



14th August 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the New Academic Year 2017-18!

Welcome back to returning students and welcome to students and parents who are new to Tanarata! As we begin our 11th year of operation, we hope you enjoying your summer holidays and look forward to seeing your children on the first day of school on Thursday, September 4th. Attached please find the Academic Calendar of the Year 2017-18. Each student will be given a calendar on the first day of school.

IGCSE Results

Results for our CIE-IGCSE and A levels were declared on 10 Aug. This exam was taken by our students in Year 9, 10 and 11. A brief analysis of the results is as below.

Grades Achieved by Students in IGCSE	% of Students
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Total A* + A	71.7
A*	42.2
A	29.5
B	15.9
C	9.1
D	1.8
E	1.2
U	0.3

A more detailed analysis by subject has been put up on our fb wall. Congratulations to all students, parents and their teachers on your wonderful performance. Being our 10th year, it certainly does bring a lot of happiness to us when our students fare so well in public exams.

10th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Have you confirmed your table for the first major event of the new academic year happening on the Saturday, 9th September? Please do so by calling or writing in to the admin office.

Improvement around the School

If you have had the chance to visit the school campus over the holiday period, you would have noticed some workers in the area. We are in the process of building a new 25 m swimming pool in the same area where the old pool was. It is expected to be completed by end of October which means that we will not be having our regular swimming lessons during the first term. We have made alternate arrangement with the teachers to use that time gainfully. We will keep you updated on this matter.

We are also resurfacing the flooring of the Multi-purpose Hall as some marks had appeared over the course of time. The pebble wash area outside the hall and fronting the field is also being re-laid.

Painting of the classrooms and upgrading of the computers in the labs are something that is done on a periodic basis.

Welcome to new teachers joining the team

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 3 new teachers who will be joining our team.

Dr Shalini Sreekumar will be teaching Mathematics and Sciences, Ms Sabrina Martini will be replacing Ms Julie in the secondary classes for French and Mr Yannick Tatin will be teaching French in the Primary classes along with being a coordinator of project based learning.

Sale of Books for the New Academic Year

Books and uniforms for the coming academic year have been and will be on sale at the school bookshop as per the schedule below. Please ensure that your children have bought all their textbooks by the end of first week. The students will be provided with the class timetable and calendar on the first day of school when they meet their new class teachers. You may pre-order the books through the UBS website and ask them to deliver it to the school. *Secondary school students also have the option of using the eBooks which already available in the library server.*

24 Jul-22 Aug: Open on Tuesdays & Fridays, 10am-2pm.

Aug 24-30: Open Daily, 10am-2pm

Aug 31, Sept 1 = Public Holidays.

Sept 4-8: Open Daily, 7:30am-3pm

Books may be purchased from the UBS online store too. Here is the link.

<https://www.ubsm.com.my/tis>

Should you have any issues please contact Mimi from UBS @ mimi@ubsm.com.my

Note to New Students and their parents

1. Orientation for all new Year 1, 2 and 3 students

Date: 4th September 2017

Time: 8 am - 10.00 am

Venue: School MPH

We would like to pay a little extra attention to you as it is the first day for your child's in a new schooling atmosphere. **As such, all new students are requested to gather in the school multi-purpose hall along with their parents at 8 am on 5th September.** This is to ensure that the teachers have a little extra time to understand the children's needs and apprehensions.

2. **All new students are to wait at the 'Watersides' cafeteria on 5th September.** They will be guided by the teachers into their respective classes after the existing students have settled in.

3. To enhance the security aspects and minimize the likelihood of unauthorized person/s entering the campus, we have been issuing school **car security stickers**. Each family is entitled to two such stickers which should be collected personally from the security guard house after providing your vehicle registration number/s for school records. It is mandatory that every car entering the school premises to drop off or to pick up students have the car sticker clearly visible on the vehicles' windscreen.

4. Parents visiting the campus on the first day may also wait at the café.

Parking and Traffic Flow Reminders

As you may know, traffic congestion during the peak times during the start of school and dismissal causes a gridlock at the entrance to the school. We ask again that parents and students obey traffic laws, demonstrate common courtesy, comply with our guards and parking attendants, and think SAFETY FIRST.

We encourage parents to choose to drop off and pick up their children from the parking area in the campus. Proper use of this area will decrease traffic congestion in the parking lots and reduce headaches. Above all, **please be courteous, considerate and patient.**

Parents wanting to walk into the campus to help their children into the classrooms will be allowed to do so only during the first week. After this period, parents are advised to walk with them only till the green gate closest to the old building and not beyond that into the classrooms. We would like to encourage students to become independent and responsible.

Shifting of Classes /Teachers

In the new academic year you might find that your child has been moved to a different class. This shifting and movement is done randomly. Requests for shifting of class from A to B or the other way around will not be honoured. Once your child has been placed in a classroom, they will remain there for the remainder of the year, barring extenuating circumstances. All our teachers are qualified and prepared to teach both classes. If you should have questions, please check in with your child's teacher regarding their progress or send me an email.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) and Clubs

All ECA will be restarted after school hours between 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm every day from the 3rd week onwards. Every student is encouraged to enrol in at least one activity. A more detailed notice will be sent to you at a later date on this subject.

An approximate cost of RM 150.00 per student per term will be charged for all activities.

Involvement in School

As it is so important that teachers and parents work together in making a child's school year a happy and a successful one, it is hoped that you will be able to spend some time during the school year helping in the classroom or at home. Please discuss with your child's teacher, ways that will work within your schedule. Home/School partnership is the reason TiS continues to excel academically.

Meet the Parent Week

We will be organising sessions with the parents and teachers of primary classes (Year 2-6) after school during the first week itself. All queries about activities, curriculum and such may be discussed with the subject and class teachers here. This would also be a good opportunity to know your child's classmate's parents. Please check the schedule below. All briefings will be in the MPH from 2 pm to 3 pm.

7th Sept 2017 (Thurs) - Year 2, 3 and 4

8th Sept 2016 (Fri) - Year 5 and 6

The teachers and staff are looking forward to get to know you as parents and your child over the next few weeks. Lastly, throughout the school year, your child's teacher(s) and I will be making a specific effort to stay in touch with you. You will be informed of your child's progress and of school activities on routine basis. Look for papers coming home, newsletters, email updates, tips and reminders. Each and every student and parent is a special part of our school community. Your communication with the school and your support for our programs is very important to us.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me whenever you have a question, a concern, or need information.

Thank you.

Barnali Guha

Principal

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

24 th Aug	Thurs	Bookshop opens for sale of books
4 rd Sept	Mon	Orientation for new students
5th Sept	Tues	Start of new Academic year!
7 th -8 th Sept	Thur–Fri	Meet the Parents (Year 2-6)
9 th Sept	Sat	10 th Anniversary Gala Dinner
15 th -17 th Sept	Fri- Sun	MUN Conference
18 th Sept	Mon	ECA Starts
2 nd Sept	Fri	Public Holiday (Awal Muharram)



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