Greetings to all Tenby students and a very warm welcome to our new students and staff!
2012 has been an exciting and fruitful year for all, a year filled with achievements from students and staff and we hope that everyone at Tenby Schools Ipoh will continue to strive for excellence in the new year, realizing Tenby's vision "A United World at Peace—Through Education."

A Personal Introduction

It is with feelings of great pleasure, a sense of privilege and excitement that I now take up the post of Principal of Ipoh International School this term, having made several short visits since September last year. During those visits, I was immensely impressed by the students who, along with the teaching staff and you, the parents, make up the school community.

Schools need to be places where a student's ambition, vision and passion meet with the many opportunities for them to identify, clarify and realise their dreams and goals in life. It is, therefore, the school's responsibility to litter the paths of young people with quality learning opportunities; opportunities that liberate the diverse inner giftedness that they all most definitely possess.

I have been very fortunate to have spent the last 37 years in education and training, mainly in schools in the UK and overseas, but also in the government inspection and advisory service, and as a business management trainer. During that time, I have learnt so much about the nature of teaching and learning by working with, and listening to young people, colleagues, parents and others – hence my delight at, once again, being in the unique vibrancy of a school environment.

I have worked as a teacher, middle and senior manager of schools in England and other countries such as Kuwait, Singapore, Thailand, India and Nigeria, as well as enjoying teaching Business English to a range of adult students in Italy, Denmark and Thailand – a country which I have long since regarded as 'home', partly as my wife, Sarocha, is a Thai citizen.

I have many passions of my own, and foremost in these is the joy of helping to facilitate the learning and personal growth of all stakeholders in the school context, so that young people are genuinely enabled to make the most of their life chances.

My other passions might best be described as ‘diverse’. These include such things as writing, listening to music (and playing the drums), travelling, meeting new people and charity work, as well as trying to keep fit, so that I can indulge another major passion – that of preparing, cooking and eating a variety of international cuisine. I love to cook home-style Indian food, as well as dishes from countries such as Thailand, Italy and Mexico. I also enjoy experimenting with creating what has become loosely known as 'fusion food' – a complementary blend of ingredients, recipes and cooking techniques from different countries.

In many ways, fusion food is akin to an international school community of people who herald from different cultures, countries and ethnic backgrounds, but who come together in a spirit of harmony, collaboration and peaceful co-existence to create something new and special – something for the rest of the world to emulate!

At Ipoh International School, at this time, we are all presented with the rare opportunity of moving to a new, purpose-built and superior site in September of this year, which allows us all to work together to create a new school in an excellent environment with significantly better facilities and resources, and a new intake of students. I am, therefore, really looking forward to working with all of you in making the most of this fantastic opportunity to create an outstanding school in which excellence can flourish!

Mr Bernard Gilman
Principal
Ipoh International School
First Day Blues

Heart-wrenching wails and cries could be heard in the corridors of Tenby Kindergarten on Monday as children go through their first day in school. It was an emotional moment for parents too and some were seen looking at their children from the windows but having been given the assurance and confidence that the children were in good hands, the parents soon left.

School Calendar for 2013

The school calendar for 2013 is now presented in a new format to differentiate the 2 schools, the International and the Malaysian Private School. Please note the difference in the April holidays for SR/SM Tenby and IIS.

|       | IIS 1 Apr 2013 - 14 Apr 2013 | SR/SM Tenby 1 Apr 2013 - 7 Apr 2013 |

To download the calendar, please go to http://www.tenby.edu.my/download/ipoh/calendar2012-2013/School%20Calendar%202013.pdf

After School Mandarin and Tamil Class

The after school Mandarin and Tamil Classes schedule is as follows:

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<td>Yr 1 &amp; 2, KSSR 1</td>
<td>Monday Tuesday</td>
<td>1.40 - 2.30pm</td>
<td>Tamil Mandarin</td>
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<td>Yr 3 - 11, KBSR 2 &amp; 6, KBSM 1 &amp; 5</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
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Classes will start next week, beginning Monday 14 January 2013. An assessment test will be given to the new students to determine their proficiency in the language. Once signed on, attendance is compulsory. If a student is absent for more than 3 times in a term, his/her name will be struck off the register for these enrichment classes.

Scholastic Books Programme

The Parents Association of Tenby School Ipoh has been kindly coordinating the above Scholastic Books programme for the benefit of the students in Tenby Schools Ipoh.

Please submit your completed order form to the class teacher together with your payment by Thursday 31 January 2013.

Payment with the order form is to be placed inside an envelope with the student’s name and class written on the outside of the envelope. Payment should be made only by cheque or credit card, please make payment to Grolier (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. If by credit card, please fill in the particulars in the order form for the amount to be debited by Scholastic.

Any enquiries on this matter can be directed to the Secretary of the Parents’ Association Mr Jeremy Teh at 012-5012268.

We thank you for your support in encouraging the reading habits of your children.

Robotics Workshop

The basic robotics training was successfully completed last year in November and December. For students who are interested in buying the Basic/Advanced Robotics set and enrolling in the advanced training sessions, here are the details of the workshop:

Cost of Basic Set – RM178 (Those who have not attended the basic course will be required to buy the basic set)

Cost of Advanced Set – RM200

12 x Training sessions required to operate the advanced set – RM720 (36 hours @RM20)

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Dates and times scheduled:

Payment for the advanced training set of RM720 can be paid fully or in 2 installments of RM360; first payment on or before 21 January 2013 and final payment on or before 5 June 2013. The basic and advanced set must be paid before 21 January 2013.
Progress Report on the Construction of the New School

Percentage of completion: 45%

Admin Block

Science Block and Auditorium

Multipurpose Hall

Registration for Cambridge IGCSE (Yr 11) and Checkpoint (Yr 6 & 9) Exams

Please be informed that the registration for the above exams will be starting next week (3rd week of January). A circular regarding the exam dates and fees will be issued to parents/guardians soon.

Students from SR/SM Tenby are also encouraged to take the exams.

SPM 2011 Certs

Students of SM Tenby class 2011 are requested to collect their official SPM certificates from the Main Office during office hours, Mon - Fri 8.00am - 4.00pm.

Student Card

On 10 January 2013, new student identification (ID) cards were issued to students from Yr 2 - 11 and KBSR 2 - KBSM 5. The card may be used to borrow books from the school library and also as a form of identification to get student discounts. However, there would be a RM 15 replacement fee should a student lose his/her card.