Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

I attended the annual FOBISIA Heads’ Conference over the weekend which had student well-being as one of its central themes. One of the keynote speakers, Dick Moore (no relation!), was excellent and we will explore inviting him to Kathmandu in the future. It was a very moving talk about mental health, his own life experiences and ways in which we help young people build resilience; all ideas we have been trying to put in place here at TBS over recent years. As the world becomes more complex children and young people face increasing challenges so we all, the adults in their lives, have to help them enjoy facing these challenges, to shrug off their failures and to gain the ‘bouncebackability’ we know they will need. If you would like to listen to a short version this is Dick’s TEDx talk ‘Dancing or drowning in the rain’.

On a slightly related well-being theme we have seen increasing numbers of children being left with primary reception after collection times, sometimes for 30 or 40 minutes. Whilst we know Nepal is not always easy to travel around and there can always be unexpected difficulties, if parents could try to support us by picking children up promptly it would be great for the well-being of both children and TBS staff!

Thanks to the group of parents who worked on the term dates for 2018-19. We have a Parent Forum on 16th November on clubs but we propose to make this a more general meeting with me on any broader themes parents might want to discuss.

John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events

TBS I.D. Badges

At the request of parents and students, all students in secondary have now been issued with TBS official identification cards. These can be used outside school as general student ID. At the moment, the only students who need to wear their ID badges at all times are Sixth Form students, who move between the main site and the Sixth Form Centre. The TBS main site is a closed site for most secondary students so there is no need for them to wear their badge on a daily basis (but they can if they wish).
U15 FOBISIA Team triumph in Phuket
Each of the seventeen TBS Yetis that travelled to Phuket to compete in the U15 games took home a medal and some of our competitors took home multiple medals. This is an amazing accomplishment considering the level of competition amongst the six schools that were at the games. Teams from Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand were in attendance at the state of the art Thanypura venue in Phuket. TBS opened the event with swimming success, winning 15 medals. The majority of our seven Athletics medals came from jumping events. The team games tournaments were tough days but TBS battled through with the boys Basketball team emerging as a team to watch going on to win bronze medals. Well done to Roisin, Anna, Shazadi, Amodini, Nabodita, Sam, William, Tenzin, Devansh, Mamuk, Phurba, Joel, Harish, Jayasth, Dorjee, Rigden and Pierrot!

Party with a good cause: ZONTA
Zonta Kathmandu, who work with some of our students and who we have linked up with on our community projects, will be holding a fundraiser for Women’s Empowerment Projects on 15th November at Deja Vu, Dharar Marg. The No. 1 Bollywood DJ, DJ Ashrafi, will be hosting the party. If you would like tickets please ask at the Primary Reception. NB - this is for adults only!

TBS Secondary Clubs next week
Secondary students will be on their Expeditions next week (13th November to 17th November) so there will be no secondary clubs. Primary clubs will run as normal as far as possible.

Year 9 Parents Evening (Monday 20th November, 3.45-5.45pm)
A friendly reminder to all Year 9 parents that a consultation evening with staff is being held in Week 7. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet with the Year 9 teachers to discuss the progress of their child in each subject area. We strongly encourage all parents to attend this evening and we look forward to seeing you.

TBS Word Mania! Let’s win again!
The Word Mania Competition has started! Click here to see the leaderboard. Can you help us get to the top spot? To play at home children need to either download the Word Mania app or login to the Word Mania site - using their Literacy Planet log in.

Notice from Admissions Office: Leaving notice
Could you please let Ms. Manisha Bajracharya know if you are planning to leave at the end of Term 2 as soon as possible. Early notice not only helps us to plan ahead for Term 3 but it also enables us to work with children and students on their transition to a new school. In terms of the return of deposits, the last date to notify us if children are leaving TBS is Friday 10th November 2017. If you are planning to leave within the term then you must provide us with half a terms’ prior written notice as per our fee policy.

Poppy Appeal 2017
Poppies are on sale at the various offices at TBS for those who would like to wear a poppy as a sign of remembrance and/or contribute to the British Legion appeal. A minimum contribution of 100NRs per Poppy would be appropriate.