Dear students and parents,

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families; I hope you have enjoyed the week and have been made to feel part of our very special community. We have a New Parents Meeting today at 5pm, on zoom ([link here](#)), where we will provide a brief overview of the school, but the main focus will be to answer any questions you may have after the first week.

What a fabulous start to the new academic year, even though it is not in the mode we had hoped and wished for. It is clearly evident that our students have not forgotten the attributes of ‘excellence and kindness’. I have seen so many examples, online, of students being challenged and challenging themselves in so many creative ways. I have also seen and heard numerous examples of students helping one another. You have certainly ‘set the bar high’ and the challenge is to maintain this momentum for the rest of the term: I am confident you will all meet this challenge.

We have scheduled three whole school parent information sessions this term: 17th Sep - AGM Report; 1st October-appropriate online conduct and E-safety; and 15th Oct - Wellbeing. The Primary and Secondary sections of the school will also be providing distinct sessions to help you to help your children. If you require any assistance or have any questions, especially whilst we are in Phase 4 of online continuous learning, please do reach out to us.

I am sure we have all enjoyed this week, but are a little exhausted, so please do have a good rest this weekend and stay safe.

Brian Platts

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**School Counsellor**

Our school counsellor, Ms. Sophia Groom, is available for parents as well as students. Should you wish to discuss any concerns or seek advice/support regarding any aspect of your child's wellbeing please do feel free to contact her on [sgroom@tbs.edu.np](mailto:sgroom@tbs.edu.np). Sessions will be via video link and are strictly confidential between yourselves and Ms Groom.

**Early Years News**

Our youngest students have learned a memory game this week and enjoyed playing this with their family. They also showed their creativity by finger painting.

Foundation 2 has been learning about different feelings through stories, games and songs. Adira shared her different expressions. Can you guess her facial expressions? Arya made a happy face with play dough.

**Key Stage 1 News**

The students of Year 1 have been adaptable chameleons by starting to use their new continuous learning program Seesaw, responsible dolphins by doing their daily tasks and thoughtful chimps by thinking about which learning animal powers they want to develop this year. Can you guess what Sophie and Naavya want to be?
Lower Key Stage 2 News
Year 3 have been showing off their enthusiasm for a vast array of novels to their new teachers, Mr Scott and Ms Elson, as well as making a start on writing playscripts. With such an unusual start to the school year, it has been great to see so much focus and concentration from Day 1.

Likewise, Year 4 have been flexing their creative writing muscles, incorporating new vocabulary and showing off their punctuation knowledge. Choosing between recounting their holidays or being inspired by a picture or soundtrack, they have created some fabulous pieces of writing.

The Year 2 students are clearly going to challenge themselves this year! Have a look at the targets from Aadyasree and Nolah. What would you like to develop this year? Ari in Year 2 demonstrates you can be creative in all areas of your learning. Look what he did with his Maths numbers. Anvi shows great problem solving skills by doing a Brainwaves challenge.

Key Stage 3 News
Over the last week, it has been amazing to see so many students in Key Stage 3 come back to online learning. It is so impressive to see how well the students are adapting to the current circumstances and still being extremely productive. A massive congratulations has to go out to all of Key Stage 3 for this achievement! Well done to all of the Year Sevens for completing their first week of secondary schooling at TBS! It has been incredible to see how smoothly they have transitioned into a new way of learning and is a testament to their resilience.

The Year Eights and Nines have been busy this week getting to know their new Mentor and Mentor groups. On Monday, they spent an extended period with their Mentor to gain an understanding of how online learning was going to take shape for the coming weeks. Every person in each group was extremely proactive in these sessions and seemed eager to get back to learning, which was great to see!

Student Mentions:
Already in the first week, Key Stage 3 has accomplished so much. A few special mentions go to:

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[Images of student work and activities related to the content mentioned in the text]
Upper Key Stage 2 News

It has been absolutely wonderful to see everyone back at school (or back on Seesaw!). The amount of effort that has already been shown by Year 5 and 6 is impressive.

With the whole of Primary focusing on Brainwaves this week, Year 5 have been looking at the power of ‘Yet’. The posters they have created are definitely inspirational!

Meanwhile, in Year 6, we have been thinking about the language of Beginning, Developing and Mastering. Students have chosen a skill where they are beginning and are working on improving their abilities and, most importantly, reflecting on the learning journey.

Key Stage 5 News

Welcome (back) to TBS! Key stage 5 has been busy this week, working out new timetables, lessons, courses and mentors. It has been such a pleasure hearing from your teachers about how fabulous you all are. Particular mentions go to our new students who have hit the ground running and really got stuck into their online lessons.

Emily (Y9) - For challenging herself in Music, Science and Maths by wanting to complete the more complex tasks and striving to complete all of her work.

Subigya (Y9) - For excellent quality music work by recording herself perfectly in time with a backing track.

Devanshi (Y9) - For having a caring and highly motivated approach in both Mentor sessions and English lessons.

Tanushka (Y7) - For showing excellence in her music by being creative in video classwork!

Once again, well done to everyone in Key Stage 3 for such a successful first week. Everyone at TBS is excited to see all of the achievements you will have in the coming weeks!

Key Stage 4 News

Hello Key Stage 4 and welcome (back) to school! I would particularly like to welcome our new KS4 students, of which there are seven. Our new students have joined the TBS Family from around the world, including Moldova and Ethiopia; adding an extra dimension to the international nature of our school.

I have been particularly impressed at how well all students have got back into the swing of things, and, for the first time ever, have had to sort out timetables, mentor meetings and a whole host of other first day tasks that would normally be done in a classroom with their mentor in a virtual environment. It is no mean feat achieving all of these tasks online and in various parts of the world, where time differences can make certain aspects challenging!

Personally, I managed to get into school for three days to teach from my classroom before lockdown was, once again, enforced, and it was such a lovely experience being able to teach in a school environment again. I am very much looking forward to the day when we can have all teachers and students in school and have a return to normality. However, for now, Continuous Learning is our normal, but I have no doubt that our KS4 students will continue to rise to, and accept, the opportunities and challenges encountered.

For any parents of students who are currently not in Nepal and have any concerns regarding time difference and lesson schedules, please do not hesitate to contact me. While lessons are being taught to Nepal time, we aim to be understanding of time differences and all lessons are being recorded for those students who are finding it difficult with the time difference. I would strongly
Peter in Year 12 has made an excellent start to A level maths, getting involved in discussions about statistics and asking interesting questions in Art lessons. Arya in Year 12 has impressed Mrs King with her extra reading for AS level Chemistry. I have also received emails praising our new Year 12’s attitude towards their new subjects, such as Manasvi’s enthusiasm and attitude in Media studies. A fantastic start to the year! Well done! I am also in awe of how both Anna and Didi have managed to be on time for mentor sessions this week both having to get up hours before the sunrise, which shows fantastic commitment to their studies.

Have a well-earned, restful weekend. Looking forward to catching up with everyone on Monday.

I urge students outside of Nepal to attend live lessons as much as possible. Not only will this allow students to interact with their peers, it will also allow for real-time interaction with teachers, which may be crucial to their learning and understanding.

Year 10 highlights have included Aryan who has made a very studious start to the year, including showing those ever elusive workings in Maths. Niyanta has impressed her new mentor, Ms Wynn, during mentor time, and produced excellent notes and work for Maths.

Some of the highlights from Year 11 this week have included Abayaa who produced English summer homework for English and gave very insightful comments on performance in Music. Inseok (Issac) who also produced excellent summer homework for English. It was so good that the exam style question he created was used by his teacher for class homework!

I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend, and I am looking forward to seeing what our KS4 students can achieve in week 2.

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