Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

The most exciting news this week is to congratulate Mr. Steve Priest and Mrs. Tumika Sthapit-Priest on their new posts at the British International School of Tbilisi. It is fantastic to see people move on in their careers and, although parting is always slightly sad, great schools support colleagues in their career development and are happy to see them go on to achieve even greater successes in the future. Well done to them both!

Thank you also to everyone who came to the Clubs & Activities Parent Forum. A summary of the feedback is now on the website and we have started to work on the main action points. It was a very useful meeting for us, so thank you very much to everyone for the honest and constructive feedback!

If any parents would like to join me on a learning walk around the school whilst the children are in lessons, then you are most welcome. Walking around the school everyday, you will be able to see what an exciting vibrant place it is (and also see some parts of the school you might not know about) in quite a short time. If you would like to come and do a tour of the school, either on your own or in a small group, then do let Ms. Nazma Shakya know what time and dates work best for you.

John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events

Calling all musicians! An exciting opportunity…..
The Kathmandu Orchestra will be rehearsing at TBS every Tuesday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The orchestra is also launching an ‘open door’ community initiative, so if you play an orchestral instrument and would like to join in please email Mr. Iannandrea or Mr. Munikar. All ages and levels accepted. Please check all news relevant to Music Education at TBS on the TBS Music website.

Intentions for 2017-18

The deadline to inform us that your children will not be returning to TBS for Term 1 2017-18 is Friday May 26th. Please let Ms. Manisha Bajracharya so we can staff classes efficiently and return all deposits promptly (and in full!) if the notice period is given. Thank you in advance!
Student Leadership at TBS
There have been plenty of fascinating elections in the world over the last 12 months and TBS went through its own, hopefully less controversial, democratic process in the first week of term 4. We had a record number of hopeful candidates for our six Prefect positions, and they gave what were universally agreed to be the best speeches we had ever heard. It is extremely pleasing that TBS students are so engaged and civic minded. All the candidates would have been worthy winners. Sadly, not everyone can be elected but we would like to congratulate Chris Pradhan, Dechen Lama, Shubham Agrawal, Ian Joshi, Catherine Mathema and Sraddhneya Gurung who will make up our Student Leadership team next year. This is also an opportunity to give our thanks to the outgoing team for the fantastic job they have done this year; Sonam Ongdi, Raghav Rungta, Viana Kocher and Joong Eo.

Nepal Municipal Elections
As you are aware, Nepal is electing local officials this weekend. It is anticipated that here in Kathmandu the election will see little that would disrupt the normal operation of school. School will therefore remain open as normal next week. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise of any changes in school routine. Please follow us on Twitter (@TbsKathmandu) to find up to date notices. As always, we advise parents to err on the side of caution when planning journeys to and from school if there are demonstrations or such in the days following the election. The safety of your children is of paramount importance!

Teachers for 2017-18
I regularly update parents regarding staff changes and we are constantly planning for the expected and the unexpected. The latest list is here and this week Mr. David Simon, our secondary Science & Physics teacher, left TBS and he leaves with the very best wishes for his future. I will email secondary parents separately, but please be reassured that we recruit to anticipate life in Kathmandu and the individual circumstances that can crop up when you live internationally. We remain fully staffed for 2017-18 and look forward to our new colleagues joining us in August!

KS3 students returned on Sunday from a busy Middle School Model United Nations conference in Doha which saw them trying to solve a variety of problems related to inequality. Students represented Guatemala and Russia and were tasked with trying resolving topical issues with peers from across the world. This is feedback from one of the students: THIMUN was really fun. At first I was really nervous because everything seemed so serious, but when we had to mingle and get into groups I started to get comfortable and made so many new friends. I didn’t speak at all on the first day; I was too scared because everyone seemed to know what they were doing. Eventually, I spoke because I realised everyone was as nervous as me and no one would judge me because my commission was very supportive. Now that I look back I regret not speaking more. Also we didn’t only debate we did other fun activities during break like icebreakers and singing. If there is another chance for me to go to THIMUN I would definitely go.

Summer Camp
Ms. Rachana Adhikari will begin to organise the TBS Summer Camp over the next few weeks. It will run in July and if you think your son or daughter would like to attend please give Rachana an email saying what you would like, which dates would work best and to express an initial interest. We will then send out detailed sign up information just after half term.

As part of F1’s topic on Animals the children went on a trip to the zoo. They enjoyed looking at the animals and feeding the elephant with bananas. They also had a picnic lunch at the zoo. It was fun!

Year 9 Chinese Lunch
As part of the Year 9 Chinese course topic, Chinese Food and Drinks, the students went to a Chinese restaurant last Wednesday. There were different varieties of vegetarian, meat and fish dishes. The students all enjoyed the authentic Chinese food, and it was great to see their language skills in action!

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