

TESLATIMES

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September's Quote

*"Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress; working together is success"*

(Henry Ford)

Tesla moves forward with confidence, guided by the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and its four pillars: Enriched Learning, Excellence in Teaching, Enhancing Community Engagement, and Extended Opportunities. These pillars reflect our mission to nurture inquiry, resilience, and global citizenship while honoring Vietnamese heritage.

- The spirit of **Enriched Learning** shines through with the MAP Assessments, the MYP Final Authorisation Visit (28-29 October), and the DP Authorisation First Visit (17-19 November).
- **Excellence in Teaching** is evident in the upcoming Term 1 Exams (IB & MOET) and the way teachers and parents will come together during the Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 31st to reflect and plan for even stronger learning.
- **Enhancing Community Engagement** continues with vibrant events like Family Sports Day and the Swimming Carnival, where students, staff, and parents come together in unity and celebration.
- Through **Extended Opportunities**, Tesla is investing in its future — from upgrading facilities (front gates, sports areas, classrooms) to building partnerships with foreign universities in Ho Chi Minh City, opening doors for our students to pursue their dreams both in Vietnam and abroad.

We are also proud to launch a new **Hygiene Education Program**, led by Ms. Cam, Ms. Diem, and Mr. Bao. Through weekly assemblies and parent videos, this initiative goes beyond handwashing to build lifelong habits of health, responsibility, and respect.

Together, these 4Es form the heartbeat of Tesla — a vision of growth, connection, and opportunity for every learner.

IMPORTANT NOTICE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

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| ● Mid-Autumn Festival | 3rd October, Friday |
| ● Term 1 Exams (IB & MOET) & MAP Assessment | 13th October to 17th October |
| ● MYP Final Authorisation | 28-29 October |
| ● Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School) | 31st October, Friday |
| ● DP Authorisation First Visit | 17-19 November |
| ● Swimming Carnival | 21st November |



IB PYP
Early Years

IB PYP EARLY YEARS

Ms Tham on behalf of EY Team

August brought fresh and vibrant beginnings for our Early Years Program (EYP). For many children, these were their very first steps into school, marking the start of an exciting journey of discovery. The classrooms were filled with laughter and curiosity as they experienced a safe and nurturing environment that encouraged them to explore and learn with joy.

In addition to foundational activities and life skills, students also joined a variety of engaging activities such as STEM, Dance, and Swimming. These activities not only built their confidence in making decisions but also allowed each child to express individuality and unique talents.

Daily routines were thoughtfully integrated into playful learning — from lining up and lunchtime to tidying up — giving children meaningful opportunities to practice cooperation, listening, and self-regulation in a group setting.

We are proud of our students' adaptability and eagerness to learn in these first weeks. With the strong support from parents, we believe this school year will be filled with growth and memorable experiences for every child.

Continuing with the transdisciplinary theme **“Who We Are,”** EYP students will go on a field trip to **Aeon Mall** this October. Guided by the central idea *“The choices we make reflect who we are and how we take care of ourselves,”* this experience will connect classroom learning to real-life situations in a fun and practical way.

For EYP, every field trip is an opportunity for children to learn from the world around them, nurturing curiosity, fostering independence, and building self-awareness from the very first stages of their learning journey.

We truly look forward to the continued partnership and support of our parents to make each child's learning path more fulfilling and inspiring than ever.

EY Staffing Update

We share some changes in Early Years staffing: **Ms. Thu** has stepped down as EY Coordinator for health and personal reasons, **Ms. Ngoc** is on maternity leave (supported by **Ms. Phuong**), and **Ms. Ikram** will leave after Semester 1. In the meantime, **Ms. Ha** and **Mr. Lucas** will provide leadership support while we search for a new EY Coordinator.





Primary Years
Programme

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM



Mr Lucas and Ms Ha

On behalf of the PYP team, we would like to share how wonderful our recent Sports Day was! It was fantastic to see so many of you at the event actively participating. The students absolutely loved the event, and your involvement perfectly reflects our third school pillar, which is "Enhancing Community Engagement".

Watching parents and children from EY to G10 laugh and play together was rewarding. Even though we were divided into four different house teams, the competition remained healthy and friendly, keeping the sense of collaboration and community.

As October is just around the corner, we would like to remind students and parents that our **Term 1 exams** will be conducted from **October 13th to October 17th**, and the exam schedule will be shared in the upcoming days.

We have exciting news regarding the MAP assessment. Beginning this Term, **Science** will also be included in **MAP assessment** starting from **Grade 3**. The MAP assessment (Measures of Academic Progress) helps us understand each student's current level of learning and growth over time. It is not a pass-or-fail test. Instead, it provides valuable information that allows our academic team to tailor instruction to enhance each student's individual needs. Our students will complete the test on a computer in a supportive, low-stress environment.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your participation and support. Events like Sports Day and upcoming events highlight the strong, connected community we are building together, which focus on growth, learning, and shared experiences.





Middle Years
Programme

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM



Dr Ollie Peters

Taking Big Steps Forward

Wow, we are entering a very exciting stage at Tesla.

MYP Authorization – October 28–29, 2025

Our Middle Years Programme (MYP) authorization visit has finally arrived and is booked to happen at the end of October. During these two days, IB evaluators will sit with staff, students, and parents, review our teaching and learning, and check that our programme meets the high international standard demanded from the International Baccalaureate (IBO). It is a milestone that has been a long time coming, and it reflects the incredible work that's gone into building a strong, balanced education for your children.

The Diploma Programme – What's Next

Not to sit around and wait, hot on the heels of the MYP comes the IB Diploma Programme (DP). This is the world-class two-year programme (Grades 11–12) that prepares students for university and life beyond school. Our Grade 10 students are already tackling their Personal Projects, one of the most challenging tasks that they have ever encountered in their lives to date. The Personal Project builds the foundation skills and independence needed for success at the DP level.

The Diploma Programme and How It Works

In the DP, each student studies six subjects across different areas (languages, sciences, humanities, maths, and arts). They must choose:

- **3 at Higher Level (HL):** deeper study, more hours.
- **3 at Standard Level (SL):** still rigorous, but fewer topics.

Every subject is graded out of 7, giving a maximum of 42 points. On top of that, the **DP Core** adds up to 3 bonus points.

The DP Core

The “heart” of the programme:

- **Theory of Knowledge (TOK):** thinking about how we know what we know.
- **Extended Essay (EE):** an independent 4,000-word research project.
- **CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service):** real-world projects that build balance and character.

Together, these help our students grow as learners and as people.

Is This Really Important?

Yes it does, the IB Diploma is recognised by top universities worldwide. It gives our students the knowledge, confidence, and resilience to succeed — not just academically, but in life. By starting strong in the MYP, we give them the foundation to shine in the DP.

Off to a Strong Start

Our secondary students have hit the ground running this year. Their attitude, commitment, and energy have been inspiring. As our community grows, so does our determination to give them the very best.

We'll be posting more details about both the MYP and DP on our school website soon.

Thank you for your support and trust in us.

MOET PROGRAM



Ms Phuong Phan

Time flies — our lovely students have already completed more than a month of learning at Tesla. September has brought them many exciting experiences. They have been able to freely explore knowledge through engaging lessons with their teachers, as well as through experiments, hands-on practice, group activities, and teamwork. At the same time, the school created a healthy and meaningful playground that fostered connection and care among different grade levels through the Tesla Family Sports Day, with the warm participation and support of our parents, teachers and staff.

October arrives with the joyful atmosphere of the Mid-Autumn Festival. Amid the fun and celebration, our students have continued to maintain steady learning progress with their teachers, step by step building knowledge and skills to prepare for the upcoming Mid-Semester 1 Exams in mid-October.

On behalf of Tesla, I would like to wish all our parents and students good health and success. Thank you for your continued trust and support for Tesla.

