8th May 2017

Dear TBS Parents and Staff,

We would like to congratulate Mr. Steve Priest and Mrs. Tumika Sthapit-Priest on their appointments at The British International School of Tbilisi. Steve will become Principal of the school whilst Tumika will take on a leading role in the Human Resources and Admissions department.

Tumika has been at the school since 1999 and in that time she has covered an extremely wide range of responsibilities including line managing all the administrative staff, overseeing admissions, marketing, the tuck shop, the community shop, liaising with all staff, organising extra-curricular activities, and managing human resources across the school. As the school has grown and changed she has adapted her role showing amazing flexibility and adaptability. In addition to the roles above, at various times she has been the PA to the Principal, school secretary and TBS Bursar!

Steve has also worn many hats during his 13 years at TBS. As the Sixth Form will boast around 60 students in 2017, Steve can look back with pride to his early days when he was initially employed to set up the TBS A Level programme. Since then he has been involved in everything the school does from running a comedy club for primary children, to ensuring our health and safety procedures are of the highest quality, to performing as lead singer in the staff rock band. As Vice Principal he has led on a vast range of events and projects and Steve has been integral to the progress we have witnessed at TBS over the last 13 years.

As Steve has been completing the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) Award and Tumika has been completing a CIPD diploma in Human Resources from ICS in Glasgow, we have known for some time that they would be preparing for promotion and new career opportunities. As a result, we are well underway with our planning to cover all the varied aspects of their roles in 2017-18.

The Board of Governors would like to thank Tumika and Steve for everything that they have done for TBS over the years and, whilst it is sad for TBS to see them go, it is Tbilisi’s gain. We wish them all the very best luck and know they will stay in touch with TBS in the future!

Yours sincerely

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