Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

It was great to see our senior volleyball players in action at the weekend; both boys and girls teams showed great skills, teamwork, endeavour and sports'man'ship. Clubs started this week and it was wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of the vast array of opportunities on offer; thank you to our teachers and external coaches/providers, and of course, Ms. Shrestha for organising such a broad programme: a mammoth task!

This week has been a busy one, with Dr. Binu coming in to talk with our Year 1 students about dentistry, our budding Senior Geographers went on a trip to the River Lele, and we welcomed 10 students from Mary Ward School; one of our community partner schools (featured elsewhere in this newsletter).

Our Year 11 students received their results from their Mock Examinations this week; there was a mixture of celebration and disappointment. It was clearly evident how much these students care about their academic performance, and with continued effort and support from their teachers, parents and from each other, I am confident that each and every one of them can achieve their potential come the 'real thing' in nine months time.

It was fabulous to see so many parents for our ‘Primary in Action Tour; we hope you found it useful and we welcome your feedback (next week is Secondary’s turn!).

I am very excited about next week where we have Storytelling Week, our Key Stage 4 students will be raising money for their community partners and our budding musicians will be taking their London College of Music Examinations.

Parents - please look out for an email from me on Friday where I will asking you to complete a very short questionnaire to help us review our school’s mission and vision, along with our new development plan.

Have a lovely end to the week and weekend.

Brian Platts
Principal

Recent & future events

London College of Music Exams - Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September

Next week, there will be London College of Music practical exams taking place in the Music Dept. Students who are sitting an exam have been timetabled on Thursday 6th September. Please ensure that they take the appropriate music/instruments to school that day. Music dept staff will be around all day to support and ensure students arrive at the correct time of their exam.
Year 11 IGCSE Geography Field Trip
On Tuesday, Year 11s returned to the River Lele to collect the wet season data for their Geography coursework. With the heavy monsoon this year it made the river walk a little more adventurous with the added leech population to entertain us. The Lele valley continues to develop at a rapid rate, particularly with regards to market gardening and post-earthquake construction. The students had fun collecting data so we are looking forward to some excellent write ups over the coming months.

Message from TBS Owls
Welcome Picnic - Saturday 10am to 1pm: This is an informal gathering for all families, new and old as well as for TBS staff. Come and get to know new families and catch up with old friends. We ask that each family brings a dish to share as well as a serving utensil. Families with last names starting with A-O bring a savory dish and P-Z bring something sweet. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Thank you! Owls Facebook: Please join the TBS Community Facebook page. This is a great place for TBS parents to share information about school related activities as well as information about life in Kathmandu. Please be advised that this is a closed group, so you have to ask to join. Please answer the questions as you will not be approved otherwise. We work hard to safeguard this group and ensure it is only for TBS parents. Thank you! Women’s Football: Ladies! Women’s Football is back on! This is a weekly gathering every Tuesday evening (started this week) at 5:30pm on the secondary pitch at TBS. All ladies, all levels welcome. It is a fun time to get together and get some exercise.

Singapore Volleyball Tour - Parent & Student Information Evening
An information evening will be held on Wednesday 12th September for all students and parents of whom are participating in the Singapore Volleyball Tour. The evening will commence sharply at 5.15pm in the Secondary Library. This is a compulsory event as important information will be shared with parents and students. Please contact Mr. Rohan Jayatilake (rjayatilake@tbs.edu.np) if you are unable to attend.

Storytelling Week
From Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th September, TBS will be hosting acclaimed author and storyteller Cat Weatherill. Cat will be working will all classes from F1 to Y9, performing at our Bedtime Stories charity event on Tuesday 4th September (F1-Y2 5pm; Y3-Y6 5.45pm in the Primary Library) and signing copies of her books on Tuesday (2.30pm) and Wednesday (3.30pm) of that week. To celebrate the week, we will be doing a number of events for both primary and secondary, including a story trail around the school.

University Destinations 2018
Once again it has been a great year for the students’ A Level results; that means a lot of relieved and delighted students able to take up their University places, starting off on the next exciting chapter of their lives. Once again our students applied to, and were given offers from, a widely diverse selection of some of the best universities and colleges internationally. A few of our students opted to take a gap year before taking up ambitious careers in Psychology, Medicine and Computer Studies. Here is the list of Universities and Colleges our students will be studying at this year: in the U.K.; Durham (Finance), King’s College (Biomedical Science), Sussex (Economics), Surrey (Economics), Winchester (Sports’ Science) and York (Biomedical Science). Going to the U.S.A.; Drexel (Art & Design), Ithaca (Kinesiology), Lynn, Mount Holyoke, Pratt, Saint Leo and the University of North Dakota (Aeronautical Engineering). Two students will be in Singapore, at Singapore Management University (Economics & Bus. Man.) and Yale NUS (Maths and Comp. Sci.); one student will be studying Business Management at Mumbai University in India and one student will be at Leiden in Holland, studying International Relations. Now that they have been pushed out of the nest of TBS we wish our Yetis all the best with their exciting future careers!