



ESC Newsletter

Coming up this December

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- British Maths Olympiad
- MUN Kaohsiung
- BSHS 25th Anniversary celebrations
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Welcome from the BSHS Head

Chrysta Garnett, Head of British Secondary and High School Section

Christmas is coming at the ESC and that means that the next 2 weeks of term are crammed full of wonderfully festive events; added to which, the British Secondary and High School Section, along with the British Primary Section, will celebrate its 25th anniversary next week. From very humble beginnings in 1991, we have now grown to accommodate over 1200 students in total across both campuses. In December of 1991 we were officially recognized by Taipei City Government, and the Section has chosen Friday 9th December as our official 'birthday'. To celebrate, we will bring the whole school together to recognize our growth, our achievements, as well as our unique identity as a British School in Taiwan. With guests speakers from the British Office, British themed entertainment and music, as well as food, competitions and performances, there will be an abundance of red, white and blue and some unabashed patriotism too I am sure! Please encourage your child to join in the fun by wearing a British themed fancy dress next Friday, or something red, white and blue. In addition, and at a very serendipitous moment, December will also see the BPS and the BSHS submit their applications to become members of the COBIS organization. The Council of Overseas British International Schools is a globally

recognized organization working with over 400 British schools worldwide. We are looking forward to becoming accredited COBIS members and benefitting from being a part of this prestigious network of quality international schools. This edition of the ESC Newsletter features some fantastic good news stories to keep our spirits high as we enter the colder, darker and slightly more damp winter days on Yangmingshan: please enjoy our reports on our FOBISIA basketball champions; our young dance competition winners; our inspiring Wellbeing focused Values Day; infamous Christmas Bazaar as well as our inaugural Music Leaders' Team Building Day. A recent highlight for me was the election and announcement of our new BSHS Student President. A trio of high quality candidates made the final nomination process a tough one for all students exercising their democratic right to vote, with the election culmi-

nating on Values Day with inspiring and very well crafted speeches made by all three candidates. Mason Lee, had the honour of being named Student President by Kevin Lin, Taiwan's famous elite endurance athlete, and Sherry Chen his very capable Vice President. I am delighted to be working with Mason and Sherry in the coming year and am confident that they will make an enduring impact on student experiences of the British Secondary and High School. I look forward to seeing you at our ESC Christmas concert on Thursday 15th December, where you can enjoy not only some fine and festive music performances, but also some traditional European fayre kindly provided by our wonderful ESCPA team. My best wishes and regards for a restful Christmas break to everyone in our school community.





News from the ESCPA

Anna Durmus, ESCPA

Dear Parents,

Wow, what a month! Many of you have been extremely busy with the preparations for the annual TES Christmas Bazaar and running booths and volunteering on the day of the Bazaar! It was great to see so many ESC Parents at the Primary Campus making Advent wreaths, baking and selling cookies and cakes, wrapping Raffle prizes, selling Raffle tickets, creating beautiful Christmas-themed handicrafts, running Japanese, Korean and Swedish food stalls, selling delicious bubble tea, organizing a smooth operation of the Santa's Photo booth and putting countless number of volunteering hours! You all have done great job to represent the cross-section of European Secondary Campus in the Christmas Bazaar and we can all be proud of our accomplishments. Please join me in giving a loud shout-out to the PSC Chair Marine Lagarde, who did a tremendous job organizing and promoting this year's Christmas Bazaar! And of course, our ESC students and teachers deserve a huge Thank you for their contribution to this great cause. It is such type of events that make all of us feel a part of the big TES family!

I would not be wrong if I say that all the ESCPA members have participated in the Bazaar activities, wearing many hats. But I would like to focus on the ESCPA-run Booth selling the most delicious Bubble Tea I have ever tried in Taipei. A big round of applause goes to Nathalie, Chin, Betty, MJ, Doreen, Sarina, Masako, Adrienne, Arif, Ryoki and Emre for their vision and involvement.

And a special appreciation to HI student Ethan Wu, who braved to be ESC Titan Mascot for the day. Well done, Ethan! You were the star of the show!

And now, with the Bazaar successfully behind us, ESCPA is focusing on two big events at the Secondary Campus. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 2 with the ESC choir performing Christmas carols and Santa treating all the students to some sweets graciously provided by the ESCPA. This event will surely put some color and light on the Campus and create a festive mood.

And the major event of the month up the mountain is the Christmas Concert. So many students and teachers have been rehearsing wonderful music pieces to put up the most beautiful concert to conclude the semester and start the holiday season. Per tradition, ESCPA will be selling a delicious Christmas meal, mulled wine and cakes. We hope many of you will make it up the mountain on December 15 to enjoy holiday music and a festive dinner with us!

And last but not least, in a couple of days ESCPA Cafeteria Committee will announce an Art Contest among all the ESC students, aimed at encouraging TES students to refine their table manners and improving ESC Cafeteria environment. We would like to ask you to support your children in entering the competition. There will be exciting prizes for the winning entries, such as Pizza Vouchers, Movie tickets, Starbucks Vouchers, Chili's Vouchers. The contest will be closing on January 6, so the

children should have enough time to produce creative entries during the break. The winners will be announced at ESC assembly at the end of January. We are looking forward to receiving many entries and will share them all on our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TESparentsForum/> and through the January Newsletter.

You are also very welcome to attend the next ESCPA meeting at 9 am on December 9, at the Phase II Conference Room to get to know ESCPA members and have a better idea of the Projects we support.

We wish all the H4 students the best of luck during this week's Mock Exams.

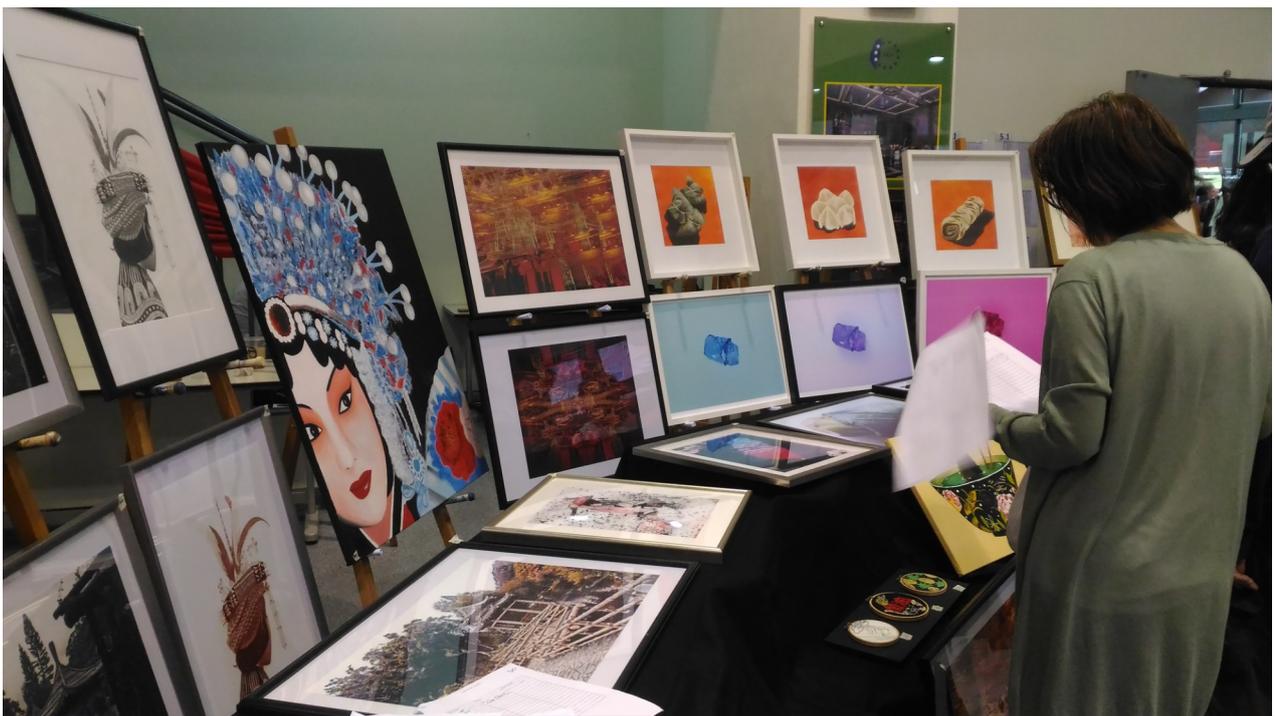
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. May there always be love and light in your hearts.

Your ESCPA









Taipei Dance Competition

Jill Lin, Teacher of Dance

On Monday 14th November, two dance competition teams have won 1st place at the Taipei Dance Competition again for the 5th time. Our school will represent Taipei to attend the Taiwan National Students Dance Competition in a few months in Nantou county.

TES primary dancers won with the very high mark of 90.80 and TES secondary won the high mark of 90 as well. It is extremely difficult to achieve a score above 90; all judges must agree that the performances were excellent. Congratulations to our two teams both getting the highest mark in our district. Also, this is the first time for the TES high school as a team to join the dance competition and they won! We have two champion teams now. We wish them luck for next March to compete in the National Students Dance Competition.

The dancers come from every section and this diversity represents TES perfectly:

Primary dance team:

French Section

FCM1: Justine Marion, Riona Chen, Lauren Chen, Karen Pan

FCM2: Luline Viaud,

British Section

B5.2: Carol Hung, Chelsea Dennis

B5.4: Joycelyn Chan

B6.4: Tia Agarwal

B6.3: Leah Frost

B6.1: Ahsely Tioh

Secondary dance team:

French Section

F5: Fiona Chen

British Section

B8.1: Evie Wickham, Holly Samaniego

B8.3: Natalie Sng

B9.2: Ellie Chang

German Section

G7.1: Katharina Whittome

G6.1: Eileen Wu





Student Council Elections

David Bracken, Assistant Head

By popular vote, the student body of Taipei European School has elected Mason Lee to the position of President and Sherry Chen to the position of Vice President. On Values Day, Taipei European School used a preferential voting system to elect these two high-quality candidates into these high-profile and high-responsibility posts. These two excellent members of the student community will lead the newly-assembled Student Council Executive as they seek to represent Student Voice for our TES population.

The candidates had to undergo a long and rigorous process of pre-selection in order to make their run for these elected positions. Candidates had completed a 3 question application form and letter in which they had to articulate their ideas about school-improvement, teaching and learning, and the value of Student Voice. From these initial letters, an interview short-list of 24 candidates was drawn up. After this exhaustive interview process and final list of 12 Executive members were selected. The selections were based on the candidate's understanding of Student Voice and their vision for how they would lead their peers to enhance student life at Taipei European School.

All final candidates ran their election campaigns and appealed to the student body in the week leading up to the election via videos, posters and public appeals. Their campaigns culminated in a final "election speech" in front of the whole student body on Values Day in the Phase 2 Atrium.



After students voted throughout the day in a smooth process overseen by Mr Cornes the final results were tallied. Our two new leaders of the Student Council were announced by the special guest for Values Day, Mr Alex Lin. In his acceptance speech Mason expressed his desire and vision for a cohesive Student Council that would work positively to represent the students of TES.

Congratulations to Mason and Shery. A further congratulations goes to all of the Student Council Executive who are already generating exciting ideas about initiatives to better the school experience for our wonderful student body.





THIMUN Singapore 2016





Values Day—A Time to Value Yourself

Helen Gamble

In a change from previous years, where the focus has always been on one of the Secondary School Values, students this year were given perhaps the biggest challenge yet: to value themselves.

The theme was chosen to tie in with the school's focus this year on student wellbeing. Although the wellbeing agenda has been largely embraced by students, when busy academic and social lives get in the way, it can sometimes be hard for them to find the time or inclination to reflect on their own strengths and mental and physical health. This is what Values Day aimed to provide this year – a day of reflection and activities to boost health, wellbeing and teamwork and to provide inspiration to students to 'be the best they can be'.

Self-Reflection

Three activities on the day focussed on self-reflection. 'Mindful Mock' workshops were given to exam students in H2 and H4 by Mr Wright and Mr Jordan, who shared their knowledge of mindfulness and how it can help to both alleviate stress and improve actual exam results.



A talk entitled 'In Ur Face', given by Mr Woodhall, challenged students to 'swallow their frog' – not literally – by identifying the one thing that could be standing in the way of their success. One student commented after the session that *The Frog was a good mind set to have, so we might be hearing more about 'the frog' in the corridors of school from now on!*

The small group activity 'Honk Your Horn' asked students to identify, and talk about, what their strengths are and celebrate the things they are amazing at. This represented perhaps the most difficult challenge of the day – after all, we are always taught *not to brag about what we are good at. The question 'Tell us why you like yourself' had many students feeling stumped until they realised, with the help of the teacher facilitating, that it was perfectly fine to like certain aspects of their personality and that everyone has good qualities worth celebrating.*

Teamwork

After lunch it was time to come together in groups to take part in a teamwork activity in which students had to work together to solve clues and 'break out' of the classroom.

Another team activity was taking place in the Art Department, as students worked hard all day to design and create unique TES logos for the '5 Ways to Wellbeing'.

After the morning's focus on self-reflection, it is fair to say that many students enjoyed the chance to work together and have some fun.

Inspiration

The day was not only about self-awareness and team spirit though. As in previous years, students were also given the opportunity to think of, and be inspired by, others. They did so by taking part in the 3km 'Run for Fun – Live to Give' for which they raised pledges from families and friends. A grand total of



NT 340,000 will be donated to local charities.

Special inspiration was provided by the Taiwanese marathon runner Kevin Lin, who was invited to be the Keynote Speaker of the day. Kevin is one of the best known endurance athletes in Asia, having become one of the first runners to cross the Sahara Desert in 2007. His message of "grit is living life like a marathon, not a sprint" was well received by all who listened to his inspirational talk and for many this was the highlight of the day.

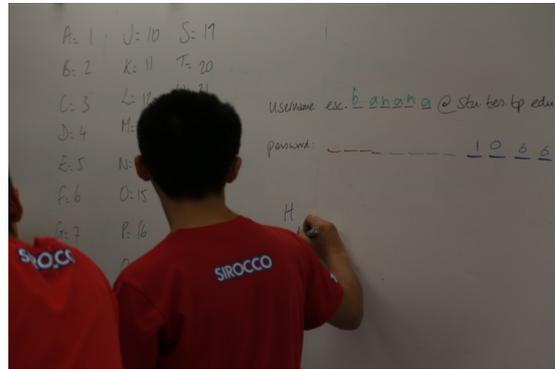


Finally, the very rewarding day, which also saw the election of a brand new Student Council President, Mason Lee, was rounded off with a mass exchange of gratitude cards – a chance to show someone else that what they do is appreciated.

[quote call-out:]

"The activities today were really helpful since we rarely think of ourselves and it was a chance to appreciate ourselves."
H2 student





Armistice Day at Keelung French Cemetery

French Section

To the north of Taiwan, near the ruins of Ershawan fort, lies a little-known, lesser-visited French cemetery. No bigger than a basketball court, the French cemetery of Keelung holds the remains of approximately 700 French soldiers, sailors and officers – making it the second biggest burial site of foreigners in Taiwan. The Frenchmen were on the losing side of an oft-overlooked battle between the French and the Chinese in 1884-1885. The battle was fought as part of France's colonisation of Indochina – following a disagreement with the Chinese Ching dynasty over Vietnamese territory. Through the Japanese colonial period and the early days of the ROC government, the French state rented the cemetery from the Taiwanese government. Since 1997, the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery falls to the Keelung city government.

For the past four years, students from the French Section have been invited to participate in the French Office's Armistice Day ceremony at the cemetery on the 11th of November. World War One officially ended on eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Armistice Day, Remembrance Day and Veteran's Day are all commemorated every year on the 11th of November – a day when we reflect on lives lost in all wars and remember those who fought them. This year, the French Section's 1^{ère} class students attended the ceremony along with the Head of School, Jean-Yves Vesseau. The 1^{ère} class study the World Wars in their History-Geography class with Ms Ambroisini and they chose to read texts written by French veterans, from the First World War and other battles. The extracts they chose detailed the experiences and horrors of war, striking a pacifist tone. Armistice Day was fittingly and solemnly acknowledged in the quiet, tree-shaded plot of land by the sea at Keelung and it was hard to imagine that great violence was ever wrought there or anywhere.



Geography Department News

Hannah Brooks, Head of Geography

On a bright and sunny Tuesday in November, Year 7 headed off for their first Geography field trip. The purpose of the day was to both investigate the history of Taipei as a settlement and then to gather data on the shops and services around Taipei 101.

The first part of the day was spent researching Taipei in the Discovery Centre at Taipei City Hall. There was lots of opportunity for hands on learning about the city as they completed worksheets and interacted with the exhibits. Some of the students also enjoyed the opportunity of watching a short film about Taipei in the spinning movie theatre. Highlights of the museum included the scale model of Taipei, a Lego temple and the fortune telling machine.

After a lunch stop in the 101 food court it was time to collect real data. Students were tasked with completing surveys that showed the environmental quality of the area, what different shops and services were found there and traffic and pedestrian counts to see how busy the streets were. A highlight for most however was interacting with members of the public to ask if they would complete a short questionnaire about their visit to that part of the city.

It was a successful day all round and all of the students now have lots of information that can be analysed to compare differences within the settlement of Taipei. Well done Year 7!



History Department News

Ian Stewart, Head of History

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the TES British Section, a history quiz house competition was held during lunchtime on the 4th of November with questions on British history, world history, and even on the history of TES. A number of KS3 students showed keen participation, with each house being represented in the competition. As the judges, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Bonnalie read out each quiz question, the students, filled with adrenaline, pressed the buzzers as fast as they could. The quiz was exhilarating, with each team trying their best to answer as much questions as possible. In the end, the Mistral team, composed of Candy Hsu, Cassi Maa, Faris Weinrich, and Ryan Liao, won the competition, with a total of 44 marks and 18 questions answered correctly. Mistral, as the winners, received extra house points to go towards their final scores. A big thank you to all that joined the event, special mention to H2 students James Pan, Alex Lee, Ryan Chang and John Li who helped organise the event and congratulations to the Mistral team that won!

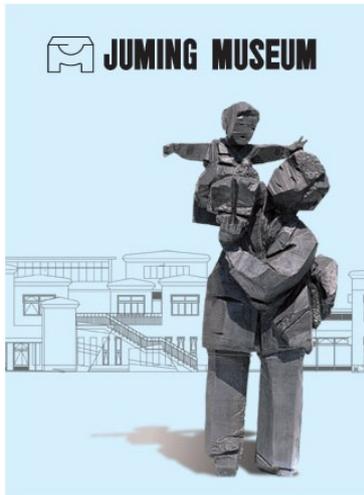
Fingers on buzzers, fastest fingers first!



Art Department News

Lily Chang, Rebecca Zimmer and Amy Cheng, H3 Art Students

Juming Sculpture Park H3 Art Trip



There is no better way to inspire us for our 'culture sculpture' piece than visiting a sculpture museum ourselves. The purpose of this trip was to find inspiration in Ju Ming's sculptures to help create our own one. Armed with a map and list of activities to complete, we had a productive and unusual day. The first thing on the list to be crossed out is to go to the indoor exhibition first as a group. We filed onto the stairs heading for the exhibition called 'A Place of One's



Own', the first art piece we saw is by Lin Tzu-Chuan and it is called 'Swing', it is a multi-screen video showing the passing view outside of a train and recorded sound. I quite like it, except the images are repeated, it would have been better if it wasn't. After looking at all of the indoor pieces, Miss Bingham told us to explore the open-space museum in smaller groups of 2 or 3. We ate our packed lunches at the 'Performance area' with swans, turtles, coy and ducks who lived in the pond. We discussed the sculptures and checked our list to see which tasks were still to be completed.

At Juming Sculpture Park, we witnessed a great collection of different sculptures. Ju Ming, the sculptor, has created through the course of his life. It was a relatively huge park with many sculptures of various scales, some are as small as my arm and some are as tall as a one story building. In addition, Ju Ming seems to enjoy making a series of sculptures throughout different periods of his life that is related to his culture or biography. For example, his most infamous sculpture collection



is the Taichi Series. Taichi is a Taiwanese yoga where people practice the arts of movement, breath and nature, in which Ju Ming captivated it with sculptures expressing Taichi movements. It was fascinating and inspiring to see the different forms, colors and stories each one of Ju Ming's sculptures displayed, as it will provide great help for me in our next art unit, "Culture Sculpture."



Science Department News

Andy Hill, Head of Science

Do you like to hear good news for change? Are you excited to hear that nations are working together to for the future of our Earth and its inhabitants?

Then perhaps you are as excited about UNESCO World Science Day as we are. A year ago, we decided to formally include this day on the TES calendar.

On 28th October 2016, the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) in Hobart Australia announced an agreement between member nations over the establishment of the Ross Sea Marine Protected Area. This new reserve will cover more than one and a half million square kilometres in Antarctica. Now that is good news, worthy of acknowledgement!

Our students had an opportunity to do that during UNESCO World Science Day and to watch a video clip about the Ross Sea. There were also practical challenges to help our students focus on the application of science in design projects. These included a competitions to build a tower out of straws, paper and tape, or to build a boat from aluminium foil, paper and toothpicks.

We plan to celebrate this day annually, so watch out for news in 2017.



Engineering in the Spotlight



Engineering anybody? If you ask that question at the European Secondary Campus, you may notice lots of heads turn.

On Friday 25th November, we had the pleasure of a visit by Professor Eann Patterson from the School of Engineering at Liverpool University, United Kingdom. During the day, he spoke to our H3 & H4 Physics students, Gifted and Talented Extension students from Years 7, 8, 9 and H2, H1 Coordinated Science students, and H1 Physics students.

His final talk for the day provided the setting for an engineering design challenge - building a parachute from nothing but straws, string and tape. The examples Professor Patterson provided in his talk helped our H1 students to see the relevance of engineering design processes to engineering practice. They had a chance to put this into practice and produced some ingenious designs in teams within a very tight timeline.

Professor Patterson is the A.A. Griffith Chair of Structural Materials and Mechanics and a University Learning and Teaching Fellow at the University of Liverpool. As a participating scientist of the Royal Society Parent-Carer-Scientist Project, he has been working with the Society to encourage and inspire current and future talented scientists to succeed in science.

Professor Patterson is one of the co-founders of the dual PhD programme between the University of Liverpool and National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan.

We very much appreciate the support of the University of Liverpool in making Professor Patterson's visit to Taipei European School possible. Visits of this sort, help students to gain a greater appreciation of science and its application to the wider world.



Mathematics Department News

Julie Dale, Head of Mathematics

The Senior Maths Challenge results have arrived and below is a full list of our certificate winners. Qualifiers for British Maths Olympiad taking place in December are: Andrew Wu, Justin Liu, Alex Lee, Robert Lu and Vatsal Savani. We wish them the best of luck!

No specific curriculum topics are required for the questions, but taking part in challenges such as this encourages students to use their problem solving skills to tackle challenging puzzles. Students gaining a certificate should be very proud of themselves!

Gold Certificates			Silver Certificates			Bronze Certificates		
Timmy	Chiang	H2	Jatin	Agnani	H3	Lukas	Cha	H4
Ashley	Fuh	H4	Ethan	Chan	H2	Anne	Chang	H2
Angus	Hsieh	H3	Ryan	Chang	H2	Howard	Chao	H3
Bojun	Hsu	H2	William	Chen	H3	Curtis	Chen	H3
David	Huang	H4	Ingrid	Chen	H2	Chloe	Chioy	H3
Ryoki	Kunii	H3	Russell	Ho	H3	I chuan	Hsia	H4
Irene	Kuo	H4	Will	Huang	H3	Ray	Huang	H4
Alex	Lee	H2	Mason	Lee	H3	Stephan	Jao	H4
Johnson	Lee	H3	Jennifer	Li	H3	Li	John	H2
Leo	Lin	H2	Howard	Lin	H4	Hannah	Kwuo	H2
Justin	Liu	H4	Eva	Lo	H2	Donny	Lee	H2
Amber	Lu	H4	Law-	Lo	H2	Selina	Lee	H3
Robert	Lu	H2	Leon	Neubeck	H3	Timothy	Lee	H4
Rowen	Pan	H4	Antonia	Nuttall	H3	Sydney	Li	H3
Raghav	Rasal	H2	James	Pan	H2	Nicholas	Lin	H2
Vatsal	Savani	H2	Natalie	Yu	H3	Brian	Lu	H2
Alpha	Wu	H4				Belle	Lu	H3
Andrew	Wu	H3				Christop	Lu	H3
Lucio	Yuen	H3				Nidhi	Mehta	H3
						Yuko	Nogawa	H2
						Yuki	Nogawa	H3
						Nila	Ravin-	H2
						Vianne	Tseng	H3
						Vic	Vanden-	H3
						Jimmy	Yang	H3
						Luke	Yeh	H4

Chamber Choir at ICRT Radio

Camilla Harris, Musical Director

After debuting last year on ICRT with only 4 members, the group has grown to 14 singers who sang live on ICRT local radio in the week leading up to the Christmas Bazaar. They sang beautifully acappella in an interesting space. They sang a traditional carol with a modern twist, 'Lully, Lulla, Lullay' by Stockwell and 'Mary, Did You Know?' famously performed by Pentatonix.

This group can not stop singing together, on the bus on the way there, in the conference room warming up before going live and on the way back to school, there was even a little bit of karaoke!

This was the first of many Christmas performances by the Chamber Choir who will also be singing at Taipei 101 and at the ESC Christmas Concert with the Orchestra.



Music Department News

ESC Music Department's Public Performance Calendar 2016-2017

- 3rd December Performance as part of the Taipei 101 Celebrations - 2:30-4:30pm
In the pedestrian area outside Taipei 101
- 15th December Christmas Concert - 6:30pm - 9pm Phase II MPR and Atrium
- 20th February IGCSE/ IB Performance Evening - 5pm Phase II Atrium
- 15th May IGCSE/ IB Performance Evening - 5pm Phase II atrium

The Music Department is heading full steam into the festive season at the moment with last weekend's performances at the Christmas Bazaar kicking things off. The last three weeks will see a variety of ensembles perform at a number of events, including the lighting of the Christmas Tree at the ESC, a performance at the 25th British Anniversary assembly, two events downtown at Taipei 101 and the highlight of the Christmas season at the ESC, the Music Department's Christmas Concert on the 15th of December. We do hope you can join us for this concert, with informal Christmas music and delicious festive food provided by the ESCPA from 6pm and then the main concert including Christmas carol singing from 7:30pm. It is a great chance to bring the first term to an end, get yourself properly prepared for the holiday and an opportunity to join a sixty plus student choir accompanied by an orchestra of over fifty to sing some classic Christmas tunes!

TES ESC Christmas

6pm Pre-Concert Music + Christmas Food

7:30pm Main Concert with Christmas Music + Carol Singing

Thursday 15th December

100NTD Adults TES ESC Phase II Atrium
50NTD Students 31 Jian Ye Road, Yangmingshan, Shihlin District
11193台北市士林區建業路31號

For tickets and more information phone 02 8145 9007 ext 2613

Peripatetic Programme - 2nd Semester

As we approach the end of Term 1, the Music Department is starting to organise the second semester of Peripatetic Lessons which will begin after Chinese New Year in Term 2. Students currently enrolled in the first semester will be asked to confirm whether they are continuing with programme within the next two weeks. If your child is not currently involved in the programme and you are interested in them learning an instrument or taking vocal lessons, please have them collect a letter from Ms Ho in the Music Office in Phase I before the end of the term. Please enjoy the very first contribution to the newsletter from our new Music Leaders, they have had a very busy month. We do hope you have a very merry festive season from the ESC Music Department!

From the Music Leaders....

Written by Jason Lung with contributions from Jody Calpito, Jessica Lee, Jennifer Li, Jimmy Yang



This November has been a busy yet exciting month for the Music Department. From the successful and stunning performances at the Music Recital Evening to the first annual Music Team Building Day. The introduction of us, Jessica, Jody, Jimmy, Jennifer, and Jason as the new Music Leaders 2016-17 has been a recent change in the Music Department, but already we've been working hard on events for the new academic year - so what have the new Music Leaders been up to?

Music Recital Evening

First off, who could forget the wonderful performances from the first annual Music Recital Evening? The Music Recital Evening was an event proposed by the previous Music Leaders to feature solo acts and bands from all year groups. The colourful atmosphere of the night was filled with a wide variety of genres and instruments; from rock and jazz, all the way to classical, it was a night for everyone to relax and enjoy the beauty of music.

Of course, the event would not have been made possible if not for the backstage sound and lighting crew. A big thank you to them for making the programme run so smoothly and for the special lighting work. Another special thanks to the Tabitha team for providing the delicious food and drinks during the halftime interval.



Music Team Building Day

The Music Recital Evening was not the only new event this term. This month, we kicked off the very first annual Music Team Building Day. Again thanks are due to the previous Music Leaders, who first proposed it! The Music Team Building Day was about bringing the Orchestra and Choirs together, strengthening the bond between fellow musicians. The new Music Leaders and Music Staff led the tightly scheduled day from 8:30am to 1:30pm, which included group rehearsals, sectionals, team building activities and a final practice session with all students combined.



The first team building activity was a name game, allowing the different members of each ensemble to get to know each other better. The second one, titled 'Salt and Pepper', tested each member's musical knowledge against the clock, Orchestra vs. Choirs. Ultimately, the day would not have been so successful if not for the amazing work of the Music Department teachers.

Christmas Bazaar

The new events were not the only things happening this month, the Christmas Bazaar also took place on Saturday, November 26th. Mr. Warwick Mayall, the parent in charge of running the entertainment for the Bazaar, organising students from the ESC Music Department to introduce the acts on the day, with Jessica Lee and Alice Föhr MC'ing the first half, and Jody Calpito, Titouan Catrice and Jason Lung the second half. The ESC Ensembles, Choirs, Big Band, and Rock Bands kicked off the second half with their beautiful performances, ranging from Christmas tunes to pop song renditions.

It was a great day, with a lovely Christmas atmosphere, good music, delicious food, and fun activities.

There was entertainment for the whole family! Look out for more from the Music Department Music Leaders in next month's newsletter.



Music Recital Evening Photos



Drama Department News

Rowena Bracken, Head of Drama

A snapshot of the Year 7s using thought-tracking during a scripted scene.

Key Stage 3 classes have been busy creating a range of excellent performance work. In Year 7 each class has been developing their **storytelling skills**. Each lesson they learn a new drama technique and apply this into their performance. The energy, imagination and engagement demonstrated by the Year 7s has been outstanding.



Year 8 have been exploring the comical theatre tradition of **Commedia Dell'Arte**. Each lesson the students learn about the theatrical conventions and how to develop stock characters. Each group will develop their own scene, ensuring their dialogue and characters are bold and energetic. They will follow a rich set of performance rules which will help them to make their scenes highly comical.

ACTING Workshop for Teachers

On Saturday 19th November Rowena Bracken offered an Acting Workshop to all staff at TES. There were participants from the French, German, British Primary and Secondary school. It was a great opportunity for staff to come together, be creative and develop their own acting skills. One of the participants said: "I'm so glad I attended. Although the workshop was really well-organized, it felt flexible enough for us to let our hair down, step out of our comfort zones and have a good time."



THE STORY OF LOUISE WALKER

Year 9 created some fantastic documentaries on the safety of using the internet and becoming friends with strangers online. The **'Chatroom'** unit was structured so that each week, students were presented with a new piece of evidence. The students had to use the evidence and use their problem solving skills to piece together the situation. The evidence was then explored by looking at a range of perspectives in their performance work. After the case had been close the students were assessed on their ability to apply what they had learnt in the form of a documentary. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to use their IT and drama skills together. We were delighted with the end product and excellent level of commitment and creativity in making the documentaries. Below is an example of some of the scenes taken from the documentaries.



Louise is currently working towards raising awareness and educating youth about the risks of internet use.



A Session on Combat Theatre for IB Theatre Students

As part of the IB Theatre course, students explore a wide variety of theatre traditions. The IB theatre course is design to ensure students look into the history of theatre and what major movements took place throughout the world. The images above are taken from a workshop on Beijing Opera. Here the class experimented with acrobatics, balance, dance, movement and combat. **"It was so much fun, getting physical, it was hard work but I loved the stress relief and opportunity to be practical doing something I have never done before"** Beth Chen H4 Theatre.





A Word from the Head of Sport

Kwok Chow, Head of Sport

It's been a very busy and hectic month with Season 1 finishing and season 2 starting and also the U15 FOBISIA team finally competed in Manila. All the students over the past month represented TES with honour, pride and humility. It was great to see and they were also successful and achieved great results. Of course, all of this would not be possible without the support of the coaches and staff at TES, who have put in endless hours to make sure our teams can compete. You will see the nominations for Season 1 Sports for the Most Improved Player and Most Valuable Player. This year's sports awards will be held on 17 May, more news of the venue and times next month. Lastly check out Bernard Yang HI's u15 Fobisia Manila Video:

https://youtu.be/0VILfi_MO90

Go Titans !



Athlete of Month, Daniel Chung HI
Outstanding performance against KLASS at FOBISIA Games.



Action Shot of the Month



Most Valuable and Most Improved player nominations Season I 2016/17

Season I Most Improved Player Nominations 2016/17					
Teams	Coaches	Nomination 1	Nomination 2	Nomination 3	Nomination 4
Y7 Girls Volleyball	Hannah Brooks	Veronique Chiu	Yen Clare	Kelly Chang	Manuela Speciale
Y7 Boys Volleyball	Mark Ryan/ Raymond Imbleau	Zachary Potter	Brian Chuong	Roy Liu	Boris Chen
Y8 Girls Volleyball	Anna Robertson	Leonna Lee	Katelyne Chuang	Silvia Fang	Evie Wickham
Y8 Boys Volleyball	Alice Juan	Benjamin Liang	Leo Ke	Takeru Dannoue	Brian Su
Y9 Girls Volleyball	Wanda Snowfrost/ Rob Neroutsos	Angela Chen	Chaerin Oh	Freja Hoffman	
Y9 Boys Volleyball	Hamish McMillian/ David Bracken	Quincy Hou	Andrew Liao	David Lin	Francesco De Gan
JV Girls Volleyball	Jared Duxfield	Yuki Nogawa	Sono Echinaz Furuta	Allie Hei	Charlene Chiu
V Girls Volleyball	Ming Chien Li	Anna-Bella Sula	Ashley Mcmillan	Kimberly Chuang	Hannah Kwuo
JV Boys Football	Paul Warren	Nicholas Lin	Joseph Giraud	Franky Tsai	Robert Lu
Varsity Boys Football	Kwok Chow	Giorgio Maccone	Kentaro Temma	Franco Izzo	Mason Lee


Season I Most Valuable Player Nominations 2016/17

Teams	Coaches	Nomination 1	Nomination 2	Nomination 3	Nomination 4
Y7 Girls Volleyball	Hannah Brooks	Minjee Bahn	Sonja Chi	Felicia Chang	Angela Huang
Y7 Boys Volleyball	Mark Ryan/ Raymond Imbleau	Noah Woodall	Denvon Huang	Devin Reiners	Darren Kuo
Y8 Girls Volleyball	Anna Robertson	Daphne Wu	Alisha Huang	Margerita Lee	Alice Wikstrom
Y8 Boys Volleyball	Alice Juan	Chris Lin	John Wang	Jeremy Lu	Prince Dennis
Y9 Girls Volleyball	Wanda Snow- frost/Rob Neroutsos	Tiffany Lin	Helena Nuttal	Emily Chang	Zosia Gaca
Y9 Boys Volleyball	Hamish McMil- lian/David Bracken	Shubh Lashkery	Evan Liu	Ivan Lim	Aidan Mayall
JV Girls Volleyball	Jared Duxfield	Rene Hsiao	Chloe Chuang	Wynne Tseng	Chloe Chioy
V Girls Volleyball	Ming Chien Li	Ivory Lee	Molly Di Rienzo	Ellen Cervell	Irene Kuo
JV Boys Football	Paul Warren	Timmy Chang	Nicholas Lin	Tom Wikstrom	Erik Litstrom
Varsity Boys Football	Kwok Chow	Carl Wikstrom	Abdoul Sankara	Sean Mullins	Malthe Jensen
U15 FOBISIA Boys Award	Kwok Chow	Daniel Chung	Justin Chen	Gene Weng	Bruno Engel
U15 FOBISIA Girls Award	Kwok Chow	Sofia Pellandini	Chloe Chuang	Evelyn Di Renzo	Jemmi Chan

Boys Varsity Football TISSA Tournament- Coached by Kwok Chow



October 29th 2016, TES varsity football team finished in second place. With silver medals around the athletes of the Titans football team, they stepped onto the bus knowing they have given it all.

This year's varsity football tournament was at Morrison Academy in Taichung, with the first kick off at 10am. The whistle sounds, 10am sharp, to signal the start of our journey through the roaring heat for our hands to be wrapped around the trophy that awaits us. Our first opposition was ICA, a team full of energy and ambition. Although we had a rough start to the match, we ended the game convincingly with a score of 8-2 to move onto the next round.

Second game was against our greatest contender for the position of first place; MAC the host of the tournament. We battled hard with our limited squad of 13 players and unfortunate muscle soreness for multiple players. Although we ended in defeat, the way the tournament was set out, we still had a shot for the title later on in the end. Through our defeat, we learnt how MAC played their style of football, by pressing our back-line constantly

with an unbroken series of attacks. We had to find a way to handle their team. We continued onward with the third match, a match that required us to win to qualify for the finals. With little rest in between games, the kick off whistles sounds shortly. Titans varsity football team managed to clinch another victory to advance ourselves to the finals, back onto the pitch against our rival team, MAC.

The final game was all set out as we had imagined it, TES against MAC. The referee's whistle came and MAC had the ball. We were pushed back and were desperately defending against waves of attacks. Despite the constant pressure MAC had on us, the TES phenomenal defense structure was still fully intact, nothing were going past us today. Minutes before the halftime, just as the referee was lifting his whistle to sound the break, a volley from a player on the MAC side connects with the head of his teammate. 1-0 for MAC. The whistle sounds.

We strolled off the pitch with defeat on our faces, left with only sparks of hope. Despite their relentless attacks we were still able to keep our form and play-style. Our coach re-

minded us with words of inspiration the reason why we are here, and how close we've come already. We are only down a goal because of one mistake, it could have been easily the other way round, resulting in a goal for us. We were not going to give up so easily.

We jogged back on the pitch with determination on our faces. We played our very best with defense with hopes that occasional volleys would bring home a goal. Despite tremendous efforts from every player on the team, TES was still unable to come back from the damage the first goal had cost us. With sweat dripping till the sound of the whistle from the referee to signal an end to our journey, we lost the match knowing we've given it our all. It was an experience all of us had taken away with us. We learnt what it meant to play as a team, battle as a team and accept our results as a team. TES varsity football team finished in second place. With silver medals around the athletes of the Titans football team, they stepped onto the bus knowing they have given it all.

Written by Mason Lee

Varsity Girls Volleyball TISSA Tournament - Coached by Ming Chien Li



On the 29th of October, our varsity girls volleyball team played the final tournament of the year. For me, as well as all the other seniors, it was a special tournament as it was the last one at TES.

The tournament was held on our campus, which we knew was only going to benefit us. Having the support of both family and friends was going to give us that extra push in the tournament.

Despite the nerves, we managed to get off to a good start, winning the first game against IIS, giving us the motivation and confidence to continue in the tournament. We knew we were a strong team and therefore the semifinals was a must for us. We got through our pool through hard work, good communication, great serves and plenty of spikes that the other teams had no chance in receiving.

Although we did get through to the semi finals, we were not able to show our best skills and therefore lost this game against KAS. This meant that we were not going to make it into the final. For many of us it was hard to grasp what had actually happened, as going into that game we had the mentality of winning. The tournament was not over however, and we still had third place to fight for.

This game was definitely a "pulse raiser". We were all very nervous and excited going into this game. Playing this team previously in our pool earlier that day, and beating them, we knew what we were capable of and that we needed to repeat what we had done before. We managed to beat them in the first set, gaining confidence for the second set. Unfortunately, ICA managed to take back the second set, making us

play a third set for the win. The crowd was cheering, our team was nervous, missing serves, spikes. Coach called a time out, allowing our team to calm down, while coach gave us a pep talk to remember why we were here and what we had gone to practice for. The referee blew the whistle, we jogged back on court and played our game. We took control of the set, and despite the setback in the second set, managed to win third place.

It has been an honour to be captain for this team and watch as we've all improved as individuals and as a team. As well as working alongside Coach Lee. I couldn't have asked for a better coach and team to play with this year. GO TITANS!

Written by Ellen Cervell

Y9 Girls Volleyball TISSA Tournament - Coached by Wanda Frost/Rob Neroutsos

The Year 9 Girls volleyball squad was impressively big enough to field 3 of the 12 teams present at the TISSA Volleyball tournament on October 29th at Taipei American School. TES team 1 was led by the powerhouse serves of Tiffany Lin and Emily Chang with Helena Nuttall playing without a rest as a tall force doubling as setter and middle blocker. The team played tough enough in three games to make it to the final pool where they played a grueling two more games ending

up 6th place overall.

Led by the leadership and consistent play of players like Zosia Gaca, TES 2 also made a great comeback making it to the final pool where they battled to take 8th overall. TES 3, coached by student coaches Natalie Tioh and Bernard Yang, showed amazing improvement with strong serves from Klara Musilova and the positive attitude of Jenny Lin, ending with a 9th place finish. All the girls from the three TES teams showed true courage and

perseverance in the five games that they each played throughout the day. Most important, they made our school and their coaches Mrs Frost and Mr Neroutsos proud by being voted as one of the top teams in sportsmanship at the tournament. They were fine models of courtesy and respect towards the officials, coaches, and their opponents.

Written by Coach Frost

October 22nd was the day of the Year 9 Volleyball TISSA tournament. Year 9 girls and boys gathered around the main entrance of TAS at approximately 8:30, all eager to change and get set. Each of us approached the day with enthusiastic vibes and eager faces. As the games started early everyone quickly got changed and started warming up. The girls splitted into 3 teams, each with around 8 people, our coaches for the day were Mrs Frost (Coaching the A team), Mr Neroutsos (Coaching the B team), and last but not least 2 HI students were kindly enough to take the day off and coach our C team. I was in the A team, we played around 4-5 games that day, although not all were victories we were able to pick up from our mistakes and finish each gaming knowing we tried our best. Throughout the games we realized our main problem was not communicating through the games and we were not trying the new skills that we learnt. We weren't experimenting with our strategies and were not confident when taking risks which was our main downfall. Later, we had a 1 hour break which we used to practice spiking which was crucial to experiment with in order to win our next game. We had a chance to re-strategise and to practice further, again, reassuring ourselves. Coincidentally, all 3 teams had a time where we played against



each other, that was when we could truly see the teams playing to their full potential, no longer giving the other team opportunities to win and competed nothing like we did back at school, everyone was playing to their best, no one was willing to lose.

Although the day didn't go as planned, Team B, C weren't given the opportunity to place. Team A however had a chance to place 2nd, although we lost we could really see ourselves playing as a team, communicating nicely and giving constructive feedbacks. We were also lucky enough to have the chance to watch the boys compete and see them win

overall receiving the gold medal. Overall, thanks to all the HI students that participated in coaching us through the season and supporting us till the very end. A special thanks to Natalie Tioh, Bernard Yang (also being the photographer for the day, resulting with amazing shots), Jemmi Chan (although couldn't be there for the tournament, she coached us through all the practices). Lastly a special thanks to Mrs Frost and Mr Neroutsos for all the amazing support and coaching. We truly had a great day!

Written by: Tiffany Lin (Year 9)

Y9 Boys TISSA Volleyball Tournament - Coached by David Bracken/Hamish McMillan

On a bright sunny Saturday morning the Year 9 Boys Volleyball team headed down the the TAS campus in Taipei. They had an early start and everyone was feeling cold as we were warming up. Their first match was very early on in the day and contributed to the fact they lost their first 10 or so points. However with determination in their spirits they pulled back the set to win it by 5 points. This match then set the tone for the rest of the day with all the boys playing high quality volleyball and giving their hearts out every match. Although there were a few kinks along the way such as losing a set to a very resilient MAB team, the boys always showed their character and came back to win every match following their captain Evan Liu. The team played with a very encouraging and optimistic air, which contributed to their success at the tournament with them getting 1st Place. Their very exciting day was capped off with a great reward of winning the trophy and contributing to the already extensive TES trophy cabinet.

Written by Shubh LASHKERY

Y8 Boys TISSA Volleyball tournament- Coached by Alice Juan



3, 2, 1 as the whistle blew. On October 29th, a very sunny Saturday, the Year 8 Boys Volleyball team went down to Taichung to represent TES in the TISSA tournament. Our first game was at 11:00am against MAB the game started with a very heartwarming chant, their skills were unknown so our best strategy was to step aside and anticipate. Everyone on the team was energetic and eager to participate in the first game. It was a very hard and tiring game, all of our members weren't focused, and we were underestimating the team.

Our second game was against KAS,

they were known as a great team. The game started off with a 25 - 23 to us.. After the first game, our coach gave us a meaningful speech and encouraged us to not give up. Our defense and offense was spectacular, we were all but sadly, we didn't win the second game. Our third and final game was a very close and exciting game, the score was close, and fortunately, we won.

Our upcoming game was against AST, few minutes before the game started, the quote "no pain, no gain" was haunting our minds, we gave everything we could and started off with a 25- 16 victory. The second

game ended with a victory of 25 - 13.

We would like to say a big thank you to our coach Ms Juan for supporting us throughout the day, keeping our hopes up and telling us strategies. We would also like to thank our players Ian Frost, Ben Grigsby, Elliot Potter, Jeremy Lu, Prince Dennis, Chris Lin, Eric Shan, Takeru Donohue and John Wang, and Brian Suyudabr they have all displayed tremendous sportsmanship.

Written By: John Wang

Year 8 Girls TISSA Volleyball Tournament-Coached by Anna Robertson



On Saturday, 29th of October, a bus of drowsy year 8 students set off at around 6:15 AM to MAC in Taichung where the TISSA volleyball tournament was being held. We received our yellow and blue uniforms with shaky hands as we anticipated the exhilarating day that awaited us. Two and a half hours ticked by until the coach bus finally pulled in next to a towering green building; our time has come!

We quickly changed into our uniform and, after being notified that we were in Pool A, headed outside to warm up for our first game of the five. After some rallies and serving practice as well as taking in some constructive criticism and strategies from our coach and team members, we shook the numbing pain off our arms as we mounted the stairs up to

the court to play our first match. Taken aback by how rusty our team was playing, the substitutes for that round encouraged and cheered the players until their throats turned hoarse. Everyone shrugged off the close victory lightly as we energized ourselves with the array of food stalls behind the school. Throughout the day, we showed good team spirit and sportsmanship by digging the ball to each other and applauding each serve people made, even if it didn't pass the net. Every match we started off with a confident and faithful, "1, 2, 3, Titans!" to bolster our energy and spirits to the maximum.

Game after game the sky darkened and we found ourselves playing against MAK, also known as 'The Sharks'. Everyone bent their legs and mustered as much energy as we

could for our final match. Determination and perseverance filled the air as we skid on our kneepads for saves, glued our eyes on the ball, and encouraged our teammates until we reached the number 25. Realization sank in us- we won that game! With fits of laughter and gratitude to our team members, we concluded the volleyball semester as 4th place, returning home with more motivation to push ourselves in preparation for next year's tournament.

We would like to give a special thank you to Ms. Robertson, Mr. Chow and Ms. Juan for all the hard work and hours of training, spending the time and effort in organizing this event, and for making it such a memorable day!

Written by: Alisha Huang

Y7 Boys TISSA Volleyball Tournament - Coached by Mark Ryan/Raymond Imbleau



I had a blast down in Kaohsiung, though we didn't win... uniting as a team and working together to persevere was what it was all about. Our hard working coach, Mr. Ryan, endeavored to improve our volleyball skills in such a short amount of time before the trip is spectacular... I personally have improved not only as a player individually ... but a team member, I bet the rest of the team would agree.

Written by - Noah Woodall

Y7 Girls TISSA Volleyball Tournament - Coached by Hannah Brooks



It was an exciting morning, everyone had to wake up at 4 am. Before the sun came up, half of the volleyball team have arrived at the train station. Everyone came with a tired face but still they were all very enthusiastic; we had to practice nearly 10 weeks before this day came. At the last second before we had to go on the train, we realised Minjee haven't arrived. We were all worried if she was going to arrive on time! Thankfully, before we had to go, she came. It was a huge relief when we all saw her walking into the train station. Thanks to Ms. Huang, we had a very nice trip; on the train some people were sleeping but most were chatting. Finally, after a 1 hour and 30 minutes

ride, we arrived at Kaohsiung. All the other schools arrived as well and we started to play many games. We competed against many different schools and they were all very powerful; it was very hard to beat them. Although they were strong, we have also trained for this competition so we are just as good as they were! Throughout the tournament, TES girls A won all the games. Also the B team tried their best and their score was so close to the other teams. The A team came across a very strong team called Bethany, they also won many games! Sadly, the girls A team lost the game, but still they got a silver and they had fun playing Bethany! The girls B team lost eventually, but

they all had lots of fun too. At last, Year 7 came back with a silver medal, it was one of the most exciting and amazing days ever. Before we went on the high speed rail, we went to get some delicious food for dinner. Everyone was full then we quickly went onto the high speed rail. Again we all chatted and had fun on the the high speed rail. Hope next year we can have another wonderful day, and we hope more people can join next year! Thanks to Ms. Brooks, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Woodall for taking us on the trip also thanks to Mr. Imbleau for helping train us for this exciting competition!

Written by Felicia CHANG Y7

U15 FOBISIA Manila Games Report

On the 9th of November, our u15 fobisia team headed to Manila to participate in the under 15 FOBISIA games hosted by British School Manila. Everyone was feeling ambivalent as it was the last FOBISIA games for many of us. We have been looking forward to this day since our team was announced in September, and the wait was finally over. As soon as we gathered with excitement in the PE office, with everyone dressed the same, our team finally looked as one. We did not have the best start to the trip as we were stuck in traffic for two hours after our plane landed, before getting to the hotel after a very long day and everyone was exhausted. We gathered at night for a team talk and were all ready to go to bed to insure we perform the best we could the next day in athletics and swimming.



We woke up at 6 o'clock the next day to get ready for the athletics in the morning, the weather was nice and all of us were ready in our athletic kits to perform in our best conditions that we have spent our own time practicing with our coaches. Towards noon, the sun was burning and many of us started feeling dizzy and ill, despite the hotness, many of us managed to medal in our athletics events, especially in our field events. After lunch, we were brought to the swimming pool in BSM and the swim-



mers quickly got changed and warmed up to get ready for the races. Swimmers were tired from the athletics but still persevered throughout all events with a few swimmers medalling in their races. The day concluded with team talks as it was basketball for girls the next day and football for the boys.

The girls started the day off with many injuries, still, they persevered throughout every game and although there were losses they had to take, none of them had their heads down. We played our games one by one, whether we have lost the previous one or not, the next game was a new one, and a game where we try our best in. Many players got injured towards the midday which caused us to



not have performed the best we possibly could, but the most important part was that we had fun on the court, we worked as one team, we supported each other, we were a



team, and there's nothing more to ask for because these girls have tried their best and put their hearts into this fantastic game.

After a long day of athletics and swimming, football was up next for the boys. The night before, the coach had called us all in to discuss what



we were going to face the next day. We knew it was going to be a tough competition. No matter what happened, we would keep our heads up and try our absolute best. After the long matches of football, everyone walked off the pitch exhausted; some were even injured from the intense games that went on. Although the results were not what we were expecting or hoping for, we knew that we all performed our best and helped each other on the pitch, as well as through the 10-minute pre-game warmups. At the end of the day, we all knew that we worked excellently as a team and persevered as one. We all walked away, proud of each other's accomplishments, and thankful that we were part of such an amazing team.

Written by Bruno Cadamuro, captain of the boys football team.





It was football for girls on the next day, and after the team talk the night before, the girls were very pumped for football, and we knew that although we may not have been the strongest team out there, but we could be, and we will put our heads into the games and try our very best. The negativity that appeared on the field disappeared after the first game, and the girls learned how to really work together as one team. But as the day was very hot and the girls gave split seconds away from focusing on the game, we let a few goals in, but we knew that that didn't mean we should put our heads down, it just meant that we needed to try harder and harder. As the game-ending whistle blew in our last game, we knew that this was an end to many of our fobisia adventures, and as the captain, I was extremely proud of everyone who played and



supported, we may not have won anything, but we will always be winners in my heart. On the fourth day of the fobisia trip, the TES boys squad was on for basketball, which was their most confident event. Everyone was filled with energy heading for the first game of the day. Although it was a slow start and everyone was still trying to get used to the court, we still won with the score of 20-14. After a tough first game, the second game was



against Kellet International School Hong Kong where we won by a lot with a lot of encouragement from our teammates. Our remaining games took place at the outdoor covered court, we headed there with passion and our heads held high. The third game was easy and a comfortable win for our team. After that, we had a back to back game against two of the strongest teams in the tournament. We played brilliantly in the first game as our team worked together amazingly on the defending side and scored a massive amount of three pointers compared to any other school. TES looked like Golden State Warriors for that game. After that, we had our tough-

est game by far against the home team British School Manila. Despite the players being tired after 4 games, everyone still persevered and tried their hardest. The last few minutes of the game were intense and very close, but we pulled away with the win by 5 points in the end. Our last game was against Jerudong International School, though players were exhausted, they all still took part as they knew it would be the last game of their FOBISIA journey.

In this game, we played as one team with pride and won with confidence. We ended our journey being undefeated and brought the championship back home. - written by Jeremy Wu, Captain for the boys basketball team As we were heading back home, many of us couldn't bear the thought of an end to our fobisia journeys along the years. We were all tired and exhausted from the past five days, but we cherished the last couple of hours we could spend before going back to school. In these five amazing days, I've seen many athletes cheer each other on, support each other, help each other out, and it is for sure surprising to see how close a team could grow in just a couple of months. This trip was a blast and i could not have asked for better people to have spent the five days with, it was a pleasure being the captain of this amazing group of athletes.

Written by Jemmi Chan (FOBISIA Captain)





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