Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Thank you to those parents that came to the Secondary Google Classroom/Home Learning Information Session this week. If you missed it this link gives more information about how you can receive a daily or weekly summary on what your child is learning in their secondary classes. Some parents have requested a parent’s forum about Navigating the Teenage Years and how to be good parents and support children as they enter adolescence. Our school counsellor, Ms. Sophia Groom, will be very happy to chair this discussion on 17th May at 8.20am. We have also compiled a short list of useful reading for any parents who are interested Navigating the teenage years reading list. Please email Ms. Nazma Shakya if you would like to attend.

At international schools staff do change on a regular basis. As Kathmandu is arguably a more challenging place to live than some other Asian cities, we do build in some extra capacity when we recruit to ensure we are not affected adversely if colleagues do need to leave as circumstances change. We also do try to communicate all staff changes to parents whilst being sensitive to the wishes and circumstances of colleagues who are leaving us. Please find a link to the staff update for Term 4 and 2017/18.

John Moore
Principal

Recent & future events

TBS Green Week Ted Lectures
Monday evening saw the first ever Ted-style lecture evening at TBS. Interesting presentations on Beekeeping (Dr Saville), Sustainable Building (Mr Acharya), Air Pollution (Dr Bhave) and Glacial Hydrology (Dr Prakash) were enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Thank you to all our speakers! The full video of the lecture can be found here. Look out for further Ted-style lecture evenings in the future.
Exams
May/June public examinations for IGCSEs and A Levels are starting next term. There is a link on the website to the timetable.

Plans for Year 11 after their IGCSE examinations
As well as work experience (see below) there is also a bridging course that it is essential that everyone who is staying with us for Sixth Form attends. The letter is here.

Work Experience Week for Year 11
Year 11 will be taking part in the annual Work Experience Week from 12th – 16th June. This is a wonderful learning experience and opportunity for students to explore the world of work. A letter has recently been sent out to Year 11 parents regarding this and students should be seeking and finalising suitable placements during the coming weeks. If any parents could help us by taking one or more of our students for the week and building TBS and wider community relationships we would be very grateful. If you are able to help please contact Mr. Gary Wambeek or Mr. Phillip Jackson for more details.

Alice in Wonderland
The Key Stage 2 production this week was a great triumph in Nepali? Looking for an Easter gift for a non-Nepali speaking friend? Look no further - the ‘Learning Nepali at TBS’ vocabulary book is available from the TBS Community shop for just 500NRs.

TBS Bus Spaces Available!
Seats are available on the TBS Bhaisepati/Dholahti bus route and if anyone is interested then they can contact the Bursar, Mr. Uday Shrestha.

TBS PE Kit Contest
Students now have the opportunity to design the new PE kits. Remember - there are prizes and this is a brilliant opportunity for you to contribute to the school. Final entries must be handed in by Monday 24th April. For details on how to enter the competition, click here.

University Applications at TBS
2017 university applications are almost all completed and Year 13 have already had lots of great news. Offers are in from fantastic UK destinations such as London School of Economics, Durham, Exeter, Manchester and Leeds. In Canada, students have places at University of British Columbia, and Toronto, whilst our first US acceptance has arrived well ahead of schedule (along with an $80,000 scholarship) from Clark. Well done to all students for their hard work on applications. Advance warning: TBS will be holding it’s annual University Preparation Week 12th-16th of June. There will be after-school information events for parents and, whilst this week focuses on year 12 students and their families, any parents are welcome to attend sessions if they are interested in finding out more. Watch this space!