

This Week at TBS!

Dear Parents,

It is our last full week at school, and what a full week it is going to be with trips, concerts, special assemblies and celebrations. I remember the final week of school before summer from my own school days. They were always tinged with a little sadness as we said goodbye to our teachers for the year who we had all grown so close to as we moved to a new year of learning. The sadness was also there for friends who were leaving to go to new schools or new countries. At least today it is much easier to keep in touch with our friends thanks to social media – writing a letter was not quite the same as a Face Time call. We all have memories of our school days as we move through our lives. The special events, the trips, the hands-on experiences, the time spent together are what we remember the most, the ones that we have that almost tangible memory of. We have been working on our calendar of events for the next academic year making sure that all of our students have some amazing experiences to build their learning on and great memories to take with them through their lives. No-one ever said 'that worksheet changed my life' so we will make sure that your time at TBS does change your whole families lives.



Educational Trips

This week sees our Year 9s, 7s, 6s, and 3s leaving school for trips around the city and making some very special memories.

The Year 7 trip on Sunday heads to Fagnoon, near the Pyramids. Fagnoon has been a very popular trip for several year groups and was the trip of choice for Year 7 as they had not been there before. They had a fantastic day enjoying all the activities on offer and experiencing Cairo life many generations ago.



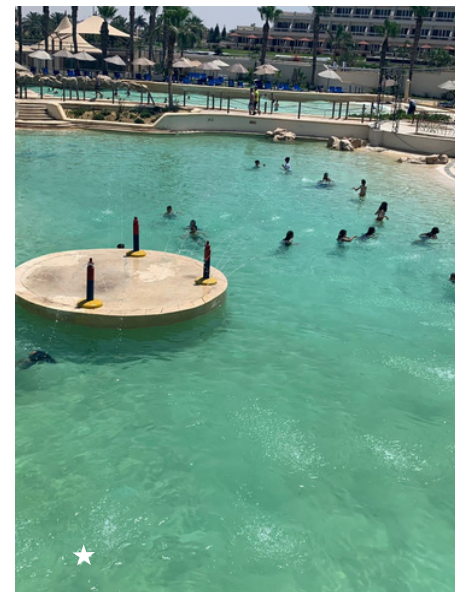
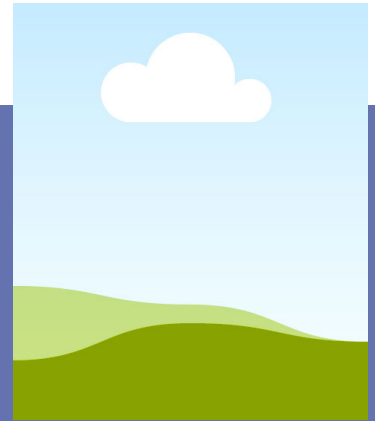
Last week our Year 9s had a wonderful whole day trip to Wadi El Rayan near Fayoum. They had a go at sandboarding, visited the waterfall learning about landscapes and environmental impact as well as enjoying lunch in the Tunis Village. They then enjoyed some traditional music, games and fun activities.



Year 3 are off on what is our final trip for the year on Thursday to The Family Park to watch the amazing drama group Sitara performing 'The Myth of Osiris and Seth'. They will be having a picnic there and visiting the zoo and the playground.

Educational Trips

Year 6 had their Graduation trip to the beach...the beach at the JW Marriott! Everyone had a fantastic day of fun playing in the water and enjoying their final days together as 'Primary School Students' before moving to Year 7. Last week they had a transition day experiencing life in Secondary School and getting to know more of the staff. As well as spending time in class they also had some fun on the field doing some team building events.





EYFS Splash Day

This week we also have Splash Days for our EYFS students. We have lots of paddling pools and water toys set up in the shaded area and students have been asked to bring in any water toys they would like. Day one was full of laughter and everyone, including our teachers, joined in the water games and activities.

What a busy Week!

It is indeed a busy week with trips and we also have three very special assemblies with students moving from one stage of their learning to another. On Wednesday we have FS2 students who will be celebrating their learning in EYFS as they move to Key Stage 1. On Thursday we have our Year 6 students who will be celebrating their learning in Key Stage 2 as they move to Key Stage 3 as well as our Graduation Assembly for our most Senior students as they leave school for their next learning adventure. These are sure to be very poignant events with lots of memories being remembered and new ones made. The parents of the students in FS2 and Y6 have been invited to join us.

But that is not all...we also have a concert led by our Primary Musical Drama ASA and featuring a class violin orchestra called The Lion Thing – a Disney Song Book. The concert is on Wednesday night but they will be performing to their friends during the rehearsals. The students and Mr Merrill have worked very hard together to put on this concert and we are all looking forward to seeing it. I have been at some of the rehearsals and I am very impressed at the level of drama, speaking and musical ability of our young performers. Look out for lots more on stage performances by year groups next year.

Parent Satisfaction Survey

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our second Parents Satisfaction Survey of the year. We are looking forward to reading all your comments and suggestions on how to further develop learning at TBS and we will be sharing our 'what you said and what we are going to do' information as soon as we can.

Attendance

We have seen a drop in attendance in some of our Senior School classes. This is understandable when there are busy exam weeks for Years 10-12, all other year groups are continuing valuable curriculum work in preparation for the next year. Please note that the Ministry of Education requires a minimum of 85% attendance for all students. Summer may be coming closer but we are 'school as normal' right up to the last days and expect all students to attend all classes.



Gentle Reminders

- All gates open at 0730.
- For all classes, registration is at 0745 all students are required to be in their classes by this time.
- Any student arriving in school after 0745 is late.

Students are required to be in their classes ready for registration at 0745am – which means entering the campus from 0730am.

Advisory Council

We are looking for some new parent representatives for our Advisory Council for the new academic year. The Council is actively involved in all aspects of school life and aims to be a 'critical friend' in upholding the school's vision and values as well as advising on matters of strategy and policy. If you would be interested in being part of the Advisory Council, please email our PRE by the end of this week.

PTG

We will also be looking for some new volunteers to join our Parent Teacher Group (PTG) as class or year group representatives. Our PTG are a vital support for new families joining TBS as well as the community as a whole. In previous years, the PTG have organised many different events and activities both in and out of school: from bake sales to family picnics. Let's start our new academic year with an even stronger PTG – why not get involved and be part of our TBS community.

Dates for your diary:

- 20th June – Y12 Final Arabic Exams
- 21st June – Secondary Enrichment Day
- 22nd June – FS2 assembly
- 23rd June – Y3 trip to watch a Sitara play at The Family Park
- 23rd June – Join me for a final coffee at 0800 – everyone welcome
- 23rd June – Y6 assembly
- 23rd June – Senior Leavers Assembly
- 26th June – Y12 Final Arabic Exams
- 26th June – TBS Y12 Graduation Ceremony – Kempinski Hotel
- 26th June – Primary Plate Parties
- 27th June – Secondary School Assembly
- 27th June – Last day of the school year – 1200 finish for students

Have a great week!

School principal
Jane Knight