Principal's Message
Dear parents and students,
It is always such a treat to see how our students continue to engage in their learning and this week is no different. I especially enjoyed seeing the responsible dolphins in Foundation 1!

Year 6 students have not only been focusing on completing their school year but have also been joining Secondary School lessons as part of the transition process. Ms. Gradden will be sending out further information about transition, so please do check your inbox.

It has been a difficult time for us all, although arguably most for our Year 13 students. We are therefore immensely looking forward to their graduation on Friday 26th June.

It is coming up to that time of year when we will be saying a fond farewell to our departing staff as they move onto new adventures. TBS is such a special place because of the people that inhabit it and our teachers contribute so much to providing such a caring and engaging learning environment. We therefore wish the following staff all of the very best and thank them all for their significant contribution to the development of our school: Amy Bartlett; Shona Berque; Jennifer Birch; Amy Austin; Alex Hands; James Gray; Sara Harman; Claire Patterson; David Hussey; Karen Doman; Rosalind Ferguson; Ashley Sutton; Hannah Straw; Jenny Pinder; Ian Jones; Anita Pardoe. Next week I will be introducing our new teachers to TBS.

We will be holding two Parent Meetings next week and I would urge you all to please try and attend. On Monday 15th at 5:00 pm we will be outlining the first draft of our ‘Return to campus guidelines’ (details here) and on Friday 20th at 5:00 pm we will outline school fees for 2020-21 and the sustainability of the school (details to follow). Don’t forget, we also have the AGM on Sunday 28th June!

Please do have a good rest this weekend and stay safe.

Brian Platts

School Counseling
Following on from the parent meeting about wellbeing a few weeks back, for anybody who couldn’t attend, our school counsellor, Sophia Groom, has some confidential video sessions available. If you would like to discuss anything related to the wellbeing of you and your family in more detail, please feel free to contact her on sgroom@tbs.edu.np

Student Leadership
The time has come for secondary students to put themselves forward as candidates for the 2020/2021 Student Leadership team. We are sure that all of our students appreciate the importance of this role and how much of a positive impact they can have on the school community as a prefect.

Community News
We handed out 350 relief packages so far to families of daily wages workers thanks to your generous support! More news to follow soon.

Early Years News
This week, the F1 students are learning life skills, like folding laundry and keeping their room and house clean. Parents will be so happy with these responsible dolphins.

The students of F2 listened to the story “Yucky Worms” and looked for worms in their garden. Murray had a clever idea to get the worm out of the soil - he tricked the worm by watering the garden. Naavya and all her classmates also made their own wiggly worms.
**Lower Key Stage 2 News**

Year 3 have been working on performing poems with confidence using varied intonation, volume and pace as well as actions and facial expressions. A huge variety of fabulous performances were uploaded to Seesaw - with The Great Big Hole, I'm Walking With My Iguana, When Frankenstein Was A Kid and On The Ning Nang Nong being just some of the favourites.

Year 4 have started a new IPC topic: Chocolate! As part of their entry point, they created posters all about chocolate, explaining where it is from, the history of chocolate and some fun facts.

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**Key Stage 1 News**

Have a look at the amazing circus hats of Year 1 and don’t forget to watch their Circus Assembly this Friday. Expect to see lots of acrobats, clowns and magic!

As part of Wellbeing, the Year 2 students took their toy animals on a jungle safari in their garden - a wonderful example of going on exciting adventures without traveling! You better bring your compass when you go on a safari and luckily the Year 2 students know exactly how to make a compass. Another great idea during lockdown is to keep a diary. Areesha journalled about the past 11 weeks.
Upper Key Stage 2 News

Year 6 have spent the last couple of weeks getting to know some of the Secondary teachers and getting a small glimpse of Year 7 - even if it is a very different Year 7 to the one they will experience on campus when we return. In DT, they designed and made prototypes for a sofa coffee holder.

In Year 5, meanwhile, students have been planning their own sci-fi inventions! There are some very creative ideas here; we look forward to seeing what happens with them next!

Key Stage 3 News @TBSKS3

Last week’s KS3 Student of the Week was Swaraj. Swaraj has been a fantastic role model since he began in Y7. He is always hard working, polite and enthusiastic. So what has been happening this week? The Y7s have been wrapping about the different elements of Music.

The Y7s have also been learning how to describe animals in Nepali. The Y8s have been learning about Mediterranean biomes in Geography.

The Y8s have been working on Lockdown Blues songs in Music and sports shoe design in DT.

And the Y7 students have annotated Djembe drums to revisit what they learned earlier this year in Music.

Finally we welcomed Y6 into Secondary over the last fortnight and are looking forward to them joining us in August. Here are a couple of examples of the Y6’s work in Art.

Key Stage 4 News

The current context has definitely brought an array of challenges that our teachers and students battle to overcome each week. Despite these challenges, we are continually overwhelmed with the resilience of our students as they maintain an endless positivity and determination. Our new learning provisions have highlighted additional strengths of our students that may not have been obvious in the past. Accessing learning through an online platform has provided a new and exciting way for our students to demonstrate their individual strengths and excellence. This week has seen some particular highlights:

- Ohjun (Y11) who has been organised and diligent with his online learning courses.
- Yashasvi (Y11) who has deeply engaged herself within the online learning courses and produced a study guide for our current Year 10s.
- Shashank (Y10) who has improved his approach to learning by asking more questions and engaging himself more within lesson activities.
- Jetarsi (Y10) produced work in Maths that was of an excellent standard and used as a modelled example for the rest of the class.
- Anujin (Y10) for her superb preparation and organisation for a recent Physics test.

We are hoping to celebrate the completion of IGCSE courses with our Year 11 students before the end of the year. Details of this will be shared with Year 11 students soon.

Our student of the week was Eliza (Y11)

Eliza has maintained a consistently positive enthusiasm since the campus closure. In addition to her high attendance levels, Eliza’s warm and friendly personality has brought a positive vibe to all of her lessons (lifting the morale of both students and teachers). We have also been very impressed with her caring nature - looking out for the wellbeing of her friends, peers and teachers. Well done, Eliza!

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Key Stage 5 News

There’s been some exceptional work going on in Maths and Economics this week. Isn’t it great to see that even away from school that our students are challenging themselves to learn so much high level content!

Year 12 have started to understand a new probability distribution - Poisson.

Plans are moving forward for celebrating the end of the year for our departing Year 13s and I’d like to confirm that graduation will be taking place online on Friday 26th June. We are looking into different platforms and students and parents will receive an invitation soon.

For Year 11 students who are moving into Year 12 next year they can also look forward to a fun-filled transition afternoon. We will be meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 25th June to get to know each other a little better in preparation for sixth form life. Year 11: watch this space for more information heading your way soon!

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