



TENBY SCHOOLS SETIA ECO GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 5th May 2015

Edexcel (I)GCSEs offered from November 2016

We are very pleased to be able to announce that we are widening the range of (I) GCSEs on offer in the school, following the recent confirmation of our status as an examining centre for Edexcel exams. We are already approved as an examination centre for Cambridge International Exams (CIE) and this new approval widens the choice of (I)GCSEs we will be offering and gives us access to a range of more flexible examination options. Our current cohort of year 10 students will be the first year group to benefit from this change, as they are now following the Edexcel specification in Art & Design, Physical Education (PE) and Music, leading to final examination in November 2016. We will be exploring other options for our current cohort of year 9 students when they start going through their electives process towards the end of this year and we hope that the new options will give a wider range of choices for our students. We remain committed to Cambridge for our core Maths, Science and English courses but are encouraged by the greater flexibility offered by Edexcel in some of the creative areas of the curricula we offer.

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Open Day at TSSEG 2015



Our first Open Day for TSSEG this year was held on Saturday, 25th April 2015. We had over 70 prospective families turning up for the day due to our marketing department actively sending out emails and text messages to those who showed interest in our school at the Sutera Mall Road Show as well as adverts posted in newspapers and banners. We had displays, music performances and mini lessons prepared by various subject teach-

ers. We also had a BBQ/Ice Cream area set up with student volunteers selling hot dogs, ice cream and soft drinks. Our Parents Association was also active in supporting the event and talking with families on the day.

There was a positive buzz in the auditorium with the constant trickle of people into the auditorium; the music performance and the mini lessons going on at all times. Student volunteers provided the prospective parents with a tour round the school and also gave them the opportunity to watch some Physical Education in action at the Sports Hall. Overall, we got a feel that these parents were impressed and we hope that it would help to increase the roll in our school further.

Horizons Week

Many thanks to all of you who have submitted your documentation and payments for Horizons Week on time. Please remember that final payments are now due for this secondary activities week for those students who are taking part. We have now confirmed the trips to Singapore, Gopeng and Bali will be running. Students who have registered on other trips should now have been contacted to ask if you would like to switch or have your deposits refunded.

This week at TSSEG:

WESAK DAY HOLIDAY	MONDAY
YR 7-9 BADMINTON VS MARLBOROUGH	TUESDAY
Yr 3-4 BADMINTON VS MARLBOROUGH	WEDNESDAY
8.00-9.00AM: PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE MORNING	THURSDAY
CCA PAYMENTS DUE	FRIDAY

UK Farm Trip



1st April was a very exciting day for year 1 students because they all headed off for their field trip to UK Agro Farm Kluang as part of our IPC Exit Point for the theme 'What's It Made Of?'. At the farm they gained a lot of knowledge on how they care for animals. They also learned how milk and mushrooms are processed. The children also had a fantastic opportunity to feed the goats. Beside that they got to experience the environment of a *Jakun* Village and to climb up into a tree house. We also had the chance to meet one of the world's best chefs, Martin Yan, and we were all invited to join his documentary. The children were very excited as they were served with a tasty lunch. By the end of the day, everyone was wiped out but they'd all had a great day out at the farm.



Community Learning by Year 8!

Year 8I would like to raise funds for Berkat home (Kampung Baru). The home has less than 20 children, so we want to help them.

The main goal for us is to help the orphans and to make them feel happy like us. To raise some of the funds we would be collecting old newspaper and we will also be having a book drive. We will sell the newspapers that are collected to the recycle center and we will be selling the donated story books to collect money. The books that are not sold will be donated to the home's library.

These collections will take place every Tuesday and Friday. The person in charge for this activity is Bryan Chua and Shi Jun .Please pass any newspapers or story books to these students or drop them off at the Bahasa Malaysia room. Remember the story books that are donated should be in a good condition. We hope that all of the parents, teachers and students would support us by donating any of your old newspaper and story books to us. Thank for your support.

Resources to support learning at home

This week we have added some new documents to your portal if you are a primary parent about how to help your children with their reading and writing at home. These have been designed to give you, the parent or guardian, a guide to what to ask your child when they are reading with you. We recommend that you read with your child/children for at least 10 minutes per night.

Also included on your portal is a guide to helping your child with their homework as well as a guide to help with their writing. Although these documents are aimed mainly at Key Stage 2 (Upper Primary) Children they can be useful for children in Key Stage 1(Lower Primary).

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Tenby Schools PTA Update

The PTA held a productive meeting between Parents and Teachers on 23rd April, the minutes of which are available here; <http://goo.gl/lf1ggh>. The next meeting, open to all, is scheduled for 14th May at 08:00 in the Drama Room.

We are also looking for volunteers, sponsors and prizes for our upcoming 'Family Fun Day' on 5th September. Last years event was very successful with several hundred attendees who thoroughly enjoyed themselves and left many positive feedback. To find out more please contact us at pta.tisseg@gmail.com or come along to our next meeting.

House Meetings

The first house meetings of the year took place on Friday, 24th April. Dragons (Yellow) met in the Library; Phoenix (Green) at the Canteen; and Unicorn (Blue) in the Sports Hall. These meetings were aimed at getting house members together so they can get to know their team as a whole. During this first meeting, House Captains and Vice Captains were elected. Each house voted for their House Captains and Vice Captains – one boy and one girl each from Year 10 and one boy and one girl each from Year 6 (total 8 per house). House Teachers were there to organise these.

The House Captains and Vice Captains stand in a very important leadership role as they have to get teams out for various house competitions, encourage team work and team spirit and make plans for training in order to be successful; all these with the support and encouragement of the House Master and House Mistress.

House members were also asked to come up with ideas for a house anthem/cheer/chant and a banner design for their house. These will be part of a competition for house points. They can then select the best house anthem/cheer/chant or even cheerleading moves in subsequent meetings and start using it for any big house competitions such as the Swimming Gala and Sports Day.

House Captains, Vice Captains, House Masters and House Mistresses:

	House Captain	House Vice Captain	House Masters and Mistresses
Dragon (Yellow)	<u>Yr 10:</u> Archa & Anna <u>Pri 6:</u> Yongle & Sandy	<u>Yr 10:</u> Allen & Lee Su <u>Pri 6:</u> Adam & Yun Han	Ms Nadia M (TIPS), Mr Naeem (TISS) Ms Poon - Assistant (SST) Mr Gray & Mr Dyer – Assistants (TISS)
Phoenix (Green)	<u>Yr 10:</u> Irfan & Sara <u>Pri 6:</u> Aiden & Krystalle	<u>Yr 10:</u> Ming Yan & Nisa <u>Pri 6:</u> Fuma & Venus	Ms Shefie (TIPS), Mr Wafi (SST) Ms Elleen – Assistant (TISS) Ms Siti & Ms Elami – Assistants (SST)
Unicorn (Blue)	<u>Yr 10:</u> Lik Ching & Emily <u>Pri 6:</u> Sylas & Myra	<u>Yr 10:</u> Jun Kai & Shi Ee <u>Pri 6:</u> Ren Jie & Yi Xuan	Ms Venasha (TIPS), Mr Forrester (TISS) Mrs Ghoma & Mr Ghoma & Mr Chi – Assistants (TISS)

Age categories for competitions: lower primary, upper primary, lower secondary, upper secondary

Points to the House: All competitive sports or other competitions will earn points to the houses according to the below table:

Competitions:	Eisteddfod/Sports Day/Swimming:
1 st – 30 points	1 st - 60 points
2 nd – 20 points	2 nd – 40 points
3 rd – 10 points	3 rd – 20 points

* Participation: 1 point.

** Winners participating in any competition will get points which will be converted to the overall house points according to the above table.