

TESLATIMES

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2025 Opening Quote

*"Great things are not done by impulse,
but by a series of small things brought together."*

Vincent Van Gogh

Tesla Learning Pathways



Montessori
& IB EY Curriculum

ib Primary Years
Programme

ib Middle Years
Programme

Cambridge
IGCSE

ib Diploma
Programme

EARLY YEARS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Tesla is on a journey of **growth and improvement**, and we acknowledge that meaningful change takes time. Over the past six months, my leadership team and I have worked hard to **strengthen teaching, student support, and school culture**, knowing that we still have more work to do. We hear and value the **concerns of our parent community**, and we are fully committed to making Tesla a school where every student can **thrive and succeed**.

With PYP, MYP, IGCSE, and DP, our goal is to provide a seamless, internationally recognized education that prepares students for the future. We are actively working **toward IB authorization (MYP & DP) and accreditation from the Council of International Schools (CIS) and Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE)**, demonstrating our long-term commitment to improving education at Tesla.

We understand that some parents may feel uncertain about the school's direction, and **we welcome open conversations**. The Head of the School encourages parents to **share their thoughts with me directly**—through scheduled meetings, parent forums, or informal discussions—so that we can work together toward solutions.

Tesla is not just a school; it is a community. Your feedback matters, and we are listening. Together, we will shape Tesla into a place that truly reflects our shared vision for **Education for a Better World**.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Book Week _____ 24th – 28th February
- Summer School Registration _____ 15th – 25th March
- Semester 2 Examinations & MAP Tests _____ 17th – 20th March
- Sports Day _____ 5th April
- Parent-Teacher Conference _____ 11st April
- STEM Week & PYP Exhibition _____ 12nd - 16th May
- PYP Graduation and Moving Up Ceremony _____ 31st May
- Summer School _____ 9th June - 25th July



Ms. Tra Pham

EXPLORING SELF-EXPRESSION THROUGH THE "HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES" PROJECT

Our EY's students are participating in the How We Express Ourselves project with the central idea: "People express themselves in different ways." The activities encourage children to recognize that personal identity is shaped not only by appearance but also by interests, emotions, communication styles, connections with others, and creativity.

INQUIRY THROUGH PLAY

The students learn most effectively when they are free to explore and experience through play. In this project, the Inquiry through Play approach helps children develop thinking skills, creativity, and social abilities naturally. Activities such as role-playing, storytelling, drawing, and drama allow children to express themselves in unique ways while fostering curiosity and the ability to ask questions about the world around them.



MULTI-SPORT

Students are introduced to baseball, a sport that enhances agility, teamwork, and hand-eye coordination. Through basic exercises such as throwing, hitting, and running to bases, combined with various movement activities, children develop their physical abilities in a well-rounded manner.





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PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM



Ms. Thao Pham

A DYNAMIC FEBRUARY FOR PYP: LEARNING, EXPERIENCING, AND GROWING

After the Lunar New Year break, PYP students have returned to school with great enthusiasm, ready to embrace new challenges. February has been a particularly exciting time, not only for acquiring knowledge but also for engaging in real-world experiences, fostering a love for learning, and supporting holistic development.

As part of the "How We Express Ourselves" unit of inquiry, PYP students have participated in various enriching activities, bridging theory with practice in an engaging and meaningful way.

LEARNING EXCHANGE WITH OITA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, JAPAN

Our first-grade students had the opportunity to connect and learn with first graders from Oita International School, Japan. Through virtual exchange activities, they broadened their perspectives, enhanced their global awareness, developed communication skills, and gained a deeper appreciation for cultural diversity. This meaningful experience has helped them become more confident in using language and expressing themselves with international friends.

FIELD TRIPS – LEARNING THROUGH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

A series of educational field trips took students to different cultural and historical sites, where they explored the diverse ways people express themselves through fashion, art, cuisine, architecture, and more. These hands-on experiences allowed students to gain a deeper understanding of creativity and communication while inspiring them to discover their own potential.

BOOK WEEK – IGNITING A PASSION FOR READING

Through a range of engaging activities, Book Week has encouraged students to develop a love for reading, laying the foundation for lifelong learning. In parallel, our library and digital resources have been expanded, providing students with access to a vast collection of books—both traditional and digital—covering literature, science, languages, technology, and many other fields.

ACADEMIC CHALLENGES TO INSPIRE LEARNING

To motivate students in their learning journey, PYP has launched the "Top 10 Champion" competition, encouraging active participation in online learning platforms:



- IXL – Strengthening mathematical skills
- Duolingo – Enhancing English language proficiency
- Read Theory – Improving reading comprehension in English

PREPARING FOR THE MID-SEMESTER ASSESSMENT

In addition to these enriching activities, the Mid-Semester assessment and the second MAP Test are fast approaching. This is an important period for students to consolidate their knowledge, refine their skills, and ensure they are well-prepared for the upcoming exams. We encourage students to make the most of learning platforms such as IXL, Read Theory, and Duolingo, as well as the school's study resources, to review effectively.

Plan wisely, stay focused, and give it your best! We wish all students success in the upcoming assessments!

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MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM



Dr Ollie Peters

ACCREDITATION PROGRESS

Tesla continues to make great strides in the accreditation process, with all procedures moving forward smoothly. We are being asked challenging questions and providing thorough answers to highlight the quality and skill of our school. The receipt of authorizations from PDP, IGCSE Cambridge International, and CIS marks a crucial step forward in meeting the highest educational standards.

SERVICE AND ACTION

As our students progress through the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and into Grade 10, it is essential for them to have a clear record of involvement in service and action activities. These experiences are vital for their personal development and educational journey.

PERSONAL PROJECT PREPARATION

The Personal Project is a significant and formative project in our students' lives. It challenges them to understand expectations, conduct research, plan, argue, and document their work effectively. It is crucial for students to start preparing for this project early to ensure success.

SUPPORTING TERTIARY ASPIRATIONS

As our students grow older, we are committed to supporting their aspirations to attend university, both locally and internationally. We provide examples of successful individuals who have pursued various educational paths to inspire our students.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parental involvement in children's education is crucial for their success. We encourage parents to attend meetings and engage in discussions about their children's future and education. Your input is valuable to us, and we are here to support you.

WEEK WITHOUT WALLS - TRIP TO DALAT

Our upcoming "Week Without Walls" trip to Dalat will provide students with immersive learning experiences outside the classroom. This trip aims to foster personal growth, cultural understanding, and community engagement. More details will be shared soon.

OPEN COMMUNICATION

We value open communication with parents and welcome any concerns or questions regarding your child's education. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at ollie.peters@tesla.edu.vn.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will help our students achieve their full potential.

