Dear Parents,

**Nepali at TBS: latest developments**

Thank you to all those parents who met with us in late May to discuss future directions in Nepali language provision at TBS. Since the meeting we have been working closely with Mr. Subash Khatiwada to support him in beginning to implement the suggestions that we discussed and it is important we keep you up to date about our progress. As parents will appreciate, our efforts to develop all subjects, not just Nepali, are ongoing as we shape courses to have maximum impact on TBS children’s learning. We are very excited about some of the new developments that we discussed on 26th May and that we will now put into action.

- We will be appointing an additional Nepali teacher to support Mr. Khatiwada. We have interviewed this week and will be seeing more teachers next week.
- Mr. Khatiwada has been working with a team of classroom learning support assistants (CLSA) who are very enthusiastic about teaching Nepali across primary and in some secondary contexts.
- We are introducing Nepali language into Early Years & Key Stage 1 so children will be taught Nepali in bite-sized chunks from a very early age.
- Mr. Khatiwada has trialled 10 minute Nepali every morning with a small group of children and we hope there will be demand from others for a morning Nepali session next year.
- Mr. Khatiwada is collecting new resources and investigating Nepali learning websites with the aim to source a wider range of modern, appealing and relevant resources.
- Mr. Khatiwada and Mr. Gyawali are organising two days of language focussed football along with Nepali lunch in a local restaurant during the summer break starting from 4th July. We will be introducing more of these fun Nepali experiences during the next academic year for a variety of age groups.
- We have also begun exploring a Sixth Form optional course for those who want to continue past IGCSE level and perhaps experience some high level, career-focussed Nepali vocabulary.
- Mr. Khatiwada has also begun to look at where Nepali can be integrated with other subjects. For instance, Geography run a high number of trips in the local area. Integrating these trips with Nepali may lead to a deeper and richer experience for students of both subjects. There is also scope for more cross-curricular work particularly in Years 7-9 and we will be working on this during 2016-17 (and in other subjects too).
- We will offer some Saturday or Sunday morning courses in 2016-17 and more holiday programmes once we appoint our new Nepali colleague.

The aim is to try to provide a more flexible range of Nepali language opportunities that will meet the needs of our very diverse student population whilst not impinging on the success of other courses. It is an interesting challenge though and we can try some new tactics to see how effective they are.

If you would like to give us further feedback, then please do contact me or Mr Khatiwada via email (skhatiwada@tbs.edu.np) or by contacting the school office. Thank you again for the positive support on new approaches and developments in this area of the school curriculum.

Yours sincerely
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