

# This Week at TBS!

Dear Parents and Students,

What a busy couple of weeks in school! How wonderful to see everyone settled back into the school routine and enjoying the learning challenges each and every day brings. Thank you to all of you for your concerted efforts to get your children OTIS (On Time In School), what a difference it makes to the start of their day: remember the gates open at 7:30am.

The summer heat in Cairo is beginning to fade and we are still able to enjoy those longer lighter and cooler evenings. To take advantage of the weather, I have decided to start playing golf...again. Many years ago when I first moved to the UAE and lived in Ruwais, I was introduced to golf playing on a sand course with 'browns' instead of greens. We had to carry our own piece of plastic grass to play from and use the large brushes to sweep the browns when we had finished a hole. When I moved to Dubai I became a member of the Golf and Yacht Club. More specifically, I was a member of the Golf Academy and had numerous lessons to get rid of my sand playing bad habits, eventually leading to being allowed on the 'big' courses. For me it was a weekend escape, meeting up with friends, having lunch and enjoying walking around the luscious greens – and playing golf. I have not played since those days but over the summer I was given a half set of clubs so on Thursday after school, I had my first lesson with the Golf Pro at the Mirage Golf Club.

How wonderful to be out in the fresh air walking on grass with trees all around and birds everywhere. Result of my first lesson back, I was not awful. There were many good shots but some holes in the grass too. I will keep you up to date with my progress. If any of you are golfers, let's organise a TBS Parents Golf Day! Get in touch if you are interested, might just motivate me to practise.

## You Don't Want to Miss Out on...

Parent workshop ( Primary)  
Importance of Reading -  
Tuesday 26th September @  
8:00

Y8&9 Parents information  
evening -Tuesday 26th  
September @4:00pm

Prophet Mohamed birthday  
celebration-27th September  
school finishes @ 12:00pm

6th of October Victory  
celebration-4th of October



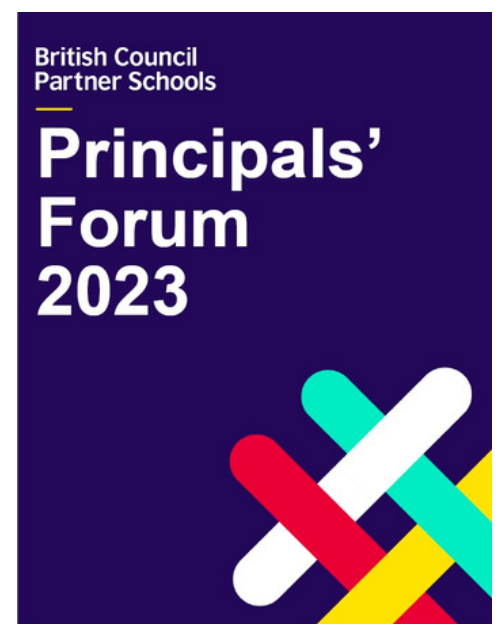
Originally called the British Committee for Relations with Other Countries, the British Council was founded in 1934 to build connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts and culture, education and the English Language. The British Council's first overseas office opening in Egypt in 1938 and makes them the oldest cultural relations organisation in the world. Every year the British Council in Egypt connects with thousands of students and educators in Egypt supporting them to achieve the education, qualifications and skills needed to reach their potential in future careers.

TBS is proud to be a British Council Partner School which enables our children to participate in a range of enrichment activities and our teachers to access professional development courses to enhance or learning and teaching in the classroom.

This week I am attending the British Council's Principal's Forum 2023. The theme of this forum is 'Educational Transformation – The Use and Development of Artificial Intelligence'. Following a welcome speech from Fakhar Jaffery, the Director of Exams for the British Council in Egypt the Deputy Minister of Education, Iman Sabry will be opening the event. There are three main presentations led by educational consultants or professionals from The British Council:

- Changing Mindsets – Preparing teachers for the age of artificial intelligence
- Intractive Learning Techniques
- Student and teacher well-being in the digital age

A huge thank you to those of you who have volunteered to be Class Reps as part of our Friends of TBS Communication Tree. Our WhatsApp group is up and running with myself and our PRE, Dalia. We still have some classes who do not yet have a rep, so if you would like to be involved or want to know more, please contact your PRE.



The Council of International Schools (CIS) is committed to developing a community of socially responsible global citizens through international education. In 2021 TBS gained membership to this highly respected educational community and we are now moving to the next level - accreditation. CIS International Accreditation is a rigorous school-wide evaluative process that measures alignment with internationally benchmarked standards and provides guidance for continuous improvement. Through their achievement of these standards, CIS-Accredited schools have been verified as delivering high-quality international education focused on the development of knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to prepare students as global citizens.



As a school we have already submitted our self-evaluation, worked on collaboratively by members of our teaching and support staff. You might remember a survey that I asked you to take part in last term. Your responses fed into our self-evaluation. Evaluators representing CIS will be in TBS from the 15th – 19th of October visiting classes and speaking with our teaching and support staff as well as students and parent representatives from our Friends of TBS group. The Evaluators are fellow educators coming from schools in the UK, Germany, Turkey and even one from the far east of Kazakhstan. We are looking forward to welcoming these visitors into our family and value their feedback as to our next steps in ensuring that we continue to offer the very best learning experience for your children.

I will share more about the CIS visit next week, looking at the different 'domains' they will be focusing on while here.



Last week we shared with you our TBS Leadership Teams, this week we are focusing on our amazing support teams who work often behind the scenes in many capacities to enable us all to do our jobs.

### Front Desk Team



### Admissions Team



### HR Team





**Mai Ali, PA to School Principal**



**Mohamed Ali, PA to HOS & HOP**

### **Security Team**



**More Teams to be followed in next weeks' Newsletters .....**

## A Message From Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I use this opportunity to welcome you to the new academic year at TBS. As the Head of Primary, I want to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all our students and families, both new and returning.

The beginning of each school year is a time filled with anticipation and enthusiasm, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to see the children's smiling faces once again. It's a time when our school community comes alive with the promise of new friendships, exciting challenges, and boundless learning possibilities.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. At TBS, we endeavour to keep up to date with technological advances. With that, I am using a new AI tool to write this newsletter. It even creates jokes – I will let you be the judges as to whether they are funny:

Why did the maths book look sad?

Because it had too many problems!

In the past week, our classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as our students engage in various fun and educational activities. It's truly wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning! From science experiments to creative writing projects, our students have been fully immersed in their studies.

I have also enjoyed our weekly Assemblies, where our exceptional students are recognised and awarded the "Star of the Week" certificates. These assemblies are a great opportunity for us to celebrate their achievements and encourage their continued growth.

Coming up, we will be having celebrations for Prophet Mohamed's (PBUH) Birthday. Look out for photos of the fun on our social media. Please note that the school will finish at 12pm on Wednesday 27th September.

Also, I kindly request that you review the information about pick up and drop off procedures to ensure a smooth transition in the morning and at the end of school.

Lastly, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued partnership and support. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we are truly grateful for the trust you place in us. Together, we can create a nurturing and enriching environment for our students to thrive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our dedicated staff. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

MS Rachel Hardwick  
Head of primary

# Focus on Primary

## Y1

The students in Year 1 have settled into primary with great enthusiasm and are thriving in their new environment. We are delighted to see them building new relationships and adapting to the school routine. We couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments! From the first day, we have seen their kind and friendly nature shining through as they eagerly greet each other, share experiences and work collaboratively on various activities.



It is evident that our Year 1 students are excited about their educational journey, and we are thrilled to be a part of their growth and development. We look forward to witnessing their ongoing growth, accomplishments and cherished moments throughout this academic year.



# لغتنا العربية

الأسبوع الثاني على التوالي والأنشطة الصفية واللاصفية تمشيان على طريقين متوازيين مابين الحصص المشوقة وبين التدريبات على الاحتفال بالمولد النبوي الشريف و نصر أكتوبر المجيد والذي نود أن نؤكد على أنه يمكن للتلاميذ ارتداء فستان أبيض للبنات وبنطلون أسود وقميص أو تيشرت أبيض للأولاد وذلك إذا كان متوفرا لديهم مع ارتداء ألوان العلم في الاحتفال بنصر أكتوبر وكل عام وحضراتكم بخير .





# A Message From Mr Daniel Centeno, Head of Secondary

Dear Secondary School Parents,

We hope this message finds you well. As we venture further into the 21st century, the landscape of education and personal development is evolving rapidly. In this ever-changing world, we are committed to equipping our students with not only academic excellence but also the vital soft skills required to thrive in the years ahead.

Today, we want to shine a spotlight on a remarkable opportunity that aligns perfectly with our mission of holistic education: The International Award, also known as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

What is The International Award (Duke of Edinburgh's Award)?

The International Award is a globally recognized program that empowers young people to develop a wide range of skills, attributes, and experiences, making them well-rounded individuals ready to face the challenges of the 21st century. It was founded by Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, in 1956, and since then, it has touched the lives of millions of young people in over 130 countries.

The Award is open to students aged 14-24 and focuses on four key areas:

1. Service: Engaging in community service to make a positive impact on society.
2. Physical Recreation: Cultivating a healthy lifestyle through physical activities.
3. Skills: Developing practical and personal skills that will serve them well in life.
4. Adventurous Journey: Embarking on adventures that foster teamwork, leadership, and resilience.

Why is The International Award Important?

1. Soft Skills for the 21st Century: In today's rapidly changing world, soft skills such as communication, problem-solving, resilience, and leadership are increasingly valuable. The International Award provides a structured framework for students to cultivate and showcase these essential skills.

Kind regards

Daniel Centeno  
Head of Secondary

# Focus on Secondary

## English Department

Welcome to a new and exciting English and Humanities department at TBS! This term we have a new Head of Department, Ms. Hanan, joining from an Ofsted 'Outstanding' London School. Joining Ms. Lenka in the team we also have Ms. Maryam and Ms. Christina combining their relative experience with KS3 and KS4 across a range of prestigious international schools. Global Perspectives is led by Ms. Farah, who is supporting students with their development of global citizenship, research skills and engaging in real world issues. Together the team is really looking forward to boosting excitement and engagement for all TBS students in the English department.

The department is celebrating some fantastic grades from last academic year including:

- 53% of the GCSE cohort achieved a grade 7-9 in English Language
- 72% achieved a grade 4-7 in English as a Second Language
- 100% of the cohort achieved a grade 4-9 in English Literature iGCSE
- In year 9, 100% of the cohort passed their pre-IGCSE exam

Not only is the department running our IGCSE courses, but we are also offering support for students preparing for their IELTS assessments in order to study at British universities, as well as supporting a range of A Level studies in both English Language and Literature. To support students at home with improving their English please explore the following resources:

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/> LearnEnglish Teens is a British Council website for students aged from 13 to 17.

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/> A weekly news program aimed at upper primary and secondary students to learn about current issues and events in their world.

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com) Duolingo is a language learning app that can be downloaded for free via the App Store or Google Play. It is designed as a game, to make learning fun, and is accessible to all.

<https://agendaweb.org/> Website with resources and activities to teach and revise English grammar.

<https://ed.ted.com/> This is a website with videos, often given by inspirational speakers on specific topics/questions. This is beneficial in terms of listening practice as well as using the blog for extended reading practice and engaging with contemporary topics and debate.

We are also happy to talk to students about book recommendations and any other support they might need and aim to ensure all students are supported and challenged to become fluent masters of the English language!

## Commercial Studies

There has been an exciting start to this academic year in the Commercial Studies department, with Ms. Roya Hassan and Mr. Stock being joined by our newest member Ms. Hania El Azzawy blending vital TBS experience with "innovative" ideas from our external recruitment process. Ms. El Azzawy has decided to concentrate on her passion and use her Doctor of Business Administration to our Commercial Studies students' benefit in the classroom at TBS, a change from her normal senior leadership role.

The department had impressive grades last academic year at both A2 and IGCSE in May/June exams:

- AS Economics 50% of students achieved A-A\*
- A2 Business Studies (A\*C) 75%
- AS Business Studies (A-C) 71%
- IG Accounting 9-4 (A\*-C) 60%
- IG Economics 9-7 (A\*-C) 55%
- IGCSE Business Studies 9-4 (A\*- C) 77%
- Travel and Tourism 9-4 (A\*-C) 58%



The results are a testament to our team last academic year and our students' dedication. To help students at home please have open discussions on current business stories in the media. For example, most recently the distribution channels in Ukraine reopening, using ships with Egyptian crew members W. Bringing content into context is a fundamental ingredient to our students' success.

By Christopher Stock

Assistant Head of Curriculum and Head of Commercial Studies

# PE

We would like to share some exciting news with you, we will be conducting tryouts for our TBS sports teams during PE lessons. Your child will try out for our Basketball, Football, Volleyball, and Athletics teams. We will be evaluating speed, technique, sportsmanship, stamina, and knowledge. If selected, your child will need to commit to regular team training sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity to enhance your child's school experience. All the best to all TBS students!



# Our Week in Photos

