



19^h Aug 2022

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the New Academic Year 2022-23!

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful break. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community in Tanarata! As we begin our 16th year of operation, we look forward to seeing you and your children on the first day of school on **Thursday, September 1st**.

Please find the link to the pdf version of the Academic Calendar of the Year 2022-23. Each student will receive a hard copy of this calendar on the first day of school by their class teacher along with their class schedule.

[https://tanarata.net/images/TiS_Academic_Calendar_2022-23 - outlined compressed.pdf](https://tanarata.net/images/TiS_Academic_Calendar_2022-23_-_outlined_compressed.pdf)

Even though COVID-19 continues to circulate globally, there is significantly less risk of severe illness and hospitalization compared to earlier in the pandemic. This has been hugely due to the vaccinations and boosters. The mask mandate remains in Malaysia while indoors and we will continue to practise this until further guidance is received from MoH.

Link of the photos from the Prize Giving Day

We ended our AY 2021-22 with two marvellous performances. I am sharing the photo album below of the Prize Giving Day. Please free to download the pictures relevant to you for your own album.

[TiS Annual Prize Giving Day AY 2021-22](#)

We have been regularly posting photos and videos of our events on our fb wall and YouTube channel but sometimes when the volume of photos is larger, we prefer to share it from our google photos.

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.

IGCSE Results

Results for our CIE-IGCSE and A levels were declared yesterday. A brief analysis of the results is as below.

Grades Achieved by Students in IGCSE	% of students + subjects
Total A* + A	70
A*	48
A	22
B	16
C	9
D	4
E	1
X (Absent)	1

To reflect that we are in a pandemic recovery period, CAIE is moving gradually from the June 2021 standard of school-assessed grades back to the standard of exams in 2019. Cambridge is doing this in two equal steps – first in 2022 and then in 2023. As per Cambridge Examinations Board, grades they have awarded in June 2022 are more generous than those awarded in June 2019, and less generous than those awarded in June 2021. The standard of exams in June 2022 will be at the midpoint between the standards of 2021 and 2019.

A more detailed analysis by subject will be put up on our fb wall. Congratulations to all students, parents and their teachers on your wonderful performance especially as this batch was most affected by the pandemic.

Facilities upgrade in School

Besides the regular maintenance and painting of the premise buildings, we are in the process of building a new covered Basketball/Volleyball court. The construction has started and we hope that it will be completed by the time the students are back in school. This upgrade was done at the behest of our students as they are unable to use the court when the place is wet. We hope now that we have another covered area besides the MPH for students to use, it will reduce the foot traffic around the Multipurpose Hall.

New Staff

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Ms Bernadette Bousquet, our new French teacher. Ms Bernadette, a French national has been living in Malaysia for many years and brings with her years of experience teaching French locally in other international schools.

Book Sales for AY 2022-23

The sale of books for the next academic year has already begun. Please contact TEK Distributors at online@tekgroup.my if you have not already. The booklist and more details are also available on our website. <https://tanarata.net/index.php/school-services/bookshop>

Sale of the following text books for some levels will be via the subject teacher or the admin office.

- History Text Books for Years 3 to 9
- Literature Book Year 7

Note to New Students and their parents

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

Date: **30th Aug 2022 (Tuesday)**

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 children 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 30th Aug.** This is to ensure that the teachers have a little extra time to understand the children's needs and apprehensions.

- All new students are to wait at the 'Watersides' cafeteria on 1st September.** They will be guided by the teachers into their respective classes after the existing students have settled in.
- 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.
- Parents visiting the campus on the first day may also wait at the café.

We eagerly look forward to greeting the students and families again. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all our students.

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

28 th Aug	Sun	Visit to INS Sumedha (Pre registered Students Only)
29 th Aug	Mon	Staff Meeting
30 th Aug	Tues	Orientation for new students
31 st Aug	Wed	Public Holiday (Merdeka Day)
1st Sept	Thurs	Start of new Academic year!
5 th -6 th Sept	Mon-Tues	Meet the parents (Year 2-6)
16 th Sept	Fri	Public Holiday (Malaysia Day)

That's all for now...

Thank you.

Barnali Guha