



Dear Parents and Tenby Community,

It has been a busy month for us with the students away - upgrading our Campus needs, training new local hire staff, welcoming new expatriate staff, new students' orientation and new parents' orientation. Sekloah Tenby returned to session mid-August and this week we welcomed back the international section too. The School never feels right without all the students on site so it was a welcome sight on Thursday.

Campus Upgrades

- Phase two of the soundproofing for the Multi-Purpose Hall.
- CCTV installed in key locations (30 in total) across Campus and we will add on additional cameras each year.
- New Art/DT room for international primary located on the ground floor of Block B.
- The construction of Music Practice Rooms outside the Auditorium that will enhance our Music provision.
- The construction of a new School Office on the first floor of Block C. This will accommodate the TIS Secondary and Sekolah Tenby Leadership teams. We hope to have this open and in use within the next two weeks.
- Repair and re-painting of fencing.

Welcome to New Staff

We welcomed some new staff to our Tenby Community. Here is a short piece about each one.



Lam Wee Sim – Head of Primary (TIS)

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. I am very excited about transferring from our sister campus in KL to Tenby International School, Ipoh and I am looking forward to getting to know your children and you over the coming weeks so please do come over and say hello.

Having worked in international schools for the past 11 years, I am very keen to share my knowledge and experiences with the Tenby Ipoh team and together we will ensure that Tenby Ipoh continues to be an exciting and lively place for all to learn.

During my free time, I enjoy travelling, reading and exploring new places. I look forward to living in Ipoh and enjoying the great food. I'm looking forward to sharing the exciting times ahead with all of you. Thank you.



Richard Davidson – Head of Secondary (TIS)

For the past 20 years I have been working in British international schools in Pakistan and Portugal. My family and I are looking forward to being in Malaysia and being part of the school community. My knowledge of current methodology in teaching and learning and international curricular developments, will undoubtedly add value to our already excellent educational provision.



Dr. Judy Sands-Caballero – Head of English (TIS)

Dr. Judy Sands-Caballero, Head of English, earned her B.S, M.Ed. and Ed.D. from The University of Houston in Texas, U.S.A. Her TEFL certification comes from Oxford Seminars and CIE Assessor Certification from Cambridge University, England. She has taught University courses in the United States and KS3 through to A-levels across Asia. Judy considers her students' successes her greatest achievement and is proud to have had students attending top Universities around the world including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, Harvard, University of California at Berkeley, University of Toronto and the University of Sydney to name just a few.



Kirsty Meech – Head of Physical Education (TIS)

I lived in London and taught in a multi-cultured school in East London for six years. Growing up in East London has made me an avid West Ham fan and a keen sports person, playing netball competitively in a number of different leagues. I look forward to sharing my passion for PE and sports with everyone at Tenby.



Morgan Jones – Primary ICT Leader (TIS)

I am from Swansea in South Wales in the United Kingdom. I have been head of Primary ICT & Computer Science at the British School of Egypt, Cairo for the past 2 years and was at the school for 5 years in total. My wife and I have a beautiful baby daughter who is coming up to her 1st birthday in October. In my spare time I enjoy following my local premier league football team, Swansea City. I also like to cook, read, listening to music, watching movies, play sports and travel. I am looking forward to introducing the children of Tenby Ipoh to new skills as well as building on their current abilities to get them ready for their future.



Doug Foo – Head of Student Affairs

Hello, I am Doug, the new Head of Student Affairs. I will be overseeing the development of CCAs, school trips and activities that enhance learning beyond the classroom. I am very happy to be here and I look forward to developing a wide variety of CCAs to cater to a myriad of interests and abilities.



Nicola Jane Cameron – Additional Educational Needs Coordinator (Whole School)

Having worked for many years in Cumbria in the U.K. as an assistant headteacher with responsibility for inclusion and student well-being, this will be my first experience of working in an international setting and I am looking forward to being part of the Tenby community. Everyone has been so welcoming that I already feel at home!

I support Liverpool FC but I also lived for a long time in Newcastle upon Tyne so I support The Magpies too. I'll have to find a Malaysian team to adopt - any help with that will be very welcome.

I love elephants and my UK home is full of elephant ornaments and pictures that I've collected on my travels but they have to have their trunks up, that makes them look happy. I'll be on the look out for more to add to my collection.

I'm looking forward to working together with everyone.



Robert Paul Woods – Head of Design Technology & ICT (TIS)

I'm Robert from Clydebank in Scotland. My most recent post was at an academy school near Edinburgh where I was the lead teacher of Design and successfully developed the new national design curriculum, something I am very proud of!

To me the greatest way to engage a student is to ensure the presence of a well thought out, structured and meaningful lesson based on a strong and varied curriculum. Every lesson must possess the power of leaving the student wanting more. There must be a connection within the classroom, a certain element of trust and a mutual respect. I believe every classroom has the potential to reach this level.

I enjoy music particularly live music. I also take a keen interest in my own health and try to exercise as much as I can. Lastly, I enjoy watching football and support a team from the West of Scotland. I am especially excited and looking forward to gaining cultural experience in Malaysia and I hope to bring some of my culture to Tenby through my teaching approached whilst at all times striving for, "A united world at peace - through education."



Valeriia Mashchenko – Head of English as an Additional Language (EAL), Whole School

I come from the Ukraine, the country which will host the Eurovision Song Contest in 2017 :) In 2011-2012 I worked as an English teacher in India, so that was when I first experienced Asian culture and traditions.

For last 4 years I've been working for the British International School in the Ukraine, and during that time I've become a licensed trainer of the 'Teaching ESL students in the mainstream classrooms' programme. For the last year I have trained more than 40 teachers and happily provided help to many ESL students within the mainstream classrooms.

I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge and experience with Tenby community.

IGCSE Examination Results

Well done to the last cohort for completing their IGCSEs. Here are a few highlights to share.

- 84% A* - C
- 60% A* - A
- 15% scored straight A* - As
- 100% A* & A for Additional Mathematics
- 100% A* - C in English Literature, Malay, Art & Design, Music, Additional Mathematics and Chinese First Language

A Level Examination Results

- AS Results – 79% pass rate
- A2 Results – 92% pass rate

Special congratulations to Brendan Lum Yim Harnng who achieved 4 straight As in his 4 AS level examinations scoring 100% in Mathematics, 95% in Physics, 96% in Chemistry and 90% in Thinking Skills.

New Staff Training

The sixth Tenby School in Setia Eco Hill, Semenyih opens next week. The staff have been busy preparing for the start of term and as part of that preparation, I led a week's training in August covering Tenby's Vision, Mission Core Values and strategies for teaching and learning in modern classrooms. A few staff from Tenby Ipoh and Tenby, Setia Eco Park (KL) gave up their holiday time to join the workshops too. It was a pleasure working with such enthusiastic, hard working participants who demonstrated true lifelong learning attitudes.



Key Messages to Staff and Students for the Start of Term

The main foci for the year will be on helping students to 'achieve their full potential for academic excellence and achievements in sports and the arts' (the first point in our Mission statement). To do this, the academic team have reviewed assessment across the School and have begun to put into place a revised, more rigorous system for raising student achievement. With this, the reporting system will change too and we will keep you informed of these updates.

We have started sharing the key message across to students about taking charge of their own learning and to teachers, the expectation of facilitating learning that challenges every student. We shared the importance of having 'Growth Mindset' as opposed to 'Fixed Mindset' if we are to grow as individuals. These are the findings from Dr. Carol Dweck's research. "In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities." (taken from mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/). The international secondary section has sent home a multiple intelligence test for students to complete to help with identifying how students can develop their learning further.

Here is a video summarising some of the findings from Dr. Carol Dweck's research on the impact of different types of praise and the development of a growth mindset that was shared with teachers today: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI9TVbAal5s>.

Mr. Doug Foo, has filled a new position in the School as Head of Student Affairs. His task is to review and expand the learning opportunities for students beyond the classroom. This will include Co-Curricular Activities, competitions, trips, community service etc. If you have any suggestions for what we can add to what we offer, we would welcome your feedback. Mr. Foo will communicate how you can do this later this term.

One Pick-Up Point from 16:00hrs (Monday – Thursday) and 13:30hrs (Friday) – Foyer of Admin Building

In last term's Newsletter, we stated that children on Campus from 16:30hrs will be asked to gather in the Foyer for pickup. We have brought this forward to 16:00hrs (Monday – Thursdays) and 13:30hrs (Fridays) effective immediately. Therefore, please remember that if you arrive at this time, you will only be able to pickup your child from the foyer of the Admin Building. The only exception to this will be for parents whose children attend Enrichment. In such cases, parents will be given a special pass to show so that the guards will allow them to collect their child from Block A.

"A United World At Peace – Through Education" - Integration

The break and lunch times have been aligned across the primary and secondary sections of the school so that the children intermingle more. As there are many more students to cater for during these times, the students have been assigned staggered eating times. This means that for example in primary, Years 2/3 & Stds 1 – 3 will have their lunch during the first half of the lunch break whilst Years 4 – 6 & Stds 4 – 6 play. They will then swap over so that the younger students play when the older students eat.

Meet & Greet for Nursery to Year 7 Parents at Meru Campus

This will for be held on Thursday 8th September at 18:00hrs in the Auditorium. It will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about school expectations and the curriculum for the age group.

Meet & Greet for Parents at Tenby Early Years Centre Ipoh (TEYCI)

This will be held on Tuesday 13th September at 18:00hrs in the School Hall. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about school expectations and the curriculum for the age group.

Coffee Mornings at TEYCI & Meru Campus

These will take place on the mornings of Tuesday 13th September (Meru Campus) and Tuesday 20th September (TEYCI). Details of the topics will be sent out next week.

Mid-Autumn Festival

The School will be celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival on the evening of Thursday 15th September. This event is co-organised by the School and the Parents Association (PA). There will be special performances in the Auditorium as well as a Dragon Dance performance from Yuk Choi High School. Please bring along your Chinese lanterns as there will be a special parade around the school. The details of the festival are:

Date : Thursday 15th September

Time : 19:30hrs – 21:30hrs

Light refreshments and mooncake will be served at the Canteen for everyone after the parade. Parents are invited to bring mooncake (halal) to share with the Community, you can drop them off at the designated PA collection desk at the Foyer when you arrive for the Festival.

More information in the next newsletter. For further enquiries you may contact the PA Committee or Mr. Lee Soo Mee.

Commencement of Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

CCAs will commence on Tuesday 13th September.

Please take note of the updated CCA Times:

Primary

Monday	Red Crescent	14:45hrs – 15:45hrs
	U12 Netball Dev & School Team	14:45hrs – 16:45hrs
Tuesday	Herb Garden	14:45hrs – 15:45hrs
	Dodgeball	14:45hrs – 16:15hrs
Wednesday	Choir	14:45hrs – 15:45hrs

Secondary

Wednesday	Water Polo	17:00hrs – 18:30hrs
Friday	Taekwando	12:45hrs – 14:15hrs
	Badminton Development	12:45hrs – 14:15hrs
	Girls' Football	12:45hrs – 14:15hrs
	Water Polo	12:45hrs – 14:15hrs

Your son/daughter will be informed of their allocated CCAs next week via their class/form teachers.

SAFE STEPS Road Safety Awareness Programme

This month's focus will be on Pedestrian Safety. The planned programme will be as follows:

- **Week 1 (Week Beginning 05.09.16)**

Primary & Secondary - SAFE STEPS video on Pedestrian Safety shown to students by class/form/homeroom teachers.

- **Week 2 (Week Beginning 12.09.16)**

Primary: Launch of the poem/rap competition for each class on Pedestrian Safety.

Secondary: Pedestrian Safety at Night (to tie in with the Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration)

- **Week 3 (Week Beginning 19.09.16)**

Primary: Word Search (Lower Primary) & Crossword (Upper Primary) to complete on Pedestrian Safety.

Secondary: Video on Pedestrian Safety

- **Week 4 (Week Beginning 26.09.16)**

Primary: Winners of the class poem/rap competition to perform in assembly.

Secondary: Video Quiz led by Student Leaders

Next week SPM trials begin and the UPSR examinations will take place from Monday – Thursday. We wish our Standard 6 pupils 'good luck'.

The next edition of the School's Newsletter will be published next Friday. Have a great weekend.