Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,
I will be out of school on Monday and Tuesday next week on a FOBISIA aspirant school visit at the International School of Samui. FOBISIA membership benefits TBS greatly. As many parents know from experience, we participate in many competitions, events and the primary and secondary FOBISIA games. The Federation provides us with invaluable staff training and networking and also insists on high standards giving us guidance on policies and practices that must be in place at all good schools. Therefore, it is important that all current FOBISIA Headteachers and Principals give up some time voluntarily to support the process of evaluating schools that may wish to join the Federation to ensure they share our values and high standards in all they do. It may also give some useful pointers for us at TBS as we continue to move forward on our own journey.

Happenings & Events

Are you smarter than a TBS 6th former? Friday 24th April is your opportunity to find out! Year 12 are hosting what is becoming our annual Trivia Quiz Night. All ages are invited to form teams of 5 to 8 people - if you don't have numbers for a team we will find you team-mates on the night. Cost is 1000NRs per ticket. Snacks and soft drinks included, and there will be a cash bar. Doors open at 6pm, quiz starts at 7pm. All proceeds are going to the 6th Form’s Dhading Project and will be very well spent on the rural primary schools we work with. Please do join us if you can.

Summer Leavers
I am sure all parents will understand that we need to finalise class sizes for 2015-16 as soon as possible and to let those on our waiting lists know if a place might be available. Thank you to all those who have already informed us that they are (or may be) leaving Kathmandu in the Summer. If you think that you may be leaving please do let Mrs Sthapit-Priest know as soon as possible and the final deadline is Friday May 29th (tsthapitpriest@tbs.edu.np).

American Universities visit - Friday 1st May
On Friday 1st May we are hosting a visiting delegation from some of the USA’s finest universities, who are coming to talk to our year 10, 11 and 12 students about their institutions and how to make ambitious applications to the top American colleges and universities. The institutions are University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins University and Barnard College (one of Columbia's undergraduate colleges). If any parents would like any more information or wish to attend, please contact Ms Caines (gcaines@tbs.edu.np).
Search for your favourite Library books online!
Mrs Chitrakar is delighted to announce our new TBS Library software - Follett Destiny. Destiny is a fantastic programme which allows staff, students and parents the opportunity to browse and reserve books remotely. The link to Follett destiny is available on our school website through the student zone or through the following link: https://tbskathmandu.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas38_8509554
There is also a tutorial to assist you in the student zone area of the TBS website. Your children will have their own username and password. Please do try this new and exciting programme and if you have any queries do not hesitate to contact Mrs Chitrakar in the TBS library.

International Primary Curriculum (IPC)
On Twitter you may have seen the IPC hashtag on some of our tweets this week. We are currently trialling and enjoying teaching topics that are part of the International Primary Curriculum. Whilst we have always taught integrated topics, using the IPC materials has given us a fresh impetus and some great new ideas. Most importantly, the children seem enthused by their topics so far this term!

Autism talk next week
Autism Care Nepal Society (ACNS) will come into school on Monday to talk to Year 9 and 10 about autism as part of their campaign to raise awareness and spread understanding in Nepal. We are delighted to be able to help them out by hosting their talk and inviting some of our local partner schools to join us. I am sure you agree that hosting such events is a crucial part of the wider learning of our children and we are building useful long term links with organisations such as ACNS that will include sharing learning tactics amongst our respective teachers and teaching assistants.

Swimming programme
Our swimming programme began again for secondary this week and will resume for primary later in the term. Mr O’Sullivan and his PE team have worked closely with the International Club to ensure that the facilities are up to our standards because your children’s welfare and safety is our top priority. We will continue to monitor this extremely carefully.

Primary Open Afternoon/Evening - diary date
This is a bit of long term notice and we will notify parents closer to the time, but the Primary Open Afternoon is scheduled for Monday (2.45pm onwards) and Tuesday (4-6.30pm) on June 22nd and 23rd. Class teachers will liaise with parents on specific times in a couple of weeks.

Update on Year 13 University offers
There are often myths that develop about university applications and it is important to note that procedures change very quickly so we do a great deal of individual and whole group preparation with students as they prepare to move on. Accompanying this newsletter is an update on the successes this Year 13 have had so far with their applications. Although we are a British school, we are also preparing students for international universities and futures that will probably take them around the globe as their careers develop. It is an exciting time for them and they can look forward with confidence as they prepare for their public examinations.

Senior Girls’ Football
The Senior Girls’ football team had the first sporting fixture of the term on Tuesday with a friendly against local rivals Lincoln School. The game was played at the same venue as the TBS sports day, the APF grounds in Halchowk. Lincoln girls started strongly and the TBS defence were under pressure, conceding the first goal. Up front the TBS girls created some great opportunities, but were unable to capitalise on their chances. Although the final scoreline read Lincoln 3 TBS 0, the girls never gave up and tried hard until the end.

iPad Maintenance
As part of our regular maintenance cycle of school equipment, the ICT department will be running updates on student iPads over the next week. We will be updating the iOS operating system and installing apps like Green Screen which students will use in their future lessons. We would advise students to backup any essential data and remove any personal images from their iPads.

As part of this process, we will be collecting the iPads during Period 6 and re-issuing them during registration the next morning. (Monday Period 6 - Year 7, Tuesday Period 6 - Year 8, Wednesday Period 6 - Year 12)