Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

The public examinations began this week and, whilst most students find examinations a less frightening experience than they anticipate, in an increasingly competitive world IGCSE, AS & A Level examinations can be stressful time for students and parents. Our school counsellor, Mrs. Nicole Griffiths is on hand for those students who may wish to see her and all teachers are happy to see individuals to make sure they have maximum support. For parents, Nicole recommends this advice to support learners at home in preparing for exams in a stress free way.

As those regularly on the school site will have noticed, our building continues apace. During the building period we are watering heavily to reduce dust (in an eco way using our well and pond water!) and the builders cease working near the hall during examinations. You may also have seen Mr. Stephen Moreton inspecting the health & safety arrangements of all our contractors and TBS staff in his capacity as TBS Clerk of Works. This is highly likely to be the final major development on this site. Although there are short term compromises, there is often no gain without a little pain!

Next week I will be attending the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) annual meeting and training in London, then completing Level 3 Child Protection refresher training before supporting the FOBISIA Music heads at their annual meeting. I will be in email contact for some of the week, but Mr. Steve Priest will deputise for me and any child protection issues should be directed to Ms. Gemma Caines.

John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events

TBS Class, House & Whole School Photographs

NRs 300 per picture, parents interested in clicking Individual student’s picture or together with sibling then please email Ms. Nazma Shakya. School photos will be available in community shop. Please check the school notice board for pictures you want, and pick up the order form from the wallet there.

Changes of contact details

Please email Ms. Jyoti Amatya (or any of the admin team) if you change your address, email or contact people/numbers. Even if there are temporary changes, please do let us know so we can contact the right person as swiftly as possible.
COBIS Young Scientist Film competition
Our Young Scientists entered the COBIS Young Scientist competition recently and the two shortlisted films can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Well done to all the students on some fantastic entries!

**TBS is 50! Help us celebrate……**
The academic year 2016-17 sees TBS reach 50 years of age as the school has been operating since 1966. To celebrate this landmark we are arranging a number of events. Some are joint birthday events celebrating 200 years of the Nepal UK relationship.

**Black Tie Dinner & Dance - Saturday 20th August**
Bicentennial Cup - Saturday 27th August
A 5-a-side football event between British and British-linked organisations in the city.

**Brit Rock! - Saturday 10th September**
The school car park will be converted into a music festival venue to celebrate British rock and pop from the last 50 years. Performers welcome to book a spot!

**Choral Extravaganza - Saturday 1st October**
UK choirmaster and choral expert Dominic Peckham will be in TBS all week. At the end of the week, the choirs will descend on Basantapur to sing to the public!

**Garden Party - Term 3**
A traditional British summer fete and garden party.

*NB - We have a number of other events such as hosting the FOBISIA Under 15 Games and the FOBISIA Student Environmental Conference. If you would like to assist with any of these events (or to suggest more!) please contact Ms. Khetan.*

**PE at TBS Parent Forum**
The PE department are organising a Parent Forum on Wednesday 8th June at 8.30am to show and tell what they do in PE. It is also an opportunity for parents to ask any questions and to share ideas about things you would like to see in the future. As it is easier to learn by doing, bring your PE kit!

**New primary toilets**
The final phase of the primary retrofitting was to upgrade the primary toilets for the children. They are now ready (and just to confuse the children, what was the girls is now the boys and vice versa)! These facilities are for the children’s use only - improved parent and visitor toilets are coming next!

**Nepali language learning at TBS**
We are looking at Modern Foreign Languages for 2016-17 and beyond. The general consensus is that the introduction of Chinese has been positive and the employment of a primary specialist for 2016-17 will increase exposure to more languages in primary. However, the provision for Nepali is more difficult to reach consensus about. Therefore, I would like to consult parents on this issue to gather a wider range of opinions before we make any changes. If you would be happy to be involved in a discussion group on Thursday 26th May at 8.30am please email Ms. Nazma Shakya. Similarly if you have an opinion on this issue and simply want to email us, this would be extremely helpful as well.

**TBS Rebuilding Projects! Khanigaun building completed!**
We continue to make progress towards rebuilding the primary schools we work with in Dhading. The Principal of Shree Khanigaun school sent this picture this week as they are on the verge of completing their rebuilding. They are absolutely delighted and wanted to pass on thanks to the many people who have contributed to the TBS rebuilding fund! All 3 schools are on schedule to be complete in the next two or three weeks!

**Health issues**
The School Nurse is available every day in the school playground from 8.00am and she should be consulted if there are any changes to medication or your child’s health that we need to be aware of. We have updated our medication policy. It is available on the TBS website [here](#).

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