11th November 2016

Dear Parents and Learners of Key Stage 3,

Home Learning
I have recently been hearing some concerns regarding the home learning that is taking place in Key Stage 3 and wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the reasoning behind the policy and the expectations that we have.

The whole school home learning policy can be found here and the main reason that we are no longer setting “traditional homework” is that there is no evidence that it improves learning and in our experience can actually do the opposite. However, we do believe that learning should be enjoyable and should continue at home which is why we have produced the home learning documents for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 which are re-shared each week in the newsletter in case the links get lost. It is not “optional” for learners to do or not do any home learning but they do have the option as to what tasks they do and when. By choosing tasks that interest them we hope that the home learning will stimulate their interest instead of being seen as a chore. We recommend that learners spend between 20 minutes and 2 hours every day on their home learning and strongly encourage them to discuss and share this with parents.

Some parents have also expressed concerns about not having school diaries, this is because students are all given an ipad which has the facility to record any tasks or appointments, these devices also allow for information to be shared with parents so that you can have up to date information about your child’s learning. If students prefer to record their learning on paper they are more than welcome to purchase their own paper diaries for this purpose.

I know that many of you may well have some more questions about this and therefore I will be running a short information session in the Main Hall Friday 25th November (8.15am - 8.45am). Please let Sona Chhetri know (Sochhetri@tbs.edu.np) if you will be attending.

Yours sincerely

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