**Principal's Message**

The sports season is well and truly underway with our swimmers and volleyball players already in action. It was the turn of our footballers this week as our U15 girls ‘kicked off’ their campaign on Monday, coming out narrowly on the losing side against Excelsior School. Our Secondary Swim Gala takes place tomorrow - good luck to all of our competitors.

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed the very talented NB Gurung to school who exhibited some of his work and worked with our students and teachers on Wednesday using watercolours: the results of the students’ work is quite stunning, Thank you to Ms. Pardoe for organising this wonderful opportunity.

It has been great seeing so many parents in school this week for consultations and pre-expedition meetings. Thank you to all parents that have completed the short questionnaire we sent out last week; your feedback will help guide and influence the way we plan for the continued development of the school. If you have yet to complete the survey, please do so here before next Tuesday. Our leadership team are continually looking at ways of garnering feedback and to this end, myself, Ms. Gradden and Mr. Leahy will be at the coffee stand the last Friday of each month to discuss any issues you may have. We will start from tomorrow, and I look forward to seeing you then.

I can’t believe we are almost at the end of the first term already. There is lots going on next week though with Primary Parent Consultations, IGCSE Awards Ceremony and of course our Health and Wellbeing Week, including the Blood drive and Health Fair on Thursday. On Thursday, I will also be hosting a parents forum on the traffic and car park issues that continue to frustrate us all!

Finally, we are continuing to monitor the situation with dengue and how this may affect our upcoming expeditions. We will communicate more on this to parents next week, after we have collected information and evidence from a variety of sources, to ensure we make an informed decision in the best interests of our students.

Have a lovely end to the week and weekend.

Brian Platts
**Recent and future events**

**Blood Donation Drive and Health Fair**

**Blood Donation 8:00am - 1:00 pm** - Please click on the link and register if you wish to donate. [http://tiny.cc/vk1cdz](http://tiny.cc/vk1cdz)

**Health Fair - 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

Did you know? 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives! Blood Donation Drive happening at school on **Thursday 3rd October 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**. During our health and fitness week later this term, we are organising a blood donation drive jointly with the Mediciti hospital. If you are willing to donate blood, please register your interest with the school nurse. The blood drive will be followed by a Health fair from 2.30 pm with lots of informational stalls.

**Visiting Artist - NB Gurung**

Eighteen of our art students in Secondary took part in the full day watercolour workshop run by artist NB Gurung. They all had a great time and enjoyed having an extended day where they could just focus on one subject and getting lots of work completed for their coursework.

“Watercolour paint helps you to get your creative mind flowing” - Rachit Year 11

“I learned about not using white and black in watercolour but instead using light colours for highlights” - Alea Yr 11

“I enjoyed discovering the varied technique of watercolour & having time to experiment” Manon Yr 10.

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**Secondary Swimming Gala**

Our Secondary Swimming Gala for KS3 will be taking place tomorrow, running from 8:45am and finishing at 12:30pm. It will be taking place at the International Club. Unfortunately, due to the size of the venue, we regret to inform you that we are unable to have spectators at the Gala event.

**Primary Parent Consultation Evening**

On Tuesday 1st October from 2:40 pm to 4:30 pm and Wednesday 2nd October from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm we will be conducting parent consultations meetings. You will also be able to look at the work they have covered this academic year. To make an appointment please email your preferred day and approximate time via Ms. Analisha Dangol.

**GCSE and AS Awards Assembly**

To celebrate the hard work and achievements of our sixth form students, we will be hosting a GCSE/AS Awards assembly on Wednesday next week at 8.20am in the school hall. Parents of these students are welcome to join the event.

**Parent Information Session - Car park**

This is a gentle reminder that the next Parents Information Session is on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 8.30 am, where our focus will be on car park and traffic issues at TBS. We request you to RSVP by Tuesday 1st October to Ms. Nancy Khetan so that we can organise a suitable space and appropriate refreshments. We hope to see most of your there.

**TBS Yetic Race**

**at the Godavari Race (Mud Run) last Saturday.**

**Junior Tag Rugby** - Every Sunday 10-11am starting 29th September - (non TBS event) This is a free club for boys and girls aged 8-14 years, whether you’ve played rugby before or are new to the game. Whatsapp Ian Thomas - 9803135135 to register.

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