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Dear Parents and Carers,

IGCSE Options Evening (Online)

As you are aware, we will be hosting our IGCSE Options Evening this coming **Monday, 31st January**. Due to the current situation, we will not be able to hold this event on our school campus and will therefore be hosting this event online through Zoom. The event will start online promptly at **5.00pm** so please ensure you arrive on time to avoid missing any important information. Although we will be meeting online, we are making every effort to ensure that this is a valuable learning opportunity for our Year 9 students and families, so that each child may make informed choices regarding their future pathways in Key Stage 4 and beyond.

To provide you with the most useful information, we have adjusted the format of the evening. Please see the table below for an overview of the timeline:

Date	Item	Action for students and parents/carers
Friday January 28th	IGCSE Booklet will be shared, including links to subject information videos. <i>*Please note that for some subjects the curriculum has not changed and therefore their videos may have been recorded last year.</i>	Read through the booklet and watch the subject videos prior to the options evening. Have initial discussions as a family around what subjects your child might be interested in, and any questions you may want to ask our subject teachers.
Monday January 31st	Online Options Evening Part A: Presentation for all students and parents/carers. Part B: Drop-in sessions for individual subjects.	Attend the online presentation to hear an overview of the IGCSE program, Key Stage 4 and the options process. Attend as many subject drop-in sessions as possible. Ask subject teachers any questions regarding the subject content or your child's suitability in the course.
Week 5	Initial student survey	Students will complete a survey to share their initial subject preferences. Additional steps will take place to finalise subject blocks and place students on the best possible pathway (further guidance will be included in the options booklet).

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The options process will be comprehensive so that we are best able to meet the needs of each child (as explained in the IGCSE Options Booklet which you will receive soon). Should a child require an alternative learning pathway, we will collaborate with parents on a 1-to-1 basis throughout the options process to create a suitable and stimulating timetable. Where necessary, our Head of Additional Learning Needs (Ms. Ania Smithers) may contact families directly to discuss particular student needs and pathways.

All Zoom links will be shared with parents and students on Monday morning (January 31st). Please do check that you have received this email so you can access these important sessions. If you do not receive this email on Monday morning, please email Ms. Sajiya Maharjan (samaharjan@tbs.edu.np).

We are very much looking forward to seeing all of our Year 9 students and their parents/carers next Monday. If you have any questions prior to then, please do not hesitate to contact me (rjayatilake@tbs.edu.np).

Yours Sincerely
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