

TENBY SCHOOLS IPOH

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Dear Parents & Tenby Community,

A warm welcome to new families and staff who have joined the Tenby School Community this term, and welcome back to all. It was wonderful to see the Campus abuzz with activity and laughter this week. There is much to celebrate as we kick start the term.

This term, we were very pleased to welcome 78 families to the school and the following members of staff:

- Muhammad Amirull Bin Jaafar – Malay Teacher, National Section Primary
- Sujitha A/P Surentharan – English Teacher, National Section Secondary
- Mohandas Naidu A/L Perumal – English Teacher, National Section Secondary
- Neela Begum Choudhury – Head of English, International Secondary
- Chai Siew Yin – Mathematics Teacher, International Secondary
- Nicole Loke Ke Ying – Assistant Teacher, International Primary

Congratulations! We are an Official Council of International Schools (CIS) Member School

We are very pleased to announce that we have been granted CIS Membership. CIS is a membership community committed to high quality international education. It is a global non-profit membership organisation that provides services to primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions and individuals that share these ideals:

- a desire to provide students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to pursue their lives as global citizens; and
- a commitment to high quality international education.

To achieve this goal, CIS member schools must infuse their programmes and offerings with international and intercultural perspective so that students can move forward with the attitudes and understanding that will provide them with a solid base wherever their studies or work may take them. Primary and secondary school members must further commit to undertaking an ongoing external quality assurance process to enhance student learning. To date, the CIS community includes 733 schools and 592 colleges and universities representing 112 countries.

This means that Tenby Schools Ipoh has met certain standards required in order to pursue the award of CIS International Accreditation – a school improvement process achieved through peer review and evaluation. This is a prestigious position to be in and will ensure quality assurance to assist with school improvement to meet the highest international standards.

From CIS “We congratulate everyone at the school on your commitment to the shared vision held by CIS school members around the world – a desire to provide students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to pursue their lives as global citizens and a commitment to high quality education and sustainable school improvement.”

Thank you to all our stakeholders within the Tenby Schools Ipoh community who contributed to this process and took the time to meet with Dr. William Parker, CIS School Support and Evaluation Officer last November when he visited the School. Our journey for school improvement does not stop at this juncture. There is much to continue to work on collectively as we move towards achieving international recognition through the CIS Accreditation Protocol and we continue to value the community’s contributions and support towards this.

International Mindedness – Definition to Vote For

Last term, we worked together to devise a Tenby Schools Ipoh community definition for international mindedness. This involved Academic staff, Administrative staff, parents and students. We have gathered the definitions that were generated and would like to put this out to the community (students, parents, staff and School Board) for a vote. The most popular definition will become the Tenby Schools Ipoh definition for international mindedness. Details for how to vote will be circulated to you via the ENGAGE Parent Portal next week.

International Mindedness will be our focus for the year as a school. More details to follow in next week's Newsletter.

Congratulations – IGCSE & A Level Results

IGCSE and A Level results were received in August and it is with great pride that we congratulate all of our students who sat for examinations in the May/June series on their successes. There are many results that are deserving of high praise but we wish to share a selection of our most notable.

Sixth Form

A2 Level Examinations

100% A to C in Economics and English Literature

AS Level Examinations

29% of students achieved 3 or more **A grades**

- ✓ Stephanie Cheah Hsiu En (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics)
- ✓ Margaret Lim Jo Ee (Accounting, Economics, Mathematics)
- ✓ Manpreet Kaur a/p Amarjit Singh (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics)
- ✓ Mah Zi Sheng (Law, History, Literature, Economics)
- ✓ Leong Yun Hao (Chemistry Physics, Mathematics)
- ✓ Teh Hui Jia (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics)
- ✓ Mohammad Ridzuan Yahya Mat Som (Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics)
- ✓ Chan Hon (Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics)

100% A to B in Travel and Tourism

100% A to C in Economics

86% A to C in Mathematics

84% A to C in Chemistry

83% A to C in Business Studies

80% A to C in History

77% of all grades were A to C

70% A to C in Physics

60% of students achieved a grade A in Mathematics

59% of all grades were A to B

42% of all grades were A

IGCSE Level Examinations

Year 11

100% A* to C in Additional Mathematics and 2nd Language Chinese

100% A* to B in Design and Technology, Mandarin Chinese and French

100% A* to C in Music,

98% A* to C in Malay

94% A* to C in Mathematics

94% A* to C in 1st Language English

93% A* to B in Additional Mathematics

89% A* to C in English Literature, Geography, History and ICT

87% A* to C in Biology

86% A* to C in Chemistry

86% A* to C in English as a Second Language

85% A* to C in Drama

79% A* to C in Economics

75% A* to B in 1st Language English

75% A* to C in Physics

69% grades A* to A in Mathematics

18% of students achieved 8 or more **A* to A grades**

Exceptional Individual Student Results

Chan Ze Qi	10 A* Grades
Chang Jin Ying	9 A* Grades
Rachel Chan Chien Yi	9 A* Grades
Li Ka Ying	8 A* Grades and 1 A Grade

Year 10 – Early Entry

- Mathematics
 - ✓ 44% grade A*
 - ✓ 71% grades A* to A
 - ✓ 98% A* to C
- 2nd Language Chinese
 - ✓ 85% grades A* to A
 - ✓ 100% A* to C
- 1st Language Chinese
 - ✓ 100% grade A*
- Mandarin Chinese
 - ✓ 100% grades A* to A
- Malay
 - ✓ 100% grades A* to A
- French
 - ✓ 100% grades A*

89% A* to C in all IGCSE examinations

74% A* to B grades in all IGCSE examinations

58% A* to A grades in all IGCSE examinations

29% A* grades in all IGCSE examinations

Congratulations, once again, to all of our students and teachers for an amazing examination series.

Tenby Scholarships – for January for Form 4 and Sixth Form

Scholarships are available for the January Cohort for Form 4 and Sixth Form. If you are interested in applying, please contact Ms. Lee Siew Peng (PA to Campus Principal) for more information: siewpeng.lee@tenby.edu.my.

Election of Prefects, Head Prefects, Student Council & House Captains

The unfilled positions for prefects as well as the election of the Head Prefects, Student Council and House Captains will take place soon. More details will follow from the respective sections of the School.

Electronic Communication as an Additional Tool to the Student Planner

At Tenby Schools, we acknowledge that within the community, electronic communication is inevitable in today's society. As such we recognise that this can be an efficient and effective way of communicating with stakeholders. In turn, electronic communication can be used to strengthen the partnership between stakeholders to encourage better understanding of the school for the benefit of students and their well-being.

Whilst we acknowledge that electronic communication can be an efficient, effective and useful, it does have its challenges, limitations and ramifications. As such, the introduction of an Electronic Communications Policy, together with the supporting Electronic Communication Procedures, aims to clarify expectations for staff and stakeholders in the use of electronic communication as a tool.

This rationale is reflective of Tenby's Core Values:

- Education matters, it is central to all that we do;
- Respect; and
- Effective Communication.

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening up the ENGAGE Parent Portal for direct communication between parents and class/form/homeroom teachers from next week. Please note that all communication should be directed via your child's respective class/form/homeroom teachers in the first instance as they should have an overview of your child's needs. If need be, the class/form/homeroom teachers will refer your query to the relevant member of staff. In opening up electronic communication between parents and the school, the following procedural expectations have been put in place in line with the new Electronic Communication Policy for parents to follow:

- Please use electronic communication for non-urgent matters, as teachers may not view the messages on time.
- Always keep communication courteous as staff are humans with feelings too. We will do our best to assist you with any matters that you raise. Please avoid writing impulsive and inappropriate comments in the heat of the moment.
- Remember to respect staff's personal time. Please do not send electronic communication outside of work hours and expect an immediate response. Staff are only expected to check and respond to electronic communication between 07:30hrs and 16:30hrs on working days, not weekends, public or school holidays.
- Please note that academic staff prioritise their time with their classes during working hours and may not be able to respond to electronic communication until after school ends. Do expect a response or at least an acknowledgement within one (1) working day.
- Electronic communication should not be used to discuss in detail academic progress, learning expectations or behaviour issues. These should be done in person or on the telephone.
- Please do not make friend requests to staff on social media platforms.
- Please do not share images of children who are not your own on the Internet.
- Please do not ask staff for their personal contact details. Any communication with staff should be through official channels.

Updated Parents' & Students' Handbook

A copy of the updated Parents' & Students' Handbook 2017 will be shared with you via the ENGAGE Parent Portal next week. Key points will be highlighted in yellow to assist parents with becoming familiar with the main expectations of the school. We would be grateful if parents could find the time to peruse this document when it is uploaded and use it as a reference point for school matters.

Community Code of Conduct

Each school year, the Community Code of Conduct is re-issued through students. With it being the start of the international section's school year, this will be sent home through the Student Planner next week. Both students and parents should initial the Community Code of Conduct to acknowledge that they have read and understood it.

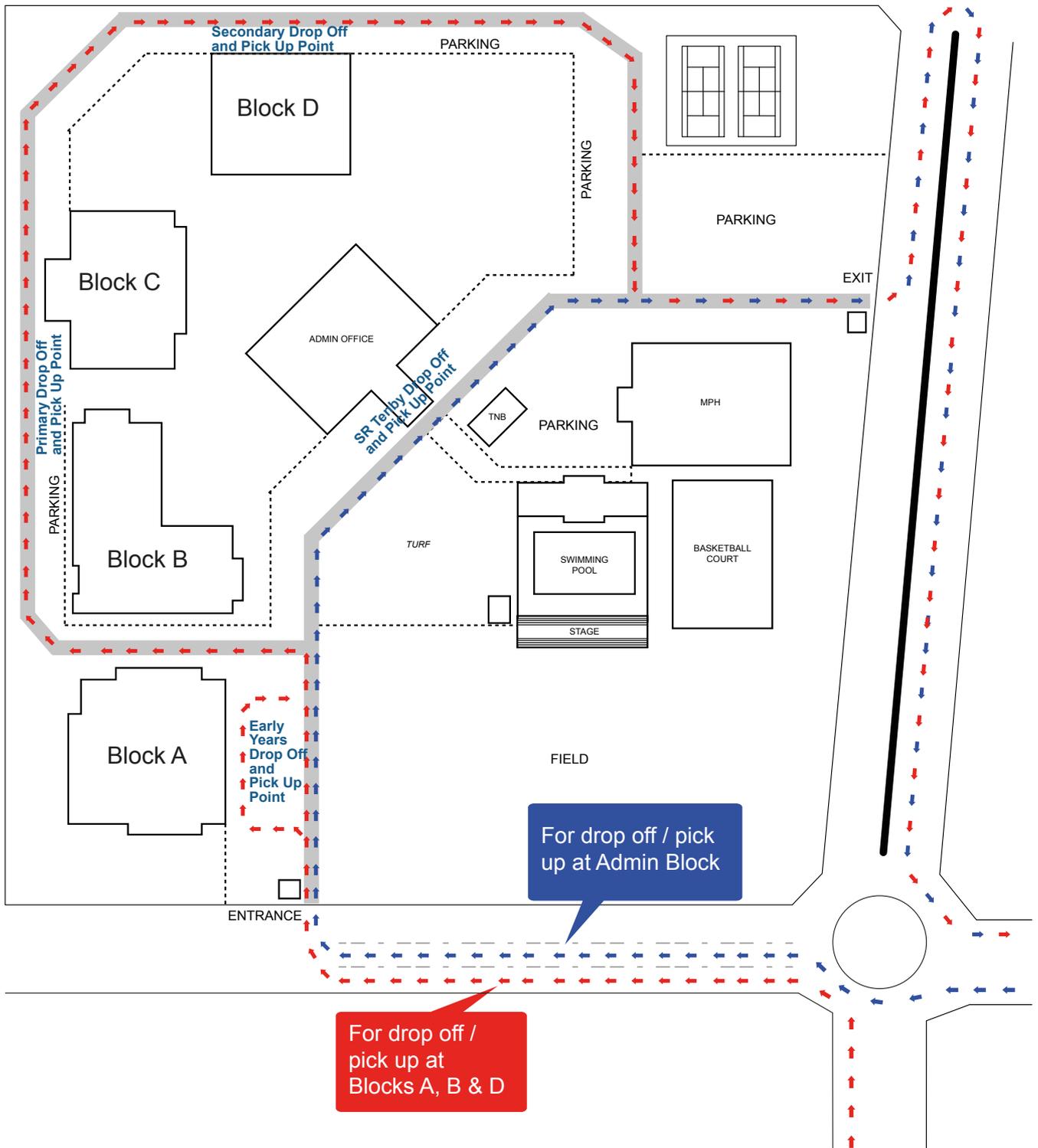
Correct Uniform Regulations

Last term, we sent several reminders to parents giving a grace period for students to have the correct uniform and follow the expected appearance. Many thanks to those who have rectified and followed the uniform/dress code. There are still some students who have not got the right footwear (office style shoes), hair colour (natural), hairstyle (no extremes of hair cut/style permitted), shirt colour, scruffy shoes, dirty ties etc. Students have been reminded again this week. Parents will be contacted for those who continue to fall short of the expectations. Please help us to raise expectations with our children.

Drop Off & Pick Up Arrangements

Kindly refer to the following diagram of the Meru Raya Campus with regard to entering and exiting the site from the roundabout. We encourage all parents to drive through for drop off and pick up. For drop off, we encourage parents to arrive as close to 07:30hrs as possible (gates open at 07:00hrs, not earlier) as staff supervision begins at 07:30hrs. At pick up time, primary students who are still on Campus at 15:00hrs and not collected, will need to be picked up from the front of the Foyer using the outer road (except when it rains). All other students should do the same from 16:00hrs.

Traffic Flow



Designated Visitors' Parking

Please note that Visitors' Parking & parking for Sixth Form is now designated to the car park opposite the Exit Guardhouse/MPH. The Car Park area directly in front of the Swimming Pool and MPH is for Staff Parking only.

New Canteen Operator

A new Canteen Operator has taken over the reigns of the Canteen. With the entire school on site this week, adjustments to the Canteen flow will be made to increase the speed of service. This will take effect on Monday 18th September and the revised adjustments to the layout will be shared with students via their tutorial/class groups.

CCA Programme September – November 2017

Please be informed that the CCAs booking has ended today at 15:00hrs. Further changes please email doug.-foo@tenby.edu.my.

- CCAs commence on Monday 11th September.
- Saturday CCAs will commence on 23rd September as the first Saturday once CCAs start is Malaysia Day (16th September)
- Replacement sessions will be scheduled later during the term.

Upgrading Work Over the Holiday Period

We are pleased to inform parents that a Wading Pool has been installed just outside Block A. This will mean that we will be able to include swimming lessons as part of the Physical Education Programme for our youngest students at Meru Raya Campus.

Other improvements to facilities included:

- Anti-slip coating to staircases
- Additional drainage for the 'square' where the picnic tables are to prevent water logging
- Extending the Swimming Pool railing to allow for visitors seating for Swimming events
- Lighting for the Auditorium
- Sound system for the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

Perak Society of Performing Arts (PSPA)

PSPA are organising a concert entitled 'I have a dream' on 16th December. They are offering early bird discounts to the Tenby Community for those who are interested as long as the tickets are obtained before 8th October. The discount available will be 15% for adults and 30% for students on the published price of the tickets. For more information, please contact the school reception.

Parents' Coffee Morning – Thursday 14th September

There will be a Coffee Morning on Thursday 14th September at 08:15hrs in the Library for new parents to meet with existing parents and those on the Parents' Association Committee. There will also be a presentation on how to use the ENGAGE Parent Portal. We look forward to see you there.

Thank you and have a nice weekend.

