Dear Parents,

**Dates for Your Diary**

- **End of Term**: Friday 24.07.09. (12.00 noon finish)
- **Start of Term 3 (SST)**: Monday 24.08.09.
- **National Day Holiday**: Monday 31.08.09.
- **Start of Term 1 (TIS)**: Tuesday 01.09.09.
- **Nuzul Al-Quran Holiday**: Monday 07.09.09.
- **Hari Raya Holiday**: Monday 21.09.09.
- **Deepavali Holiday**: Monday 19.10.09. – Wednesday 21.10.09.
- **Teachers’ Training Day**: Wednesday 21.10.09.
- **Hari Raya Haji**: Friday 27.11.09.
- **End of Term (TIS & SST)**: Friday 04.12.09.

Dates for subsequent terms will be published in September.

**Checkpoint Results: May 2009**

I am delighted to publish the Checkpoint Results for Years 9E and 9T. The following table shows (a) the overall average Checkpoint score for each subject for the entire year group (47 candidates) – this is the key figure to consider – and (b) the average score for each component of each subject. The students have already received their individual results.

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Scores on the Checkpoint Scale are from 0.0 (lowest level of ability) to 6.0 (highest level of ability). An average Checkpoint student should achieve a score of between 3.0 and 4.0. Therefore, the students have both matched and exceeded their UK counterparts in all subject areas. The English results are particularly encouraging since many of our students have not come from schools where English was the universal medium of instruction...and then arrived in Tenby to find Shakespeare thrown at them! The current Year 9 can certainly face next academic year with great confidence.

**Photographic Exhibition**

Following on from my letter this week, I wanted once again to publicise our photographic exhibition – *Facets, the people of Tenby* – which features the perceptive work of Adi Illya Anwardi of Form 4 and some of my colleagues, all of whom have managed to capture the everyday atmosphere of the combined schools. The exhibition will be held in AG-05 (ground floor of TIS) from Monday July 6th until the end of term. There is an entrance fee of RM5 and all
proceeds will be donated to Savong’s School in Siem Reap Cambodia. Please support the project.

To the senior classes, I shall soon be sending you the information regarding our proposed expedition in early December to the Angkor temples and to the wonderful group of 450 children at Savong’s school itself so that we are not just talking about charity work – we are actually doing it.

**Tenby’s Got Talent: Secondary Auditions**

The Secondary auditions have so far been breathtaking, one dance troupe in particular displaying the hallmarks of true professionals. Well done to all of you – there has clearly been a huge amount of effort expended upon the individual acts.

**Senior Sports Day**

Thanks to Mr MacInnes, Puan Quah and Mr Chua for organising a hotly contested and most successful Senior Sports Day – and to the staff and parents who supported the students. It was great to see the establishment of the Houses reaching its conclusion with the logos finally displayed, and the cheers and encouragement from the students clearly reflect the sense of affinity they already have with the Houses.

Congratulations to the Dragon House – the winners of the first Senior Sports Day.
Participation in the National Mathematical Olympics (OMK)
Two teams of SST students accompanied by their Mathematics teacher, Pn. Tsai Chen Chien, participated in the National Mathematical Olympics on Saturday 20 June 2009 in University of Malaya’s Examination Centre. Students who have represented the school are Lim Zheng Shao, Lim Li Je, Elaine Tan Sue May, Samantha Lim, Lim Pei Ling, Ang Yan Shen, Yew Wen Yan and Yu Sze Ja.
These students had to answer 6 short questions in Section A and 3 long questions in Section B in 2½ hours. The results will be announced later through the mail.

Final for the Interclass General Knowledge Quiz (SST)

The final for the series of General Knowledge Quizzes was held on Wednesday 17 June 2009. The children are now more aware of the examples of General Knowledge questions and they have been looking out for more of such questions to ask their friends during breaktimes. The winners of this interclass competition are Alpravinosh Alagesan, Cheah Jit Hong and Muhammad Iman Khan from Std 5S.

Tenby’s Got Talent (From Mr Steven Williams – Head of Music)
The final for ‘Tenby’s Got Talent’ will take place in the School Auditorium on Wednesday 15th July at 6.30pm and will finish at approximately 9.00pm. Three judges will be present throughout the competition offering some valuable feedback, and prizes will be awarded to the top three acts in both the primary and secondary categories, all results announced at the end. Acts below 3rd place will not be placed.

Due to the capacity of the school auditorium priority for tickets has been given to the family of the students who are involved. If your son/daughter is not involved in the final but you would still like to watch what is going to be a fantastic display of talent, then please fill out the form below and return it to me or the school office no later than Wednesday 7th July. Tickets will then be
given out using a lottery system so if you do not receive any tickets by Monday 13th July then I am sorry to say that you have not been successful. We want the ticketing process to be fair for all events taking place in school so a register will be taken for those who receive them. Therefore, please do not opt for tickets if you are unsure whether you can attend. We would like as many seats as possible to be filled to give positive encouragement to all of the pupils taking part.

We would like to ask that you do not bring children under the age of 4 which is normal practice at an event like this. The use of video cameras and flash photography is also prohibited as this can act as a distraction to the performers. The school will be filming and taking pictures of the event which will become available to you shortly after.

I do hope you can attend ‘Tenby’s Got Talent’. The level of talent in Tenby is fantastic and we would like to share it with you.

A. D. Crombie          Lee Mei Leng
Deputy Principal          Principal
Tenby International School        Sekolah Sri Tenby

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Tenby’s Got Talent Ticket Request Form

Name: ________________________________

Name of student/students who attend Tenby: ________________________________

Class/Form: ________

Number of tickets required: □ (Maximum of 4)

Signature: ________________________________
(Please remember to only opt for tickets if you are sure you can attend)

(Please return all forms to the school office or to Mr Steven Williams – Head of Music)