

**Tapescript Part 2 (9EL1 / 9EL3)**

**Narrator** *Strange things have happened at your school and your English teacher has asked you to write an article for the school magazine. To help you, she has prepared a recording of a meeting between the principal, teachers and the police talking about what happened.*

Listen to the meeting. The meeting will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time. You now have 30 seconds to read the questions. (*music 30 secs.*)

The listening will begin now.

**[School Principal – Mrs. Tam** Good Morning everyone.

**Teachers** Good Morning Mrs. Tam!

**School Principal – Mrs. Tam** As some of you know, some strange things have happened recently at the school, and we'd like to let you know what has been going on.

Vice Principal Wong and I have been dealing with various incidents and we feel it's time to inform you all, including the students and parents.

We'll be issuing a special parent newsletter. It will be sent home with the students today, uploaded to the school website and also emailed to parent accounts. We'll also be sending out an SMS to all parents to alert them to this newsletter.

**Teacher: Ms. Cherry So** (*whispering quietly in an aside to another teacher*) Wow, something big must have happened for all of these measures to take place, don't you think, Terry?

**Teacher: Mr. Terry Mak** (*whispering quietly in an aside to another teacher*) Yes, Cherry. Something is going on. Why was school cancelled yesterday without notice?

**Vice Principal – Mr. Wong** (*angry*) Please, everyone! We've got a lot to get through! First of all, we have some guests here today. Inspector Tong is from the police and Ms. Lau is the school social worker. Welcome, both of you. They'll be speaking later.

**School Principal – Mrs. Tam** The first thing I want to talk about is the break-in and theft of the mid-year exam papers.

**All teachers** (*teachers gasping in surprise and shock at the announcement and*

*everyone speaking loudly at once*) Break-in, theft??

**Teacher: Miss Eva Wing** (*whispering quietly in an aside to another teacher*) I heard that a file about our international students is missing and that there's some secret information about the students and their families in the files.

**Teacher: Mr. Terry Mak** (*loudly*) What? Where did you hear that, Eva?

**Vice Principal – Mr. Wong** Quiet, everyone! The exam papers were in the school office safe, and it was broken into on the weekend.

**Inspector Tong – Policeman** If I may, Principal Tam?

**Principal – Mrs. Tam** Yes, certainly Inspector.

**Inspector Tong – Policeman** Hello everyone. We need to find out why the school was targeted, and if it was just the exam papers the thieves were after before any decisions are made.

What we do know is that sometime between Friday 6.30 p.m. and Monday morning 7.00 a.m., the school was broken into.

**Vice Principal – Mr. Wong** The last person who left the school on Friday was Mr. Tai, our senior English teacher. No alarm was heard between 6.30 p.m. on Friday and 7.00 a.m. on Monday morning. The guards weren't aware of anything strange happening. The guard dogs didn't bark because they were sleeping. They had been drugged.

**All teachers** (*everyone speaking loudly at once*) – What? Drugged? Wow!

**School Principal – Mrs. Tam** I arrived at school yesterday at 7.00 a.m. to find the office door open. The door to the school safe was also open. The contents of the safe were on the floor and spread through the office. I was scared and screamed loudly.

**Vice Principal – Mr. Wong** I had just arrived at school and was talking to one of the janitors in the playground when we heard Mrs. Tam scream.

**School Principal – Mrs. Tam** Mr. Wong and the janitor rushed in. We called the police who arrived on campus at about 7.30 a.m.

This is why the school was closed yesterday. It's why...

**Inspector Tong – Policeman** (*impatiently*) Yes, yes. Now, we know from talking to Mrs. Tam and the office staff that most of the contents of the safe were thrown around the office.

We think this was just done to distract and take our attention away from what was stolen. We also have evidence that other rooms, including classrooms in the school, were searched. We don't know what for

yet...*(fade out)*]

**Narrator** Now listen to the meeting again. *{Repeat []}*

**Narrator** You have 30 seconds to check your answers. *(music 30 secs.)*

This is the end of Part 2.