Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Part of the TBS ethos is to make students and children aware of their responsibility to the community. Next week sees the Sixth Form organising fundraising events and we will encourage all children to run similar charity weeks or events during the course of the year. The response to the school-wide TBS charities campaign has exceeded our wildest expectations and a small team of TBS staff will travel up to Dhading this weekend with our engineers to hand over the final drawings and plans to the schools and the Dhading community officials. Thank you to all the schools, friends, parents, staff and students who have helped us raise the money to rebuild the 3 schools. It is a fantastic effort!

Mrs. Sthapit-Priest will soon be sending out information regarding the Board of Governor’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) on behalf of the Chair of Governors, Mr. Ivan Scott. The AGM takes place at 6pm on Tuesday 29th September and one aspect of the meeting is to elect new Parent Governors to fill the vacant positions on the board. We would like to invite potential governors to a training session (alongside existing governors) with Tony Swainston on 8th September (3.30-6.00pm) entitled ‘Vision for Success’. Tony is an experienced educationalist who has run such courses at leading schools across the globe.

Trips and expeditions - current position

Expedition Week for all students in Years 5 to 13 was originally scheduled for the week commencing 5th October. We are however concerned about the state of the roads to Borderlands and Charikot which would mean Years 6, 9 and 11 could not participate in their planned trips. Moving the date of just these affected trips means that there is an impact on the teaching of the other year groups as teachers accompanying the trips will not be in school at those times. We are therefore going to move the Expedition Week for all secondary year groups to the week commencing 8th February 2016. The Year 6 Borderlands trip will take place on 11th April 2016. We will continue to monitor the situation. The only trip not affected is Year 5’s visit to Chitwan which will depart as scheduled on the 5th October. We feel that as the roads to Chitwan are open and significantly safer than those elsewhere that the trip can go ahead. The Year 5 trip also has no staffing implications for other year groups. Please note that we are continuing to monitor the bandh/strike situation in Chitwan and if circumstances make it impractical or unsafe for Year 5 to travel in October, the trip will be re-arranged.

For all 2015-16 dates please visit the calendar on the TBS website.

Follow us on twitter @TbsKathmandu for all the latest updates
Clubs and Activities start on Monday
Hopefully everyone is signed up and happy with their clubs and activities. There are more than ever before and a wider range than has ever been the case. However, we will offer even more in the next session, so please contact Rachana Adhikari (radhikari@tbs.edu.np) if you have queries or suggestions for future clubs.

TBS Charity weeks - Sixth Form Dhading Fundraisers next week
Secondary students have charity weeks where they run events to raise money for their community projects. The first is next week and the Sixth Form have organised the following events.

**Bakesale**: break and lunch times all week. A wide variety of recipes and treats ranging from brownies to pancakes! All at low prices!

**Busking**: there will be busking in the morning all week - please be generous with your donations!

**Dress Up Day**: on Friday we invite everyone to have fun and dress up! Please bring 50NRs to support the donations. Primary will be dressing up as superheroes and secondary as super villains. Thank you in advance for your support.

What are we studying at TBS?

If you would like to know what your children are studying this year you can read the curriculum statements for secondary by following this link. For primary, the class pages contain this information (and links to those pages can be found on the front page of this newsletter).

Excellence at the Top of the World!
28th August 2015
The British School Kathmandu

Sport next week
There are fixtures being arranged for primary and secondary football and basketball teams. The PE department will send out details separately as soon as the other schools confirm times and dates!

UK Universities - looking to the future
The class of 2015 made it in to be great universities, including UCL, Warwick and Edinburgh in the UK and California, Indiana and British Columbia in North America. Time never stands still in schools and Year 12 and 13 are gearing up for their own planning and applications. We are fortunate to be hosting a mini UK University Fair here at school on Wednesday 9th September on behalf of the British Council. The University of Northampton will give a presentation on Business, Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation and there will be a chance to meet the representatives of the different universities and ask questions about the admissions process and what studying in the UK is like. The event is also open to Year 13 students who have decided upon a UK university application. This will be followed up two weeks later by a visit from the ever-popular University of Leeds that will take place in Sixth Form PSHE.

US University applications & PSAT
For our US college applicants we have been invited to the Linden College Fair at Lincoln on the afternoon of Friday 4th September for interested students. We are also pleased to be offering the opportunity to take PSAT here at TBS on Wednesday 9th October. Information has gone out to Year 11 and 12 students about how to sign up and what to do. Please do contact the Sixth Form team if you have any questions about university entry, no matter what stage of the process you are at.

Driving to school
When using the car park or driving to school please be courteous, follow the instructions of the guards and let them know if people are not obeying the rules or driving safely. The vast majority of our parents and drivers are superbly patient, careful and well-mannered in their driving habits, but we have been asked to remind everyone to follow the instructions of the guards and to show as much consideration as possible. Thank you in advance!