Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

One of the most important tasks for an international school is to ensure that our recruitment processes are effective so the school can continue to develop and improve. The increase in the number of schools, particularly British international schools, and lower numbers of people training to become teachers in the UK means this process is increasingly challenging and is unlikely to get easier in the future. This makes it essential we support the teachers we recruit as well as those we already have! Details of our new teachers can be found on our website here.

Well done to all the teachers who work with our public examination students. For a school with an inclusive approach and a relatively small cohort in Years 12 and 13, we are always disproportionately represented when the CIE Outstanding Learners Awards are given out and 2018 was no different. Well done to all the students and read more below! Finally, it has been traditional for me to hold a coffee and conversation morning with parents close to the start of a new term. This will happen next Thursday (April 19th) in the Library at 8.20am and I am happy to take questions on any aspect of school as well as perhaps giving an update on Physical Education at TBS (which usually comes up in questions anyway!). I look forward to seeing you there.

Dr. John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events
Secondary Science Week 2018
To celebrate British Science Week 2018, secondary students took part in a variety of activities including a quiz (congratulations to the winner, Sneha), KS3 Poster and Model Competition (congratulations to the winners Anna, Seoyun, Ritu, Violet, Aditya, Giulio, Aryan, Ujesha and Riya), and trips to Lake Taudaha and Godavari Botanical Gardens. While at Lake Taudaha, Year 8 students saw a pair of crows harrying a fish eagle to drop its prey, an easy way to get lunch. As Aditya in Year 8 put it, “The lake looked fabulous and the fish we could see were really huge. Honestly, I think it is the cleanest lake of Nepal. Overall this trip was amazing!”

At Godavari, Year 9 discovered orchids, ferns, succulents and many more, and learnt about horticulture from the staff.

Thank you to the student Science Ambassadors who developed their leadership skills by organising parts of the week. Follow @TBS_Science on Twitter for more pictures and an insight into secondary Science lessons at TBS.

Links to further information pages so you can see what children are learning
- Foundation 1
- Foundation 2
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- TBS IPC webpage
- TBS ICT
- Learning Support
- TBS Music
- TBS Sports
- TBS Drama
- TBS OFSTED report 2016
- Community Projects
- Learning at home links for Year 7, Year 8, & Year 9

UPCOMING EVENTS...
APRIL
- Sunday 15th - 9am to 1.30pm - TBS Sunday School
- Monday 16th - Clubs Block 3 starts
- Thursday 19th - 8.20am - General meeting with the Principal and Physical Education at TBS in Secondary Library
- Thursday 19th & Friday 20th - 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Art and DT Exhibition (in A1 & A2)
- Thursday 19th & Friday 20th - Author visit - Rob Lloyd Jones in TBS (workshops with F1 to Yr 9 students)
- Saturday 21st - 11am to 2pm - QKS Science Lab Technicians JAWS at TBS
- Friday 27th - 6pm to 7.30pm - Sports Persons’ Dinner

Upcoming… PRIMARY
APRIL
- Friday 13th - 8.15am to 12pm - Yr 2 Outdoor Learning
- Tuesday 17th - 8.15am to 12pm - F2 Outdoor Learning
- Wednesday 18th - 8.15am to 12pm - F1 Outdoor Learning
- Wednesday 18th - 3.45pm to 4.30pm - Primary FOBISIA Parents meeting (Secondary Library)
- Thursday 19th - 8.15am to 12pm - Yr 1 Outdoor Learning
- Friday 20th - 8.15am to 12pm - Yr 2 Outdoor Learning
- Friday 20th - 2pm - Visiting Author Assembly

Upcoming… SECONDARY
APRIL
- Thursday 12th - Friday 13th - IGCSE English Oral Exams
- Friday 13th - Year 11 Music (Edexcel) Coursework Deadline
- Friday 13th - 2.30pm to 4pm - House Volleyball for Years 11/12/13
- Monday 16th - 3.45pm to 5.45pm - Year 7 Parents Evening
- Tuesday 17th - 8.15am to 10.45am - IGCSE ICT Practical P21
- Wednesday 18th - 8.50am to 2pm - IGCSE French 0520 / Spanish 0530 Speaking Paper 1
- Thursday 19th - 8.30am to 3.30pm - Year 10 Lele River Trip

We know what we are, but know not what we may be.
William Shakespeare
Cambridge Outstanding Learners Awards
On Friday 6th April, 6 TBS students were invited by CIE and the British Council to the Outstanding Cambridge Learners Awards. These awards celebrated extraordinary academic achievement in Cambridge A level examinations for 2017, and parents and teachers were there to congratulate our students for performing best in the country in a range of different subjects. TBS was the most represented school in the room (joint with Budhanilkantha School) winning 8 awards. This is particularly impressive given that our competition have much larger graduating classes and many are fiercely selective. As a small, inclusive school, it is wonderful to see our students excelling at a national level in these challenging examinations. What was also very pleasing was the sheer range of subjects our students excelled in: from Psychology to Art and from History to Thinking Skills, our learners are a diverse, multi-talented bunch. Special congratulations to Yashi in Year 13 (and previous “feature teacher” Miss Patterson!) for topping the highly competitive Psychology category. Well done to all winning students and good luck to this year’s cohort as we approach the 2018 examination series!

Author Visit!
On Thursday 19th and Friday 20th, award winning author Rob Lloyd Jones will be visiting our school to deliver workshops to children from Foundation 1 all the way up to KS3. On Friday 20th, there will be a mini talk session in the assembly at 2:00pm in the hall. If you would like to hear him speak, please come along! There will be a book stall of some of his books for purchase/order in the primary playground, at 2:30pm, both days, when Rob will also be around to sign any books bought or give autographs.

Cinderella & Rockerfella KS2 Production
With its toe tappingly memorable tunes, Cinderella & Rockerfella was a fantastic KS2 production. However, it was not just the fun script and score that made it a success - it was the collaborative effort of the staff, parents and, most importantly, students who developed this production in just 10 weeks! Students were resilient in rehearsals and effectively balanced learning their lines, dances and the songs to create this spectacular event.

TBS Coffee and Conversation mornings
We have been holding a regular series of meetings for parents over the course of the year (coffee and conversation mornings). Thank you to parents who attend and share their thoughts with us. It is really useful to reflect on the views that are expressed and move forward with the best ideas! Term 4 meetings for parents will include a general meeting with the Principal, which will include a PE update (April 19th), What is Safeguarding? (April 26th), Meet the new Principal, Brian Platts (May 3rd) and Nepali at TBS (May 10th). They start at 8.20am (or once you have got a tea or coffee) and are usually in the library.

Geography Oman Trip
The week before the Easter Holidays, a group of Year 9, 10 and 11s travelled to Oman to study desert, coastal and river environments and the impact that tourism was having on them. The first day saw them travelling through the Persian Gulf, watching dolphins playing in the waves and snorkelling on the reefs in the NE of Oman. The 300 million year old coastline has been eroded into an impressive landscape with excellent examples of the landforms that they had studied in lessons. Day 2 gave a glimpse of religion in Oman by visiting the largest mosque. This was followed by a voyage into the desert to experience wadis and a Bedouin camp, with sand-boarding as an added bonus. The parallel dunes of the desert in Oman have ‘street names’ allowing Bedouins to easily direct and meet each other. Leaving the desert, we then travelled south to see how the traditional boats of Oman are handcrafted and how sinkholes are formed in karst scenery. After camping at the beach we left for our final adventure - a desert trek, swim and exploring a hidden cave. The geography of Oman is amazing and to be able to explore it was a fantastic opportunity for all of those involved. Click here for more details.

A dramatic scene from the Key Stage 2 production, Cinderella and Rockerfella!