Dear parents and students,

Thank you to all parents that attended the meeting on Wednesday. The focus was on the mental health and wellbeing of all members of our community with feedback from recent surveys and advice on how we can help ourselves and your children. A recording of the meeting can be found here. Parent meeting

Brandon from Year 12 started off the meeting outlining the student leadership initiative of raising money for daily wage earners through climbing Everest via staircases. Please see further details, opposite. Congratulations to all members of our student leadership team responsible for this fabulous initiative and thank you to all of you that supported it.

I have written to all parents regarding our plans for the rest of this academic year (please check your email or click here). The decision has been made to not open the campus for academic learning before July 3rd: this will continue online. I remain cautiously optimistic that we can open the campus up, either before the end of the academic year, or during the summer break, to focus even more on the social, emotional and physical needs of your children.

We are again, cautiously optimistic, that the campus will be open for learning for the 2020-21 academic year on the scheduled date of Monday 17th August. If this does not look possible, we will inform all parents, students and staff at least two weeks beforehand.

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

Brian Platts

Facebook and Instagram
We are continuously posting on these two platforms as well in addition to twitter now. Please follow us there too. Links: Facebook | Instagram

Celebration Day 2020
Our inaugural celebration day due to happen on June 20th has now been cancelled due to the uncertain situations at the moment. However, we are looking into alternative ways to celebrate student’s accomplishments and achievements this year.

Climb Everest Update!
The Prefect team is extremely grateful to all of those who have donated, sponsored and/or participated in our cause. This has been such a successful project which is due to the determination and care in the TBS Community allowing us to thrive and keep the spirits high despite the pandemic that has affected all of us. We have collected over £3000 and have climbed Everest at least 3 times last time we did the calculations. For those of you who would like to donate and haven’t already, you can donate using the Go Fund Me page here or, if you would prefer to donate in Nepali Rupees, complete this form and we will send you the details of an account to which you can transfer the funds. This has been a wonderful journey for us all in the prefect team and the hard work that all the members have contributed is truly inspirational. We would like to mention a special appreciation to Tashi Topden Sherpa Lama (video here) who is underway on climbing all of the 4000 flights. Please watch this video too!

Makalu 1’s Mt. Everest stair climb challenge
As a mentor group they decided to take on the challenge of climbing the entire 8848m up Mt. Everest! So between Ashray, Jack, Maud, Sharvi, Sushant and Ms Middlebrook, they met each day in a google meet and took on the challenge of climbing our stairs at home to make it to the top.
**Key Stage 1 News**
The year 1 students have been practising their map skills by going on a treasure hunt around the house, like Kenshin, who met Superheroes and dinosaurs on his way. The mums and dads were lucky, because all students have been helping with jobs around the house and some of them had a go at making mug cakes!

In Geography this week Year 2 have been learning about the places pirates visited and some new geographical words to describe these islands! They used Google Earth to look closely at some different islands on our planet.

**Community**
Thanks to your amazing support we have so far been able to provide 250 relief packages and help out several families of our community partner schools. More to come, we will keep you updated!

**Hay Festival Came to TBS**
This week, students and families have been accessing Hay Book festival resources online. If you missed the sessions by wonderful authors like Konnie Huq and Cressida Cowell, it’s not too late. You can watch back through the links on the Padlet here.

**Running out of Reading?**
The TBS secondary library has gone online. Look at our new site to find online books your child can read for free.

**Early Years News**
The Early Years students practised their throwing and catching skills this week. Radhika was really excited to use her self-made frisbee. Aviyah made her own bird feeder and hung it in her garden waiting for birds to come.
Upper Key Stage 2 News

Students have been thinking about their favourite memories from their time in Year 6 this week, creating dioramas as a way to display those memories - we have had everything from the trip to the Last Resort, centuries in cricket, the Key Stage 2 production and football matches. What an amazing year!

Year 5, meanwhile, have been continuing with their collaborative work - this week making their final decisions on a product design; and what amazing products they have thought up!

Key Stage 4 News

This week began with the unofficial celebration for our Year 11 students who have now finished their GCSE courses. After a well-deserved weekend of rest, there was opportunity for students and mentors to reflect on the challenges and triumphs of the last two years. Quickly following this was the commencement of our Online Learning program. Our Year 11 students will be enrolling in online courses that will help their preparation for A-level studies beginning in August. We have been truly amazed by the enthusiasm of our students as they embrace the opportunity to engage in alternative learning. Some of the topics they are learning include, but are not limited to: fashion design, gender inequality, social psychology, advanced

Key Stage 3 News @TBSKS3

As you can see from our Twitterfeed and other social media posts the KS3 students are continuing to produce fantastic work. Last week’s KS3 Student of the week was Dia Lohia, who has consistently demonstrated an excellent work ethic and attitude. This week has also seen our Climb Everest fundraiser, with some students like Tashi taking it to another level to raise money for local families! The Y8s have been working on script writing in Drama and there continues to be fierce competition for the bi-weekly House Maths Challenges set by Aarush Bhutra.

There has been more samba band magic from the Y8 Music classes. Some stunning artwork by the Y7s and the launch of an interactive classroom in Spanish. The Y7 Geographers have been researching why the Kathmandu Valley is an excellent site for the capital of Nepal.
mathematics, fiction writing, gender and the media, internal bridging courses and building design. The students will work independently to complete these courses over the coming months. To help them, they will be working with an ‘enrichment coach’ who will support them through the challenges they may face.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ohjun in Year 11 who has commenced his online learning with an excellent attitude - being proactive and organised within his approach. Our Year 10 students have continued working well and attendance rates have remained pleasing. We are aware that WIFI and ICT issues may be impacting students so we encourage all students and parents to contact the ICT team (icthelpdesk@tbs.edu.np) for support with any issues they might be facing.

Our ‘KS4 Student of the Week’ was Mariya in Year 11. Mariya has been an outstanding student throughout the campus closure. Her attendance has been near perfect and she consistently submits work that exceeds her personal targets. In addition, Mariya is a caring and compassionate individual who embraces all opportunities presented her way.

During the campus closure, Mariya has been maintaining her wellbeing by spending more time with her family and playing games with her cousins. She also says that reading books (despite not being a confident reader) and music have been a great source of comfort during these challenging times. Well done, Mariya!

The Y7 Historians summarised Medieval Japanese History and made videos about female Samurai warriors. The Secondary Reading Champions hosted a curation of Hay Book Festival programmes and the Y8s have been imaging the staging of the play, Macbeth in English. Finally, the Y7s have been recreating moments from TV Shows or Films in the Performing Arts Workshops.

Key Stage 5 News
This week Year 13 students began their independent study projects including an introduction to philosophy with Ms William. Here’s Zach sharing his ideas on Is classic liberalism irrelevant now?

Brandon, Rohan, Liam and Megha have been the public faces leading the charge in the students’ Everest Climb fundraising event with Brandon speaking so well at a parents’ meeting and Rohan making such great promotional videos (Media Studies is really paying off!). Many other student volunteers have also had a huge impact on this event too so well done to everyone involved. If you haven’t donated yet please do so using the information in the communities section above.

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