

# TESLATIMES

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## August's Quote

*"If we don't change, we don't grow.  
If we don't grow, we aren't really living"*

(Gail Sheehy)

## LOOKING AHEAD TOGETHER

As we celebrate **10 Years Strong**, Tesla proudly reflects on our journey and looks boldly to the future. Guided by the **2024-2028 Strategic Plan** and its **4Es**:

- **Excellence in Learning** → **Enriched Learning**
- **Excellence in Teaching** → **Excellence in Teaching**
- **Excellence in Community Engagement** → **Enhancing Community Engagement**
- **Expansion of Educational Services and Infrastructure** → **Extended Opportunities**

We are committed to shaping globally minded, confident, and resilient learners through IB education and MOET.

In our milestone year, we're launching exciting initiatives, including the **Tesla Scholarship Program** to nurture talent and the **Parent Referral Reward Program** to grow our vibrant community. Together, we continue building Tesla's vision of **"Education for a Better World."**

The future is bright and it starts now.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE IN SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- Tesla Family Sports Day → 20th September, Saturday
- Mid-Autumn Festival → 3rd October, Friday
- Term 1 Exams (IB & MOET) & MAP Test → 13th October to 17th October
- Parent-Teacher Conferences → 31st October, Friday



IB PYP  
Early Years

# IB PYP EARLY YEARS



**Ms Tham and Ms Ikram**  
**on behalf of EY Team**

Welcome to an exciting academic year of growth and innovation for our Early Years learners.

In August, the “First Weeks of School” initiative helped students feel safe, secure, and connected in their new environment. Guided by the IB Learner Profile, children are learning school routines, practicing self-expression, and building skills to question, think critically, and communicate with peers and staff.

Student well-being remains a priority. Many activities are prepared for celebrating individuality and Learner Profile attributes, while No Walls Lessons (field trips) take learning into real-world settings-parks, STEM labs, markets, and fairs-fostering curiosity and adaptability. Alongside math and phonics, the curriculum emphasizes life skills and emotional learning to support balanced, resilient learners.

We look forward to a year of growth, creativity, and connection.

For questions or suggestions, please feel free to talk to a homeroom teacher or our Head of School, Ms Kim Peters.







Primary Years  
Programme

## PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM



Mr Lucas and Ms Ha

I would like to share some reflections as we begin this exciting new school year together. Last year I had the pleasure of teaching Science, Social Studies, and Math, and it was inspiring to see how well our students performed and how resilient they handled challenges.

Now, only a few weeks into the school year, I can already see wonderful progress. Our students are demonstrating greater independence, organizational skills, and social growth. Another highlight is their increasing confidence in using English as the main language of communication, both with teachers and among peers during activities in class and outside the classroom. These achievements give me great confidence that this year will be one of remarkable growth, learning, and success. We are committed to ensuring that our students achieve their success, and I am confident that the outcomes will be both tangible and meaningful for you and our students.

The partnership between parents and teachers is vital for a successful academic journey. Together, we can provide the encouragement and support that helps our children thrive academically and personally. I am looking forward to collaborating with you and building a strong and supportive school community.

Please reach out to me at [lucas.faisca@tesla.edu.vn](mailto:lucas.faisca@tesla.edu.vn) if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you once again for your partnership and continued support. Here's to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and strong TESLA community!





Middle Years  
Programme

# MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM



Dr Ollie Peters

Welcome to a new academic year filled with energy, promise, and progress! It was really heartwarming to see many of you at our recent Opening Ceremony. Thank you for your presence, stories, and belief in the future of Tesla.

We are thrilled to share that we received outstanding feedback on our final MYP authorization report - *everything is in place and achieved!* We can't wait to welcome the IBO assessors to Tesla soon.

Despite last year's challenges, we have not only sustained our secondary program we have also grown! Our halls are buzzing with new faces, vibrant learning, and exciting opportunities. We are proud to announce that we now offer Cambridge, CIS, and are on track for MYP authorization by late October or early November. DP is also on the horizon, with plans to secure it by early 2026.

This momentum is thanks to our dedicated team and the incredible support from our community. Our stewards have poured time, energy, and heart into building something truly special.

This year, we aim to amplify student voice through a stronger, louder Student Council. We would also like to strengthen the parents' voice so, if any parents are interested in supporting or joining in this initiative, and get the parent council up and running, please contact me at : [ollie.peters@tesla.edu.com](mailto:ollie.peters@tesla.edu.com), I would love to hear from you to build it together.

As always, I welcome any questions, concerns, or conversations. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly. We are here, connected, and growing together.





# Greetings from the New MOET Principal



**Ms Phuong Phan**

Hello Tesla families,

My name is Ms. Lan Phuong, and I am honored to join Tesla as the new MOET Principal. I began my teaching career as a high school Chemistry teacher and bring over 20 years of experience in education management, having served as Vice Principal at several bilingual and international schools. I am proud to be part of Tesla's Academic Leadership Team and continue building on the school's legacy.

I chose Tesla because it is one of the few schools approved by both the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) and the Ho Chi Minh City Department of Education and Training (DOET) to deliver a unique learning pathway - the Vietnamese National Curriculum and the International Baccalaureate (IB). Tesla is also a recognized member of the Council of International Schools (CIS) and is officially accredited by Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE).

These credentials ensure Tesla students have more pathways to success, whether pursuing higher education in Vietnam or overseas. My student-centered philosophy and belief in ownership of learning will guide my efforts to maximize every student's potential and secure a bright future for all Tesla learners.

