

TESLATIMES

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December's Quote

*"Do not fear criticism.
Accept it as an inspiration for boldness and action."*

Debasish Mridha

The progress we achieved in Semester 1 was substantial, thanks to the willingness of every member of the Tesla community to use critical feedback as a source of motivation for improvement. I will be on a business trip in December to create global learning opportunities for Tesla students. I am looking forward to returning with exciting outcomes. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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10TH ANNIVERSARY & APPRECIATION OFFER

As we approach Tesla Education's 10th Anniversary (2015-2025), we extend our deepest gratitude to you, our valued parents, for your trust and unwavering support throughout our journey. To celebrate this milestone and express our heartfelt appreciation, we are pleased to announce a **Special Tuition Fee Offer** for the academic year 2025-2026. This offer reflects our commitment to making quality education accessible while acknowledging the vital role you play in Tesla's continued success. Thank you so much for supporting Tesla Education - IB World School.

LAUNCHING TESLA'S NEW WEBSITE IN JANUARY!

We are excited to launch our new website this January, offering a user-friendly way to explore our IB curriculum, updates, admissions, and more. The current site will close, but you can stay connected through our social media channels. Celebrate this milestone with us and Tesla's 10th anniversary as an IB World School!

INVITED BY THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

We are proud to share that Tesla Education – IB World School has been invited by the prestigious Council of International Schools (CIS) to join its global network of schools committed to excellence in education. This recognition highlights our dedication to enhancing international learning opportunities and fostering academic rigour.

GRADE PARENT MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF SCHOOL IN JANUARY

Grades 3-5 Parent Meetings with the Head of School went well. It was a place where everyone was honest and shared our children's needs in educational and personal development. In January, the Head of School will invite secondary and Grades 1-2 parents. There is nothing more important than our child. Your presence is greatly needed.

Grade PARENT *Meeting*

- Secondary Parent Meeting: Friday 10th January
- Grade 2 Parent Meeting: Tuesday 14th January
- Grade 1 Parent Meeting: Thursday 16th January

TESLA PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Parent Association is the structure through which parents in a school can work together for the best possible education for their children. We would like to get the Parent Association operational again to foster closer and stronger collaboration between families and the school. If you are interested in participating or getting more information, please contact me at ollie.peters@tesla.edu.vn, your involvement is crucial in helping shape the future of our school community and your child's education.

WORKSHOPS AND BROCHURES ANNOUNCEMENT

From January to June, Tesla will offer a series of workshops, information sessions, and discussions focused on the transition from PYP to MYP and DP, as well as the IB mission. Key topics will include Service Learning in PYP, Service as Action and Personal Project in MYP, and the introduction of IB Diploma etc. These workshops aim to help parents understand the IB philosophy and support their children's educational journey. Additionally, we will introduce new brochures with comprehensive information on these subjects.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Winter Break _____ 25th December – 3rd January
- Semester 2 Start _____ 6th January
- Semester 1 Report Out _____ 10th January
- Tet Fair _____ 18th January
- New Year (Tet) Holiday _____ 23rd January – 5th February



Ms. Tra Pham

"WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME" SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

The *"Where We Are in Place and Time"* unit culminated in a vibrant and engaging summative assessment. This theme encouraged students to explore concepts of identity, location, and connections within their world.

Students shared their understanding in creative ways. They presented self-made maps of their homes or schools, created models of landmarks, or told personal stories about routines and their surrounding environment. These activities demonstrated the students' growing spatial awareness, storytelling skills, and creative expression.

The assessment fostered interaction among students as they explored each other's projects, asked questions, and celebrated their achievements together. It concluded with reflections, where students reviewed what they accomplished, shared their favourite aspects of the project, and identified lessons learned for improvement.



IXL MATH

Early years students thoroughly enjoyed their IXL Math practice sessions, where they solved interactive exercises on computers and tablets. This engaging approach sparked excitement and motivation as students tackled digital math tasks.

IXL not only enhanced their problem-solving skills but also improved their English comprehension in mathematical contexts. Furthermore, it familiarized students with using technology—an essential skill in today's learning environment. The blend of play and learning made IXL a valuable tool for fostering both academic and digital skills. This past week, the students successfully completed their end-of-unit assessment.



Primary Years
Programme

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM



Ms. Thao Pham

G5 Teacher

On behalf of the PYP teachers, we wish all students and families a happy and prosperous Lunar New Year. During the holiday, we encourage students to explore, learn, and spend quality time with loved ones. Helping with chores or enjoying stories and books can make the break meaningful. We look forward to welcoming students back, recharged and ready for new adventures in the next semester!



REAL-WORLD LEARNING IN ACTION:

WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME & FIELD TRIPS

Students are now in the final stage of the “Where We Are in Place and Time” unit, having gained a wealth of knowledge through dynamic and engaging activities. A recent field trip enriched their learning experience, offering opportunities to apply their knowledge in real-world contexts. It enhanced their understanding of the subject, strengthened observational skills, and encouraged them to connect theory with practice while fostering teamwork. These experiences promise to culminate in impressive and meaningful final projects.



GRADE 5 EXHIBITION JOURNEY BEGINS!

The PYP Exhibition marks the culmination of the IB Primary Years Programme, where students collaboratively explore and present a real-world issue or topic. Through research, problem-solving, and teamwork with peers, teachers, and the community, students demonstrate their understanding and creativity. Grade 5 students will bring their learning journey to life through unique projects, applying classroom knowledge innovatively to real-world scenarios. This interdisciplinary event blends Science, Mathematics, English, Vietnamese, Arts, and Social Sciences, providing a holistic view of the students' growth and achievements.



Middle Years
Programme

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM



Dr Ollie Peters



As Christmas approaches, we are reminded of the importance of family themes that resonate globally during this season and locally here in Vietnam during Tet. Both of these occasions offer an opportunity to reflect on our blessings and cherish our loved ones. I wish each of you a joyful and restful holiday season filled with warmth and connection. Thank you for being an integral part of the Tesla community. Your partnership ensures the continued growth and success of our students and school. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

SEMESTER 1 EXAMS

Students are preparing for their Semester 1 exams, scheduled for mid-December. This year, exams will follow a traditional format, with Grades 6-9 sitting simultaneously in an exam hall. Each grade will have a unique, level-appropriate exam. Invigilators, not teachers, will supervise the hall to ensure fairness and focus, following our invigilator policy. Students will receive clear behavior guidelines beforehand, promoting responsibility and discipline while preparing them for future academic experiences.

We encourage parents to help students create a study schedule, review key materials, and get plenty of rest. For additional resources or guidance, please contact your child's teachers.

EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS AND PRESSURES

As the students go further along their educational journey, they are finding increased expectations. Many have expressed feeling the pressure of balancing academics and personal development which is true one does not climb Mt Everest and expect it to get easier the higher you go. So it is with study.

Talk to your children, have honest and open conversations at home about managing these pressures, or seek our support, we assure you that at Tesla Education IB World School we are committed to providing a supportive environment to help them succeed. Looking ahead to the next academic year, we will focus on preparing students for these transitions with tailored guidance and programs.

CELEBRATING STUDENT IMPROVEMENTS

Our students have grown this year, from their academic achievements to their personal development. Their ability to collaborate, think critically, and engage creatively continues to impress us. As we move into the second half of the year, our goals include further enhancing their inquiry-based learning and fostering resilience in the face of academic challenges. Together, we can support their journey toward becoming well-rounded individuals.

INTRODUCING THE LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Starting in the new year, we will launch life skills and life education programs tailored to equip students with essential tools for navigating adolescence. Topics such as relationships, decision-making, sex education and self-awareness will be covered sensitively and thoughtfully. We invite your feedback on these programs to ensure they meet the needs of both students and families. If you have concerns or suggestions, I strongly encourage you to contact me directly to discuss.

EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

In the next few weeks, Ms Kim and I will be traveling to Korea and Japan to collaborate with organizations and expand our international relationships with other schools. These efforts aim to enrich our students' global perspectives and create new opportunities for learning and cultural exchange.