

TESLATIMES

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November' Quote

*"Good enough is not good enough if it can be better.
And better is not good enough if it can be the best."*

Dr Rick Rigsby

A BIG
THANK
YOU!

A big thank you to all our students, parents, and staff for making Tesla's first Swimming Carnival a great success. I was moved by the positive feedback from parents, saying, "Tesla is changing for the better." However, I believe we can aim even higher—we shouldn't settle for "good" when we have the potential to be "the best."



As Tesla consolidates its academic framework, we will be reviewing and revising several school policies. Updates on each policy change will be communicated through the Tesla Times. This month, the focus is on the Toy from Home Policy. In December, we will address the Academic Honesty Policy and Homework Policy.

GRADE PARENT MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Grade Parent Meetings with the Head of School will be held every term, offering a dedicated platform to address your child's educational needs and produce visible outcomes. Your involvement is essential in shaping a learning environment that caters to the unique needs of each grade. Together, we can ensure meaningful improvements and create a school experience that supports the success of every student.

Grade PARENT *Meeting*

- Grade 3 Parent Meeting: Tuesday 10th
- Grade 4 Parent Meeting: Thursday 12th
- Grade 5 Parent Meeting: Friday 6th

TOY FROM HOME POLICY

Please take note of the Toy from Home Policy. While we understand the sentimental value of bringing toys to school, they have caused emotional, social, and physical challenges, affecting the children's learning experience. Your cooperation in supporting this policy will help us maintain a focused and harmonious learning environment.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AMID STAFF CHANGES

I want to inform students and parents about recent staff changes and assure you that these transitions are part of our commitment to improving Tesla's academic standards and ensuring the best outcomes for our students. As we make enhancements to strengthen our programs, changes may occur, but please know that every decision is aimed at enhancing your child's educational experience. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- End of Semester 1 Examination _____ 17th – 22nd December
- Winter Concert & End of Semester 1 _____ 24th December
- Winter Break _____ 25th December – 3rd January
- Semester 2 Start _____ 6th January
- Semester 1 Report Out _____ 10th January
- Tet Fair _____ 17th January
- New Year (Tet) Holiday _____ 23rd January – 5th February



Ms. Tra Pham

UNIT: "WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME"

Students have been actively exploring the central idea, "Everyone has a special place in the world," as part of the unit on "Where We Are in Place and Time." They are deeply engaged in discovering concepts such as maps and globes, their global location, and the unique aspects of their community. Currently, they are in the "making conclusions" stage of the inquiry cycle.

PREPARING FOR THE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

Students and teachers are gearing up for the Summative Assessment scheduled on December 29. This preparation involves students actively contributing to exhibition setups, finalizing their presentations, and assisting teachers with setup.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA):

CCA clubs remain a highlight for students, offering enriching opportunities across six engaging clubs: Swimming, Ballet, MasterChef, Multi-sport, and STEM. Especially, the Art club, featuring pottery-making activities, continues to spark students' creativity and enhance their sensory development, allowing them to explore hands-on artistic expression.



Primary Years Programme

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME



Ms. Ha Nguyen

PYP THEME: WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Our students have been actively engaging in their current unit of inquiry, Where We Are in Place and Time. The children are thoroughly enjoying exploring this theme, and we're excited to see their curiosity and understanding grow as they dive deeper into the topic.

PYP FIELD TRIPS: LEARNING IS ALIVE!

As part of their experiential learning, we have planned a series of field trips starting in December. These trips will allow the students to explore the themes in real-world contexts, further enriching their learning experience. Homeroom teachers will be sending out the details and the necessary consent forms for these trips soon, so please keep an eye out for them.

WINTER CONCERT & END OF SEMESTER EXAM

In addition to their academic activities, the students are also busy preparing for the upcoming Winter Concert. They are working hard and looking forward to showcasing their talents in this special event. More information about the concert will be shared with you soon.

Finally, please note that exams will be conducted in December. Homeroom teachers will be sending home details about the exam schedule and any preparations needed.





Middle Years
Programme

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME



Dr Ollie Peters

MYP & DP AUTHORISATION UPDATE

We continue our exciting journey, working closely with the International Baccalaureate (IB) to obtain our MYP authorization by 2025. Additionally, our Diploma Programme quest has officially resumed again, and we are candidates for the DP. We hope to make progress and achieve full Diploma Programme authorization by 2026.

We have not stopped there; our progress for IGCSE Cambridge accreditation is also well underway, and membership with the Council of International Schools has also commenced. These achievements will signify our alignment with the standards of the most prestigious schools in Vietnam!

SECONDARY JOKE “SPEAK MORE ENGLISH!”

We have introduced an intensive English program for those who need a little extra help, and it has been a hit. We have jokingly started calling it the ‘Speak more... English Program’ With a long back story, involving the head of school saying to students, “speak more,” and they would respond by saying “English.” This has now caught on.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are proud to see our students in Grades 6 through 9 excelling not just academically but also socially. While this year has brought challenges, our students have risen to the occasion, embracing growth and development.

Through community service, building independence, and giving back, they are thriving. Students tell us that school feels more challenging but also more enjoyable, and parents are thrilled with these positive changes. It’s inspiring to see our efforts making such a meaningful impact!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It was wonderful meeting parents at the swimming carnival last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event, and a special thanks to Mr. Bao for his dedication in organizing it. I’m proud of our secondary team’s commitment to student success and well-being.

Please spread the word about Tesla, and don’t hesitate to contact me at ollie.peters@tesla.edu.vn if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s education.

As we grow and adapt, stay tuned for workshops on the Personal Project, the Diploma Programme, and transitions for Grades 5 to 9. Thank you for your support and let us continue to make Tesla Education a fantastic place to learn and grow!

