



TENBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIRI



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INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION: TIS MIRI JOINS COBIS



TIS Miri joins the COBIS family of over three hundred British curriculum Schools worldwide.

TIS Miri is delighted to announce that the School has become a full member of the Council of British International Schools (COBIS).

COBIS is a membership association of British International schools of global quality. They provide quality assurance in member schools via the Independent Schools Inspectorate. ISI inspect all Independent and HMC Schools in the UK, and will do so here in Miri in the future. This will ensure the School's educational provision is held to the highest standards, and that students can be certain their education will be directly transferable to the best Schools around the world. TIS Miri one of just nine Schools in Malaysia to reach this

standard, and the only one on Borneo.

For our students, membership of this group gives us access to engaging and challenging interschool events which range from School based filmmaking and writing competitions to the COBIS games, held in a different member school each year. For teachers, the group also provides information on news and research about developing practice in the International and UK education sector, and a range of conferences and training programmes worldwide.

The School is also pursuing similar accreditation with the Council of International Schools (CIS), and has passed the first of three stages towards membership. In addition, we have now embarked on the process of authorisation to provide the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in our Sixth Form, although this will take until 2017 before IB teaching will start.



The musicians take in the town

TENBY ON TOUR!

Music students from the Secondary School are on tour this week in West Malaysia, representing TIS Miri at the Tenby Music Festival in Ipoh.

Accompanied by Sarah Hill and Benjamin Farrelly, the students spent Thursday afternoon in Kuala Lumpur, enjoying the sights and sounds of the capital in addition to the PETRONAS Towers, aquarium and museums.

Today, they head northward to Ipoh, taking in a visit to one of the region's historic tin mines before arriving at Tenby Schools Ipoh for the Music Festival. Each of the five Tenby Schools have sent students to the festival, where they will participate in a series of practical workshops and performance opportunities with students from across Malaysia. We look forward to hearing of the results, and participating in similar group-wide events in the future.

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CURRICULUM FOCUS: YEAR FOUR

This week, we focus on Year Four and the work of Miss Bethan's class who have been studying recounts as part of Literacy lessons.

The Year Four students are working towards creating and writing their own newspaper articles, based on the familiar story of Charlie Bucket winning the Golden Ticket in the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. However, in preparation for the articles, the children got into character to become TV news reporters and pretended to interview

Charlie to see how he felt. To add a sense of realism and record their progress, the children also filmed the interviews video cameras.

The use of Video also has a cross-curricular link to Y4's IPC module this half term. They have been learning about how we hear and see, and to exemplify this practically, the children had fun making and using cup telephones to feel the sound waves travel across the string in between.



The Year Four Film unit in action



Cheering for Success!

INAUGURAL HOUSE ASSEMBLIES

For the first time, our three houses met this Friday morning, including the staff and all the students from Year One to Eleven.

With Lions in the Library, Dragons in Drama and the Cobras in the Auditorium, each House met in their new bases to encourage the students to develop the house spirit even further. They practiced individual house cheers, and developed one or two new ones to be used in the next set of competitions.

We have plans to hold further sporting, performance-based and academic

events, including House Performances involving music, drama and dance, and a House Quiz to see which house has the best minds in the School. For a bit of fun, we will hold a 'Pancake Rush' race at the end of Term. However, we want the students to be a key part of the development of the programme, so some ideas for new events were proposed by the children..

House meetings of this type are now part of our rotation of assemblies, together with Primary and Secondary School assemblies and Whole School assemblies once each month.

CALENDAR FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK

	Saturday 31		TENBY MUSICAL FESTIVAL, TIS Ipoh
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WEEK 5 Feb	Monday 2	0730-0740 1500-1600 1800	Staff Briefing, <i>Library</i> Review Preparation Session, <i>Classrooms</i> Music Tour to Ipoh returns, <i>Miri Airport</i>
	Tuesday 3	1530 1730-1930	Thaipusam Holiday (School Closed) Arrival of Tenby Review Team Review Team Meeting with SLT, <i>Conference Room</i>
	Wednesday 4	1515-1615 1530-1700 1615-1715	No CCAs today Review Team meeting with Teaching Staff (without SLT), <i>Library</i> Senior Leadership Team Meeting, <i>Principal's Study</i> Review Team meeting with Administration Staff, <i>Meeting Room</i>
	Thursday 5	1330-1430	Lunch with House Captains and Student Leaders, <i>Drama Room</i>
	Friday 6	0800-0900 1200-1230 1230-1300 1300-1400	Primary Assembly, <i>Auditorium</i> Review Feedback to KS2 staff, <i>Staffroom</i> Review Feedback to EYFS, KS1 and Secondary Staff, <i>Staffroom</i> Review Feedback to SLT, <i>Meeting Room</i> Review Team Depart
	Saturday 7	0900-1200	Family Day, <i>Campus and Grounds</i>
	Sunday 8		