Dear parents and students,

As we look forward to our two day half term starting tomorrow, it is worth reflecting on how much learning has occurred in this short three day week. It has been lovely to see how our youngest students are engaging with the outdoors with their bird watching activities and to see the wonderful artwork of our Year 3 students, along with the focus on digital safety with our Year 4 students. Year 5 and 6 have been focusing on mindfulness and have produced some very creative adverts, we are working very hard with our transition programme from Year 6 to Year 7, especially with the current restrictions in place. Ms. Pinder has already been in contact with news on this very important stage in our Year 6 students’ lives and look out for a video next week. Key Stage 3 have been typically busy with theatre, the Egyptian use of fractions and French raps! Year 8 parents will have received progress reports and the opportunity to discuss these with their child’s mentor. The transition process is also underway from Year 9 to 10 with the final option blocks published: please go through these carefully with your children and speak with Ms. Pinder and Mr. Jayatilake if you have any questions. AS/A level option blocks will be released in the next fortnight, so the same advice applies, but please speak with Mr. Jayatilake, Ms. Hands or Ms. Hemelik in this regard. Year 12’s are working hard on their personal statements with the help of Year 13’s, along with leading the monumental effort of raising over 4,000 GBP from the Everest Climb - congratulations and thanks to everyone for supporting this fabulous initiative.

I will be writing to you in a couple of weeks regarding our departing teachers and our new incoming teachers. I have received a few emails regarding recent adverts in the newspaper for teachers: this is something we do every year and is a legal requirement - don’t worry, we aren’t

Referring to the letter from Mr. Platts dated 8th May 2020, this is a gentle reminder to the parents to inform the school by 3rd June if you are planning to withdraw your child/children by the end of this term or are unsure of the decision due to the present situation.

Over the past two weeks our youngest students have been spending lots of time outdoors to do some birdwatching. It started with making bird feeders. Next, they got to know more about the owl family in Ms Wiggers’ garden and then the students went into their gardens and onto their balconies to observe birds, describe them, copy their sound and try to find out the names of the birds together with their parents. The owls also inspired different forms of art work.

As part of their work on rainforests, Year 3 have been looking at the artwork of Oenone Hammersley who uses lines and bold colours to create striking paintings. Using the outline of a snake, Year 3 have been creating their own interpretations of this style.
looking for a ‘glut’ of new teachers as these reflect our recruitment throughout the past academic year.
I am sure we are all keeping a close eye on the increasing rates of infection in Nepal, although it appears they are not rising in exponential rates, as seen elsewhere in the world. In addition, we await the government’s decision on lockdown this weekend, with hopefully more advice of what social distancing rules will be in place when the lockdown rules can be safely relaxed.
Please do have a good rest this weekend and stay safe.
Brian Platts

Key Stage 1 News
The Year 1 students have also been engaged with lots of outdoor learning. Like their friends in Foundation they have been making bird feeders and they are growing their own tomatoes!
Indoors they have been practising their writing and maths skills, but also their dance moves, like Avigya in the photograph above.
Even in this very short week, Year 2 students have done so much! Last week we saw their maps of real islands; and this week they made their own Pirate Island map, with a key, of course! For World Languages the students came up with new adventures of Zeraffe Giraffe. Look at their creativity!

Upper Key Stage 2 News
Year 6 have taken some time this week to think about their transition to Year 7, identifying the different feelings they have about the move to Secondary. They also created some fantastic line art - taking a mindfulness break and focusing on themselves for a while. Perhaps it is something we could all try over the half term break? Year 5, meanwhile, have been putting together all of their hard work over the last few weeks to create some absolutely incredible adverts for their products!

Over the last few weeks, Year 4 have been focusing on digital safety. They looked at how you can check whether a game is appropriate to play for a certain age and then designed their own posters for a game that could be suitable for everyone.

Key Stage 3 News @TBSKS3
Year 9 students and parents have this week received the final option blocks from which to select their IGCSE subjects. If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Pinder or your child’s mentor.
Also this week, our Year 8 parents have been sent a progress review and had a chance to meet with mentors. The KS3 team have enjoyed catching up with parents and would like to thank you for your continued support.
This has been a shorter week for the students and I am sure they are all excited for a well deserved break over the half term holiday. I hope that all students will enjoy some extra time with their families and take the opportunity to engage in some activities that bring them enjoyment.

Year 11 will shortly receive the final option blocks for them to choose their A Level subjects for next year. Please look out for this communication from Ms Knowles.

With the Year 11s commencing their online learning and Year 10s pushing through their IGCSE courses, the week has been full of highlights. Some of these highlights include:
- Ohjun (Y11) who has been incredibly proactive and organised with his approach to online learning
- Adya (Y11) who has been completing tasks from her A Level Biology bridging course with amazing detail
- Shaswat (Y10) who has been a highly productive and valuable member of the Chemistry class. He is always contributing to discussions and has been completing work to a very pleasing standard.

Special mention goes to two of our Year 10 classes. Firstly, the Year 10 Music students have been fully engaged in the learning and have been submitting work that is both creative and insightful. Here is an example of an interactive analysis using...

As we head towards half term the efforts of the students continue to impress me. Last week’s KS3 Student of the Week was Shaurya Golchha as he has been particularly hardworking, focused and positive throughout the online learning time.

So what has the rest of the Key Stage been up to? The Y7 Geographers have been developing their use of terminology in the settlement topic. The Y8 French students have been writing raps.

The Y8s have been writing essays about deforestation in the rainforests and The Y7 PAWs students have been looking at how films can be adapted into a theatre show.

The Y9 PAWs students continue to work on their planning for their own music festival and the Y7 Nepali students have been receiving feedback on their work on animals.

The Year 7 Mathematicians have also been learning how the Egyptians used fractions.
score annotations on PearDeck. The Y10 Coordinated Science (Chemistry) class has been very impressive as they demonstrate maturity within their attitude to learning. Despite a range of ICT challenges, the students went above and beyond to complete all learning tasks to a very high standard. These are the kinds of characteristics we expect to see in all of our learners!

Our ‘KS4 student of the week’ was Devansh (A) in Year 11. Devansh is a great example of someone who has made an active decision to work hard and surpass his own expectations. He is collaborative with friends, other students and teachers. He is willing to help others and prioritise their support over his own learning. In the lead up to evidence submission, he completed work on time and maintained excellent attendance records. Throughout our continuous learning, he has also engaged in regular physical activity and he believes this has greatly helped his well being given the current context. He can be seen practicing his football skills in the photo above and proudly wearing a TBS hoodie.

All of Devansh’s teachers have been proud of the growth he has demonstrated this year. Well done, Devansh! We hope all of our KS4 students and families have an enjoyable half-term break!

All in all an action packed short week. I hope that you enjoy half term.

Key Stage 5 News
There’s lots happening behind the scenes at the moment to prepare for universities week later in the year. Y13s are being recruited to help Ms Hemelick run sessions for the Year 12s and share the things that they’ve learnt first hand in their applications process: not least, don’t leave your personal statement until the last minute! Meanwhile subject teachers are starting to put letters of recommendation together so that we’ll be ready to tell prospective universities how fantastic we know you are!

Once more, huge congratulations to our student leadership team for their work in organising the Climb Everest event. So far, they have raised over £4000 which will go directly to supporting our local community through the lockdown period. Some of our Year 12 students have been enquiring about dropping their 4th subject ahead of

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term break.

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