



TIS COMMUNITY

As we begin a new academic year, the TIS faculty, staff and leadership team are full of confidence knowing that the key ingredients for success are firmly in place. Most importantly, TIS has an outstanding team of teachers who are committed to building positive relationships with all students and parents; carrying out their responsibilities as professional educators at the highest level possible; working in partnership with students and parents to achieve positive learning results; and contributing fully to the growth, development, and improvement of TEDA International School. The entire TIS faculty wishes you all an exciting and successful academic year.

SECONDARY (6-12)

New Secondary Faculty: TEDA International School is pleased to welcome the following new Secondary faculty members: Mr. Anzo Briesies (G6 and G7 English and Social Studies); and Ms. Amber Liu (Biology 9 and Algebra 1). We are also pleased to welcome back Ms. Arminda Castellano (HS Spanish and MS Technology).

College Prep: TIS serves as an outstanding college preparatory school for students of all nationalities who aspire to study in competitive universities around the world. The Secondary faculty and school leadership are committed to 1) establishing and maintaining a serious and engaging learning environment; 2) helping students achieve strong learning and testing results; 3) maintaining an excellent Advanced Placement (AP) Program; 4) offering extracurricular learning activities that build college-ready skills; 5) supporting students and their families through the college selection and application process and much more.

AP Performance: Congratulations to our AP teachers and test-takers. 89% of all AP scores earned by TIS students in 2026 were at the Qualified (3), Well Qualified (4), or Extremely Well Qualified (5) level! Seventeen out of twenty-seven test takers have been honored with AP Scholar with Distinction recognition by the College Board. To qualify, students must score a 3 or higher on a minimum of five AP exams and hold an overall average score of 3.5 or higher across all their AP exams. These exceptional results have supported TIS graduates' admissions to leading universities worldwide.

After School Activities (ASAs): During the first week of school, teachers (and some students) will be finalizing the ASAs they will be offering during the first season. Once finalized, parents will be notified so they can help their child make selections. Season 1 athletics will begin the week of August 17. Non-athletic after school activities will begin the week of August 24.

Athletics: TIS athletes, welcome back! Your child is invited to join season 1 athletics. First practices are as follows:

- Mon, Aug 17 (15.15-16.15): High School Volleyball
- Tue, Aug 18 (15.15-16.15): Middle School Football
- Have questions? Contact Mr. Jackie: jileng@tedais.org

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Welcome Back: We hope you had a wonderful and restful summer! It is a joy to welcome all of our Preschool families back to TIS for a brand-new school year. To our returning students, welcome back! We can't wait to see you reconnect with friends and continue learning together. To our new students and families, a warm welcome to our Preschool community—we're excited to have you with us. The first week is all about settling in, building routines, and helping every child feel happy and confident at school. Plenty of rest, a healthy breakfast, and arriving on time will help your child get off to a great start.

Warm Reminder: During the first week of school, dismissal time will be at 3:00 PM.

Welcome, Ms. Priya!

We're delighted to welcome **Ms. Priya** to our Preschool team! She will be working with our PK3 and PK4 students. Ms. Priya is a warm, caring, and enthusiastic teacher, and we are excited for our children and families to get to know her. Welcome to the TIS Preschool family!

PRIMARY (K-5)

Focus of the month – Identity and belonging

Welcome back: We're excited to welcome our students back to another fantastic school year! On Monday morning, teachers will be at the school gate to greet everyone with warm smiles and positive energy. Let's kick off the new term together with enthusiasm and a great attitude!

First Assembly Mr. Randall will hold the first K-5 assembly on Monday during Period 3. The assembly will include a warm welcome, important start-of-year announcements, and an introduction to our August virtue: Identity and Belonging.

Welcome, New Teachers and New Families: We are delighted to welcome our new teachers: Ms. Houston (Kindergarten), Miss. Benice (Grade 1), and Mr. K, who is returning to Primary School as our Grade 5 teacher. We are also excited to welcome all the new students and families joining our school community this year.

After-School Supervision: A friendly reminder to all parents: If your child is playing in the playground after school, please ensure they are always supervised by a parent or guardian. Active supervision helps keep all children safe while they enjoy the playground.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 10	First Day of School (2026-2027)
Sep 25-27	Mid-Autumn Festival (no school)
Sep 28-Oct 4	National Day Holiday (no school)
Oct 16	End of Term 1
Oct 23	Term 1 Report Card Conferences (no classes)