Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

This week saw the feast day of Saraswati, Hindu Goddess of Knowledge, Learning, Art, Music, Wisdom, Philosophy, Creativity, and Nature. A quick look at our @TbsKathmandu twitter feed shows that all these aspects of education are celebrated on a daily basis at TBS and this week was no exception. We wish our older Model United Nations students the very best of luck on their travels to Qatar and we have been reflecting with older students on their mock examination performances as they seek to achieve the very highest grades in their summer public examinations. As well as being very knowledgeable, we also want our TBS children to always be kind and thoughtful so well done to Foundation 2 who are thanking the dais who look after them on their outdoor learning mornings at Chobhar as part of their ‘People who help us!’ IPC topic.

John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events
TBS Owls Picnic - change of date

The TBS Owls will combine the New Year/ Welcome picnic and the volleyball tournament so this fun family event will take place on Saturday 3rd February from 10am until 2pm (with Volleyball starting at 8.30am)! Please bring a potluck picnic lunch (meaning that everyone brings food to be shared with others) and TBS Owls will provide the drinks.

Holi Extravaganza

TBS’s Community Club would like to invite all students (Year 3 and above) to their Holi Extravaganza fundraiser on Sunday 25th February. There will be separate times for Primary and Secondary students. All proceeds will go to TBS Community Projects (see the posters around school). Tickets will be available from Miss Jenny Pinder, Miss Claire Patterson and Primary reception.

TBS Owls’ Book Club

The TBS Owls’ book club will take place on Wednesday 31st January at 8.30am at Top of the World Cafe reading the same book as previously, Tiger for Breakfast.
TBS IGCSE Options evening!
On Monday, 18th January, the current Year 9 had their IGCSE options evening where they were exposed to the reality of study in Key Stage 4 and motivated and inspired by the variety of different courses that were on offer. Some current Year 11s gave first hand experience of how brilliant life is in Years 10 & 11 as well. IGCSEs are two year courses and final examinations take place at the end of Year 11. They are internationally recognised and give students a fantastic foundation for further study (A levels & University degrees). Year 9 now have a transition day to look forward to, one on one meetings with members of the leadership team and discussions in mentor times to help them make choices that will make them happy, productive and committed learners. Final option choices will be submitted on the 19th February so the students have a month to research and plan. For further information see Mr. Gary Wambeek.

TBS University Offers
At this time of year most of our Year 13 students have sent off their applications to various universities around the world including the UK and US as well as Canada, Netherlands, Sweden, Hong Kong, Korea, Germany, UAE and Thailand. UK universities generally offer conditional places that will wait until final results in August to be confirmed but our students have had offers from top universities including Durham, Exeter, Manchester and Edinburgh. We have also had our first confirmed offer from the US, with SAIC offering a place and a US$25,000 scholarship to one TBS student. It is a very exciting time for Year 13 and also a good time to remind all students that it is never too early to start thinking about university. Do see Mr. Sean Moore and Miss Alex Hands if you have any questions about applying to university in the future.

TBS Community Volleyball tournament
On Saturday, 3rd February, TBS will host the Second Community Volleyball tournament. Games will commence on the TBS new courts at 8.30am and will conclude by 4pm. All money raised will be donated to the TBS charities. Spectators are welcome as this event is combined with the TBS Owls picnic.

NISSA Cup Weekend
The Boys’ Football team played Lincoln in an intense cup semi-final at the Army Ground in Lagankhel on Saturday morning. Tied 0-0 at half time the footballing Yetis had an outstanding game. Samrat squeezed the ball over the line early in the second half to capture a berth in the final. GEMS were the opponent for this exciting Cup final encounter. Both teams were in contention until GEMS capitalised on a lucky break just before halftime. The Yetis did not give up but had to settle for the silver medal position overall.

The Girls’ Basketball team lined up against cup favourites KISC in their semi-final at Lincoln on Sunday. The biggest upset in the NISSA competition was on the cards with TBS dominating the first half. KISC fought back and sank a number of consecutive baskets to book their place in the final. TBS Yetis lost in the 3rd/4th play off but not without a great performance against Rato Bangala. Co-captain Khushi was runner up in the 3 point competition and it was a great day of basketball for the Yetis.

Ever thought about studying in Hong Kong?
On Wednesday 31st January we will be visited by Hong Kong Baptist University. This is the perfect opportunity for any students, especially those in Year 11 & 12, to find out what it will be like to study in Hong Kong and the best ways to be successful in applying there. It takes place at 4pm in C3 in the Sixth Form. Interested students (and parents) can sign up through their mentors or email Mr. Sean Moore.