Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

We say good luck to our Year 11-13 students this week as their public examinations begin on Tuesday. They have worked hard this year so they should be confident that they will do well!

I also share the link to the slightly adjusted term dates for 2016-17. The dates are set in partnership with the Governors’ Community Group and feedback from parents suggests that full week holidays are preferable to the long weekend half terms, so we have made this change. We will survey parents on preferences for 2017-18, but it is worth noting that we are constrained in date setting. Public holidays, cultural celebrations, public examinations, maintaining some correlation with UK and international schools and institutions all have to be considered and it is not easy to balance all the conflicting demands!

This newsletter is the tip of the iceberg in terms of school activities this week so do follow us on Twitter @TbsKathmandu and if you want to know more about TBS learning do come along to the session being run by Anna Young tomorrow (Friday) at 9am in the Hall.

NB - Do click the class pages link (bottom left on this page). Primary teachers publish the work for the week and other highlights here for parents to share!

Recent & future events

Congratulations to all our CIE High Achievement Award winners. His Excellency, British Ambassador Richard Morris congratulates our Year 13 at the Cambridge International Examinations Awards event last week.
COBIS Young Scientist Film competition
Our Young Scientists entered the COBIS Young Scientist competition recently and the two shortlisted films can be found here and here. Well done to all the students on some fantastic entries!

TBS is 50! Help us celebrate......
The academic year 2016-17 sees TBS reach 50 years of age as the school has been operating since 1966. To celebrate this landmark we are arranging a number of events. Some of them are joint birthday events as they are also celebrating the 200 years of the Nepal UK relationship.

Black Tie Dinner and Dance - Saturday 20th August

Bicentennial Cup - Saturday 27th August The British Ambassador is going to donate a trophy for a 5-a-side football event between British and British-linked organisations in the city.

Brit Rock! - Saturday 10th September The school car park will be converted into a music festival venue to celebrate British rock and pop from the last 50 years. Parents are welcome to approach the TBS Music team if they want to perform.

Choral Extravaganza - Saturday 1st October UK choirmaster and choral expert Dominic Peckham will be in TBS all week before this event working with the TBS community At the end of the week, the choirs will descend on Basantapur to sing to the public!

Garden Party - Term 3 - date not yet set A traditional British summer fete and garden party.

NB - We have a number of other events throughout the year that will also celebrate the 50 years of TBS such as hosting the FOBISIA Under 15 Games and the FOBISIA Student Environmental Conference. If you would like to assist with any of these events (or to suggest more) please contact Ms. Khetan.

Organising birthdays!
The school office managers are happy to send birthday invites to other parents in your child’s class on your behalf. Next year we will ask you if you are happy for your email and mobile number to be shared with all other parents in the year group. As we are an inclusive school we will only send messages to the whole class/year or to all boys or all girls.

Baby Clothes Drive
Thank you to all in the TBS Community who have donated to the baby clothes drive initiative. We have received lots useful items as well as over 20,000Nrs in donations to purchase items. It is not too late if you still want to help out. Please drop any items off in the designated locations.

A close encounter for TBS versus Grassroots Academy
TBS played against Grassroots Football Academy here at TBS on Friday. Grassroots is a squad of the best of the best Primary School aged footballers in Kathmandu. This game was a great challenge for our Primary boys' team and it started very competitively. Both teams created many chances in the first half, and the games was poised at TBS 2 - Grassroots 3 at half-time. The second half was dominated by TBS, but sadly they could not score an equaliser. Chris from Sixth Form refereed the tie with great precision! Well done to all the players involved!

Health issues
The School Nurse is available every day in the school playground from 8am and she should be consulted if there are any changes to medication or your child’s health that we need to be aware of. We have updated our medication policy. It is available on the TBS website here.

PE at TBS Parent Forum
The PE department are organising a Parent Forum on Wednesday 8th June at 8.30am to show and tell what they do in PE. It is also an opportunity for parents to ask any questions and to share ideas about things you would like to see in the future. As it is easier to learn by doing, it will be a fun active session, so do come in your PE kit!

Languages at TBS
We are also looking at Modern Foreign Languages for 2016-17 and beyond. I would like to consult parents on this before finalising anything because there are a range of possibilities. If you would be happy to be in a small discussion group please email Ms. Nazma Shakya.

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