Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Happy New Year! **Welcome back to school to all TBS families** and a special welcome to the new children and families who have joined us this week. We have quickly resumed our usual routine and it has been a busy and productive few days. Well done to Year 11, who have been completing their mock examinations this week, and to Year 12 and 13 who have been completing ‘mini mock’ assessments in their lessons. There have been lots of exciting lessons for classes of all ages as they begin new topics and it has been good to see the children enjoying their learning and being so enthusiastic! The start of a new year is a good time for new resolutions and one area we would like to highlight and focus on is attendance at school. Occasional absence through illness or unpredictable events is unavoidable. However, the current TBS absence rate is around 10% compared to 4.60% in the UK. On average this equates to one day off per fortnight for a typical TBS learner and this will have an impact on their learning. If parents could arrange medical appointments outside of school hours and organise travel outside the term dates wherever possible this will help the children’s learning and progress.

John Moore
Principal

**Recent & future events**

(W)Intercultural Fair 2017

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the (W)Intercultural Fair on Wednesday before Christmas. This year there were a record 83 stalls at the fair, making it a great event and the crowd was full of Christmas spirit! Special thanks to all those who ran stalls and contributed to our community partner fundraising as a result. We were able to raise the sum of 135,000NRs which will be used towards the betterment of the various TBS charities. As an Eco school we would also like to give a special mention to all the stalls that were plastic free. Please click here for more photos from the day.
TBS Calendar 2018

The school calendar for 2018 is on sale in the community shop for 500NRs. It is full of amazing colorful artwork by TBS students of all ages!

NISSA League
The Senior Girls' Basketball team and Senior Boys' Football team are back in action with fixtures this weekend and next week in the run up to their finals weekend. The Senior Boys' Football team will play in the Final Four Tournament on Saturday 20th at the Army Ground in Lagankhel. The Senior Girls' Basketball team have their Final Four play-offs at Lincoln School on Sunday 21st January. Go Yetis!

Primary children already practising for their Sports Day on Saturday 17th February (NB - Foundation Sports morning is on Thursday 15th February)

TBS Sunday Schools restart!
The TBS Nepali and Chinese Sunday lessons will restart this Sunday at the usual place and times. Do speak to the Nepali and Chinese teachers if you would like to know more about these sessions.

Dramatic opportunities at TBS: Auditions!
Auditions for the school productions are taking place next week and all children are welcome to audition. Good luck to all those taking part!

London College of Music
In November 2017, 6 IGCSE music students appeared and passed LCM Music Theory exams - 2 Distinctions, 1 Merit and 1 Pass in Grade 1 and 2 Merits in Grade 2. Well done to Shreyata, Adit, River, Rishi, Rishav and Oh-min! Find out more about LCM exams here!

Year 2 welcoming their new friend in their RAFT session