and Mr Chow.



JVB Girls Volleyball vs TAS

Report by Anna Bella

On October 2nd, the JVB Volleyball Team A had a game with TAS at TAS. We arrived late, so we didn't have time to practice. The game started and the first set was easy for us because our teamwork was really good. Molly's excellent serves and Hannah's spikes led us to victory of the first set with a score of 25-20. Everyone was happy, but we still needed to concentrate on the second set.

The second set started and it was really intense. Throughout the second set, the score was always really close. When we were about to win, the score tied at 25-25. We played our best until the end, when the score was 28-26, but we still lost the second set and we knew we needed to win the third set.

Finally, the final set started. Everyone was very nervous. We started off really bad, with a score of 15-1, but the team didn't give up. We still tried our best and managed to catch up the score to 18-22, especially with the MVP of this game: Yuko's outstanding serves. But in the end we still lost the last set. The team was really disappointed. The score was 25-19. We still need to work on our communication and our control of the ball.



U15 Girls FOBISIA Basketball Match vs. DongHu University

Report by Hannah Kwuo

The U15 girls had a game against girls from Donghu University on the 14th of October. Everyone was really nervous as we only had 10 players, while the opponents had plenty more, and also because there were a few people who were taller than us from DongHu. The game started off really intense, but the girls managed to keep the points close in the first quarter.

We scored the most in the second quarter after many successful fast breaks, shots, and cuts, taking us into the lead. However, because of the lack of players, many felt tired and couldn't keep scoring, which was understandable, so we lost in the end with a score of 30-37.

Although we lost the game, we think that we learned a lot in this match about teamwork and timing so we know what to work on before FOBISIA. We think that Audrey Lam played really well in the game, especially in the third quarter so deserves to be the MVP for the game.

As a team, we would like to thank Ms Juan for organising the match against DongHu University and we hope that we can improve more before FOBISIA to win gold.

Happy Halloween from the Sports Leadership Team





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