Saturday 15th June was a huge day of celebration for all of our year 11 students. The occasion was their IGCSE graduation day, which saw all of their friends, families and teachers come together to celebrate their successes during their time in school so far. First up was a new event for TIS – we held a formal graduation ceremony for all of the students at the E&O Hotel in Georgetown. All enjoyed their traditional afternoon tea while listening to speeches from Mr Phillip Brisley, Director of Schools and tributes to all of the year 11 students from their form teachers Mr Adam Dinesh, Ms Aimee Collin and Mr Tim Gandy. There were also a number of performances from the students themselves and a student eulogy from Head students Cheam Tat Sean and Sterre Ligthart. The students all received their graduation certificates from Mr Brisley, accompanied by Head of Secondary, Mr Giles Montier. After the afternoon’s events, the students and a selection of teaching staff went on to Deluxcious for the evening’s graduation dinner, hosted and organized by the year 10 students. All round it was a fitting way to honour the achievements of our year 11 students and we wish those who are leaving us all the best for the future. For those staying with us in our new Sixth Form programme, we look forward to celebrating your A-Level successes in two years time.  

Giles Montier, Head of Secondary, TIS

This is the final edition of the newsletter for the International School Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back for the start of the New Term on Monday 19th August (National School) or Monday 2nd September (International School). We will be producing a newsletter each half-term with our weekly bulletin keeping you abreast of calendar items. We look forward to seeing you all at the start of next term.

Arrivals and Departures from School

You may have noticed that the slip road flow has now been changed. Please be considerate to all members of our community when picking up and dropping off students while we adjust to the new system. While disruption times appear to be similar to before, the new flow has significantly reduced the number of illegal and dangerous manoeuvres being completed by cars on the roads around school, which is encouraging. We are trying to funnel all cars who wish to turn out of the school slip-road to the left onto the main road. If you wish to turn right, we suggest you pick-up on the road outside the front of school (on Lintang Lembah Permai), which is now easily accessible to students from the new entrance/exit gate. Inside school, with the assistance of some members of TISPA, the flow and regulation of primary drop-off has been much improved though there are still some impatient drivers who try to double park for their children to leave their cars, which is potentially dangerous. Whether inside the campus or on the municipal roads around us I would urge everyone to keep their patience and follow standard driving codes to ensure the safety for the students and of the drivers themselves.  

Phillip Brisley, Director of Schools

Named and shamed:… the owner of car PKC 288 for reckless and dangerous driving last week
Former student, Elgin Lee, publishes *Mahjong Murder*

Former TISS student, Elgin Lee, has published his first novel, *Mahjong Murder*. The story (published by Trafford) follows Andrew Sommers (an eagle-eyed private detective) as he attempts to unravel the identity of the person who poisons the elderly Geraldine Stevenson.

As the case progresses, motives are exposed and the members of the proud Farell family begin accusing one another. The suspects involved get more restless and before any solid conclusions can be drawn, another attempt at murder occurs ….

For information on how to purchase your copy of *Mahjong Murder*, please visit https://www.facebook.com/pages/Elgin-Lee/469579173117006?fref=ts

*Mahjong Murder* is available through the Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Trafford Singapore websites.

**Parent Portal**

As you are all aware we have now launched the School’s Parent Portal. We decided to do so now to allow us to rectify any glitches or errors in entries before the start of the next term. If you are having issues regarding the portal please inform the school at your earliest convenience. Please also check that the information is accurate and let us know of any changes that need to be made.

You should be able to access a range of documents from your portal— for example— our school information sheets that make up the Handbook in TISS and the new booklists for TISS have recently been uploaded there. You can also check on your child’s attendance on a day-to-day basis, send messages to teachers and monitor school events through the calendar.

**Student Cards**

We are now in a position to produce Student ID Cards for all secondary students in Tenby Schools Penang: these will be issued for the start of the next term. This process has been delayed by several issues which relate to the library management service we have installed and our data management system and retrieval of photographs. All cards will have a unique barcode printed on them. We are in the process of having these cards printed and students will be issued with them on receipt of RM5.00.

As the cards are for the duration of a student’s time in Tenby they will need to take care of them as a fee will be levied for any replacement cards. The cards will be an additional step in safety issues and student recognition and will also be used for the Library. Students will also be given a lanyard for the cards, which they will be expected to wear around school. We will also be issuing cards to Years 5 and 6/ Standards 5 and 6 so they become accustomed to their use. Younger classes will have their cards kept in the library (no charge for these).

**Next Year: Enrolment for Tenby International School**

Though we have only just ended June and September seems a long way off we need to remind parents about the enrolment for the next academic year for the Primary and Secondary classes, as well as our newly launched 6 Form gearing up to start their A Level Studies.

It is presumed, unless we have received in writing notice of leaving, that your son/daughter will be remaining at Tenby for the coming academic year, 2013-2014. We are drawing up class lists for the new school year and there are now waiting lists for places in many of these. In order to ensure these are allocated in a fair and appropriate manner it is important that all of our lists are current. Therefore, if you have not yet notified us of your child’s possible departure from Tenby, please inform the Admissions Office at your earliest convenience so that we can maintain an accurate record of vacancies.

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For an author's discount, you can buy your paperback copy (RM35) directly from Elgin. To do so make your order through William Lee in 10T (Elgin's brother).
Year 6 Residential Visit to Laketown Resort Bukit Merah

On Thursday 27th June, the pupils of Year 6 were given the opportunity to participate in another first for TIPS – an overnight visit to Bukit Merah with their classmates and teachers. These visits are valuable for many reasons of curriculum, broader understanding of world issues as well as social development and greater self-awareness. An interesting and fun time was enjoyed by all participants including the staff though it appears the ‘limbo’ was challenging for most!

Such trips can only be achieved with the willingness of the staff to undertake 24 hour supervision so the School is grateful to Mrs Delucchi, Ms Astya, Ms Rose and Mr Kumar for their time and energy.

Mr Phillip Brisley, Director of Schools

Year 7 History visit the Floating Mosque

Year 7 History students visited the Floating Mosque in Tanjung Bungah on June 11th. As part of the Islamic Civilisations scheme of work, they took a learning tour of the Mosque. They were shown around by the Imam who explained the functions and practices of the Mosque. Students had a question and answer session where they could develop their understanding from the topics studied in class. It was a lovely day by the sea and students enjoyed walking freely around the beautiful building taking pictures and asking questions.

Mr Daniel Read, Head of Humanities

Tenby rock concert

Tenby will be hosting its first EVER Rock Concert on Wednesday 17th July at 7.15pm in the Atrium. Limited tickets are available at the secondary office, or from Mr Nick, at only RM10. So get out your bandanas, make sure your shirts are not tucked in, and get ready to rock to the talents of past and existing Tenby students!

Mr Nick McGauley, Head of Music

Instrumental Lessons at Tenby

A reminder to all parents and students that instrumental lessons are still available at Tenby International School. Lessons are currently available to all students from Year 5 to Year 11 for drum kit, electric guitar, bass guitar, and keyboard/piano. And we now welcome our new, and very talented drum kit teacher, Mr Siva. With shared lessons charged at RM15, and individual lessons at RM25, this is a very low cost and convenient way for your son/daughter to start learning a musical instrument, from a professional musician, during school time. For students to receive instrumental lessons, they must first pick up an application form from Mr Nick, take it home for completion, and return it to Mr Nick as soon as possible. If you have any queries about lessons, email Mr. Nick: nicholas.mcgueley@tenby.edu.my
Welcome to our Sixth Form Team

Now that we have confirmed the subjects we will be offering for the Sixth Form programme in 2013-14, we thought it would be an appropriate time to introduce to our community the team that will be delivering the programme. If you have any questions about the subject choices available next year, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Art

Carolyn Reeves is currently Key Stage 3 Coordinator at Tenby School where she teaches Art and English. She gained a BEd (Hons) in Visual Arts and English from the University of Wales. She spent the first 18 years of her teaching career in the UK, where she reached the position of Assistant Head Teacher. In 2009, Carolyn moved with her family to Penang, Malaysia. The move gave her the opportunity to continue her teaching career at an international level and she has worked at several schools in Penang. Early on in her artistic career she concentrated on sculpture although in recent years she has focussed primarily on painting. She is an active member of the Penang Creative Art Club and she has exhibited and sold her work at Strait’s Quay and 29 The Gallery, China Street.

Biology

Giles Montier is currently Head of Secondary at Tenby International School and will be teaching A-Level Biology. He graduated from King’s College London with a BSc in Molecular Biology and Immunology. After a short period working in Scientific Publishing, he completed his Post-Graduate teaching certificate, specialising in Biology, at the Institute of Education, London. Since qualifying in 1998, he initially worked in the UK before moving overseas in 2002. He has worked on four continents, teaching Biology, Science and Maths from lower secondary up to A-Level and IB Diploma. Alongside these teaching commitments he has also held positions as IB Coordinator, Deputy Principal, and Head of Science. He has also spent much of his career developing outdoor education through the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award programme, pursuing his passion for nature and the outdoors.

Business Studies

Grace Mooi graduated from California State Polytechnic University Pomona, USA with a BSc degree in Business Administration. She had several years of working experience in retail management before switching to the teaching profession. She has been with Tenby International Secondary School since 2008, teaching Business Studies, Economics and Mandarin Chinese as a Foreign Language. In addition to her teaching commitments she is also the Examinations Officer for IGCSE and Checkpoint examinations.

Chemistry

Duncan Russell will be joining TIS as Head of Science in August 2013 and will be teaching A-Level Chemistry. He studied for his Biochemistry Degree some time ago and has worked as a Medical Scientist before qualifying as a Teacher at Cardiff University. He has taught Chemistry and General Science in Britain for 20 odd years and has been Head of Year and then Head of Science in two large Comprehensive Schools in Britain. He has also taught in New Zealand, Saudi Arabia and will be joining the school from Kuwait. In the past he has taught Sailing, Kayaking and Windsurfing in the US and enjoys sport and outdoor activities.
English Literature

Simon Cullen is currently Curriculum Director at Tenby International School. He graduated from the University of Nottingham with a BA in English Literature, followed by a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education in English and Drama. He has been teaching since 1995, firstly in the state sector in England, and since then in Russia, Central America and Malaysia. He has worked as a teacher of English, Head of Language Arts and Head of English and Drama in previous jobs. He has taught both subjects from Year 7 through IGCSE and up to A-Level, AP and IB Diploma. He has also taught Media Studies and IB Film.

French

Sophie Mazaz is currently Head of the Language Faculty at Tenby International School and will be teaching AS French Language. French Moroccan, she was born in Morocco and graduated from the Lycée Lyautey (French high-school) in Casablanca in 2000. She then continued her studies in the University of Paris-La Sorbonne from which she completed her Bachelor Degree (2003) and Masters (2005). In 2004, she moved to the UK as a French Language Assistant, stayed on and completed at St Martin’s College in Lancaster her Post-Graduate Certificate in Education, specializing in French and Spanish as Foreign Languages. Since qualifying, she has taught in the UK, Turkey, China and now Malaysia, teaching from lower secondary up to A-Level and IB Diploma (both French as a Second Language and French Literature). She has been Language coordinator, Head of Department and Head of Faculty. Alongside, she is a passionate volleyball player (which she coaches in schools), enjoys the sports and the outdoors, and is a keen traveller.

Global Perspectives and Psychology

Paula Russell will be joining TIS as Sixth Form Pastoral Coordinator in August 2013 and will be teaching A-Level Global Perspectives and Psychology. As part of her role she will also be responsible for university guidance and careers support. She still finds Psychology a fascinating subject having graduated from the University of Plymouth in 1998. In 2008 she worked in Saudi Arabia teaching A-Level Psychology. Currently she is teaching in Kuwait and is looking forward to joining the Tenby Team. She has also held the position of Head of Psychology, Personal Social and Health Education Coordinator and Counsellor. Paula enjoys playing tennis, scuba diving and sailing. She has enjoyed coaching netball, trampolining and basketball during her educational career.

History

Daniel Read is currently Head of Humanities and KS4 Pastoral co-ordinator at Tenby International School, where he has taught History for the last 3 years. After graduating from the University of Durham in 2001 with a degree in Philosophy, Politics and History, he went on to teach in various schools around the world including spells in Korea and Ecuador. Daniel undertook his Post Graduate Studies in Education at the University of Manchester, graduating in 2008. Alongside his passion for History, he has been heavily involved in football both with boys and girls at Tenby.

Mathematics

Sarah Wright will be joining TIS in August 2013 as Head of Mathematics. She graduated from the University of Birmingham, UK, with a BSc in Biological Sciences. She then completed a 2-year post-graduate certificate of education in mathematics, also at the University of Birmingham. Since qualifying, she has taught mathematics up to A-Level in two different schools in the UK and held responsibility posts as co-ordinator for GCSE and university student teacher mentor. She is also an experienced gymnastics coach, who has worked with regional and national competitors including finalists at the British Schools competition, and is hoping to develop this as a co-curricular option at TIS.
Inter-house competition.

This competition which spread over 3 weeks completed on the 7th May 2013. The students competed in various sports and novelty events. The enthusiasm and commitment of all the pupils in representing their respective houses were exemplary. Each and everyone gave their best and they were very competitive. Congratulations to all the pupils who won medals but “syabas” and well done to pupils who participated but did not win any medals. Better luck next time!

Science Camp

Junior 1, 2, and 3 students participated in a Science Camp on 23rd May. The excited students gathered in the library at 8.00am. They were divided into groups with each group coming under the charge of one teacher. The objective of the camp was to create interest in the learning of science and to explore certain scientific principles related to light and air.

The students carried out numerous projects under the guidance of the teachers. One of the projects was to inflate a ball by hitting it in the air. The students were surprised that they could inflate the paper ball by hitting it. However they later learnt the reason why this happened when the teacher explained the principles behind this project.

The students also made a binoculars and kaleidoscope during the camp. Students who completed all the projects during the science camp were presented certificates.
Teacher’s Day was celebrated on 17th May. On the morning of that day the school held a formal assembly. In the assembly the students sang the national anthem, state song and school song accompanied by the raising of the Malaysia flag, State flag and the school flag respectively. Then Mr Zulkiflee read the message from the minister of education of Malaysia. This was followed by Mr Cheah making a speech; in it he said that teachers are like lit candles. Good teachers not only light up their students but they make them sparkle like stars in the sky. The teachers then took an oath and sang the song titled “Guru Malaysia.”

The students presented items for the entertainment of the teachers as well as for the whole school. They recited poems and sang songs that pay tribute to all teachers. To show their appreciation many students gave their teachers a Teacher’s Day card, chocolates, pens and other gifts.

During lunch the parents joined the celebration by having a pot-luck lunch. There was so much food that we had to donate the left-over food to an orphanage.

We would like to thank all the parents for their support and for making the event a success.

Investiture of Prefects.

On 13th May, 18 pupils received their credentials as prefects of the school. These students have been appointed as prefects after going through a thorough selection process. As such the selected pupils are no doubt the leaders of the school. They are pupils who have shown to have leadership qualities, exemplary behavior, responsible and committed towards academic success.
Field Trip to Children’s Library at Scotland Road

School Activities