Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,
I wish you all a happy holiday after what has hopefully been another successful and happy term for your children. I hope they all come back refreshed and ready for another enjoyable term.
NB - Visit www.tbskathmandu.org for all the latest stories and future events and follow us on twitter @TbsKathmandu for daily updates!

This week!

TBS House Relay Races
A very successful Relay Race was the house event for this term. A huge turnout from the parent body and many excited teachers & students lined the route to cheer on the runners. Some races were exceptionally close with big comebacks adding to the electric atmosphere. Annapurna clinched victory with Kanchenjunga in second place. Well done to all the runners who represented their houses on the day and to all staff and parents for their support!

Key Stage 2 (KS2) Christmas Concert! Wednesday 10th December
Christmas Carol Concert - Friday 12th December
The Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert was a great opportunity for Years 3,4,5 & 6 to showcase their musical talents and everyone in Key Stage 2 played or sang with their friends. The variety and quality was really excellent and they seem to get better all the time. Our annual Christmas Carol Concert today was another uplifting experience and I hope that those people who could join us enjoyed the performances. The entire school from Early Years to the Sixth Form performed through music, singing and the spoken word and it was a very good way to end the term.

Primary Christmas Parties on Thursday afternoon
The Primary children’s Christmas parties could not have happened without lots of parents supporting us in bringing in lovely food and drink for the children. This is greatly appreciated and they really had a nice time. The student council organised a disco which encouraged some innovative dance moves! We also had a visit from Father Christmas who gave out presents. Thanks to all the parents, teachers and children who helped out on Thursday afternoon.

Upcoming events
• 5th Jan (Mon) - Staff training day
• 6th Jan (Tues) - Back to school for students and children
• 8th Jan (Thurs) - Year 9 IGCSE Options Information Evening 6pm
• 19th Jan (Mon) - Clubs restart for all
• 22nd Jan (Thurs) - Parent ICT session on use of email, internet and Edmodo - 6pm in the Secondary ICT room
• 23rd Jan (Fri) - Celtic Ceilidh 7pm in TBS Hall

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Golfing success
Another of our talented golfers had success in qualifying for the finals of the Nick Faldo Series Nepal Championship. Aditi in Year 11 deserves congratulations and she will play in the finals in Shenzhen, China in March. Good luck to Aditi.

During the Holidays
For the body - Holiday Football Camp
Coach Gyawali is running two football camps for primary children over the holidays. A separate letter was circulated last week with the timing, cost and programme details, but each is a week long and they begin on 15th or 22nd of December and run from 9am until 12 noon. For those primary children staying in Kathmandu this is an ideal way to stay fit and healthy. For further details contact Coach Gyawali at school.

For the mind - The Students’ Advocate
Obviously children and students will be reading, doing some gentle revision or doing some serious revision (Years 10-13) amidst the usual holiday fun and relaxation. If they want some additional mental stimulation, then the first ever TBS student newspaper is out now! In tune with modern times, it is an online magazine [http://joom.ag/JyAb](http://joom.ag/JyAb). For a first attempt, it is a fine achievement and they will be able to build on this for issue number two. Thanks goes to editors, Shubhayu and Abhishek in Year 12. Well done to all contributors!

After the holidays
Mock examinations
Friday 9th January sees the Year 11 mock examination period begin (concluding on Friday 16th January) and Monday 12th January is the beginning of Year 12 & 13 Assessment week. Students in examination classes should all be working hard over the Christmas break to ensure they are well-prepared for these important tests of their learning. Year 12 & 13 will also have a full mock examination week later in the term (February 23rd) when their AS Level courses are close to completion. Clubs restart on 19th January

If all parents could sign up to clubs today it will ensure we are ready to start on 19th January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Community links!
Of all the things the school does, perhaps amongst the most positive is the work done with other institutions in Kathmandu and in Nepal generally. We had two examples this week with the children from Bungamati DSA school performing for us in assembly on Monday morning alongside their friends in Year 11-13. The Year 11-13s visit them on a weekly basis to do creative activities such as music or art and to play sport. Similarly we invited 30 children from Suryadaya School to join us for the Christmas parties and discos yesterday. On both occasions, parents would have been very proud to see how your children related to our guests, supporting them and being considerate, friendly and willing to share. In my view, TBS children will benefit the most from these links through building a range of soft and hard skills and gaining valuable life lessons that will help them grow into rounded and fulfilled individuals.

What is everyone looking at? Who is on the roof near the Primary ICT room?

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