



This Week at TBS!

Dear Parents,

How wonderful to see so many of you in school last week. Whether it was at one of our four Sports Events or at our Year 9 & 10 Option Evenings opportunities to have you participate in school events is such an important part of the partnership between home and school. I have to say that I have never seen such spirited involvement of both mothers and fathers in Sports Days. I was so impressed at the way you threw yourselves into the many different skill games we had on offer – I know that Miss Jo's step challenge was a favourite with many of you. We have many more activities coming up that we know you will want to be part of.

One important date for your diary is Tuesday, 13th December, our Christmas Fair. Student in the Primary School have been using their entrepreneurial skills to come up with festive items to sell at the Fair. Last week they pitched their ideas to 'The Tiger's Den' team and the most interesting and potentially profitable ideas were awarded an interest free loan to get their businesses and production lines off the ground. Make sure you have a look at some of the live feeds and videos on our Facebook page to see these inspirational young people present their ideas and business plans to the Tigers. At the Christmas Fair you will be able to buy their items with all money going to charity.

With the FIFA World Cup starting this week, our Secondary Students have come up with their own version. Appointed Team captains will be scheduling penalty shootout matches with the first games this Wednesday at Sports Day. What a great way to further develop student participation, leadership, commitment and teamwork as well as promote fair play. Watch out for updates each week.





TBS Parent Survey – Please check your emails and take the survey

Twice a year we share with you a survey to get your feedback on what we are doing well at TBS and what you would like us to work on in terms of teaching and learning, health and safety, communication, after school activities, leadership, safeguarding and well-being, preparing student students for the future. Our last parent survey in May was very significant as we jumped up 29 points in our Net Promoter Score. Your comments and suggestions were incorporated into our Strategic Improvement Plan. We would encourage you to participate in the survey as although we are very happy to meet and talk with your anytime, the data we receive through this is very valuable.

Here are some key topics that were raised in your comments:

What you say we do well:

- Communication with parents – keeping parents in touch
- Range of after school activities
- Character development
- Focus on child's well-being and education
- Keeping us updated about our child's progress
- Not putting pressure on students
- Let children like school
- Caring environment
- You listen carefully, try to work out problems and satisfy parents
- Follow up with any concerns or learning issues
- Create an atmosphere for students to be happy and comfortable learning
- Parent teacher meetings
- Responsive support staff
- Student leadership
- Preparing students for after graduation

What you want us to work on:

- Communication with parents – continue to improve our modes of communicating with you (whole school and class/form tutors) and sharing more of what is going on across the school through newsletters
- Improve progress and attainment in Arabic Language subjects – our new Head of Arabic has already made an impact with teaching and learning as well as updating the curriculum
- Following up – through the triangulation of data and pupil progress meetings we are monitoring every child's progress and taking rapid action to provide additional support, intervention plans or supporting you with learning at home.
- Qualified and up teachers – all of our teachers are part of a two year professional development programme focusing on embedding formative assessment. In addition staff who are teaching exam courses are attending professional development to ensure they are up to day with expectations. All of our teachers have access to TELLAL, the GEMS professional development network allowing them to select courses linked to their professional targets.



- Learning Support Assistants – as well as recruiting experienced LSAs with strong English and good qualifications, we have LSAs in all classes in Primary with additional LSAs in preschool and FS1
- Supervision – we have increased the number of staff on duty at all break and lunchtimes to support students. All staff on duty wear high-viz jackets so students can see them easily should there be a concern.
- More shaded areas – addition of shading in the EYFS playground as well as a new age appropriate climbing frame. We have also developed the learning areas for KS1 students with a bike track and range of interactive games.
- Developing the ASA range – we have taken the time to speak to our students to find out what ASAs they would like to do and built our programme around them. We have seen a marked engagement of students in Y7 and above in our ASAs this term so far.
- More meetings with teachers – our Meet the Teacher session prior to starting school was key to developing relationships with students as well as supporting them to set targets for themselves as part of our ongoing theme to make students more involved in their learning. Our mid term meetings with class teachers and form tutors reviewed targets and looked at any areas of concern raised including attendance, time keeping and organisation. Remember that you as a parent, have the right to call a meeting with any of your child's teachers should you wish to find out more about their learning or raise a concern.

Attendance Policy Updates

Thank you to everyone in supporting TBS in prioritising the need for all students to be On Time In School everyday. To continue to focus on this we have updated our Attendance Policy which you can read in full [here](#).

We have already reported the impact of arriving late to school has on an individual's learning. We are now focusing on the impact on the students who arrive on time for registration yet their learning is disrupted by a student arriving late.

To minimise this impact I would like to draw your attention to one section in the Late Arrival part of our policy:

- **If a student arrives after 07:55am they may be required to wait until the next lesson change before attending a class to avoid the disruption of others' learning.**

Please note that this came into effect as from Sunday, 13th November and will impact on all students from Year 7-12.

We have already seen a dramatic change in our Secondary Students being On Time In School. Thank you for your support with this.

We ask for your support to ensure that all students are OTIS (On Time In School) everyday.

We are a Learning Community

Tapestry is an on-line system which allows TBS to create an individual Learning Journey for every child in EYFS and this year extended to Y1. Teachers can add comments, notes, photographs and videos of your child at school and link them to the Early Years Curriculum. Our Parent Workshop this week led by our Head of Early Years, Sue Lessiter, guides you through how to get the very best out of Tapestry as a parent. Tuesday at 130pm in our hall.

Updates from around the school!

An update from Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

In Primary this week, we have particularly enjoyed our Sports Days. It was great fun joining in with the various activities and I witnessed wonderful energy and enthusiasm from students, teachers and parents.

We also enjoyed odd socks day which children understood as an opportunity to demonstrate how we are all different and unique and that this is special and should be celebrated. All classes have pledged to work together to stop bullying.

In Years 1-6, the children pitched ideas for their business and product to be made and sold at the Winter Fair. We had judges from across the school in our TBS Tiger's Den to view each pitch. Products varied from snow globes to scratch pads to slime and I am certain we will be in for a treat and spoilt for choice with items to purchase at the Fair. Most importantly, the children demonstrated skills in communication, confidence and performance whilst applying knowledge from all areas of the curriculum. If you were able to watch these live on social media or have viewed since, I am sure you will agree that the pitches were very convincing and all were deservedly winners.

On Monday, 20th November, we enjoyed our Walking Museum. This enabled children to demonstrate to parents their topic work from the first part of the term. It was wonderful to see children and staff dressed up and visiting parents taking another day to share in their child's learning experiences.

We appreciate there have been quite a few events and thank parents for your continuous support and encouragement.



Y1 travelled to China

Year One student had a very eventful and busy week. Through their learning, they have travelled to China to learn about the Chinese New Year. They have made Chinese lanterns following instructions. Also, in continuation with last week's learning, year one students explored another way of solving addition within 10, and that is with using a number line. Furthermore, in line with this changing weather we are currently experiencing, the students learnt about the different seasons and how does the physical appearance of trees change accordingly.

All the above aside, the cherry on top of the cake this week was Sports Day. The children enjoyed getting active and competitive, especially with their parents cheering them on from the sidelines. Last but not least, the year one students and teachers are finalising last minute detail and adding the final touches to their displays to be ready for the Walking Museum on Sunday. We are looking forward to seeing you all!



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TBS Primary Sports mornings

PE Department had a great, busy week! we were honored to host TBS Parents in TBS primary Sports mornings.

we had amazing EYFS, KS1 and KS2 sports days and Secondary is coming!

They were amazing days, students were happy, parents were share activities.

Moreover, we had last Friday U13 Football tournament in BISC TBS Team was amazing! Great efforts well done

Thank You so much for your time, effort, and participation.





An update from Mr Nigel Wilsonlock, Head of Secondary

Year 9 students had a great day on Tuesday with our Careers and Industry Day that focused their attention on their futures. This continued in the evening when Y9/10 students attended our Options Evening that explained the process of choosing the IGCSEs they would like to study next year. Until now Y9 students have effectively been told what they will be studying but now they have the burden of making decisions and choices about their own futures, an essential element of adulthood.

I was put through my literary paces earlier in the week when I had to help judge the “Poetry Slam” contest as part of the English Department’s literacy week. We had some great entries with Maya our eventual winner of Y8. Maya then showed great presence by reading out her winning poem to the KS3 Assembly and then the older students in KS4/5. The assembly was very different this week with Mr. Hywel leading a House Literary Quiz. After a quickfire tie-break question Hathor (red), became the worthy winners of both KS3 and then KS4/5!

Although many of us will be drawn to the FIFA World Cup next week, the highlight of our sporting calendar will be our Secondary Sports Day on Wednesday 23 November. I am looking forward to the continuing rivalry between, Hathor (red), Sekhmet (yellow), Horus (blue) and Sobek (green). We will also be incorporating our own World Cup competition for all students that will start on Sports Day and continue to the end of term following the real competition schedule.

Finally, I would like to remind you that students should be with us for Registration by 0740am each morning. If students arrive after 0800am, they may not be allowed to their first class until lesson changeover. We have found that late students have a very negative effect on others’ learning. We therefore want to support those on time. Your continued support is welcome in getting students to school on time.

Literacy week in the Maths department

This week marked TBS Literacy Week. In the Maths department we have been looking into how to connect literacy and Maths.

After students solve a problem, we ask them to explain how they solved it, teaching them how to give a great explanation. One of the best ways literacy can promote a deeper understanding of Maths involves explaining step-by-step instructions, how the steps apply to the problem, and the “why” behind each step in a solution.

We also ask students to explain a mistake they made. After going over a set of problems, we might ask a student to take one problem they missed and explain why they missed it. The explanation should include what they did wrong as well as what they should have done instead.

We might also have students tell each other how they solved a problem, giving students a couple of minutes to explain their solutions to a partner. The partner can then ask questions or give feedback to the class on the explanation.

We expect students to take notes. Students write down formulas, key concepts, and the steps used to solve each type of problem in their maths classwork book. Not only does writing this down help them concentrate better, but it also produces a great resource for them to use later when they can't remember how to solve a problem.

Year seven students have also been working on “translating” word problems into mathematical operations and have been competing against each other solving maths anagrams to collect data for analysis.

By using these techniques, we can promote good maths and good literacy. Not only that, but we find that the maths and literacy complement each other and skills in one help to develop skills in the other.

Y9 Careers and Industry Day led by Commercial Studies team

Hello from the Commercial Studies team and again what a time to be teaching Commercial Studies subjects! Now we are delivering teaching and learning on Human Resources to Year 10 IGCSE and Year 11 AS Business Studies classes. The current topical turmoil of Twitter and Elon Musk's autocratic approach to cost saving and downsizing with large scale redundancies, is providing an excellent contextual perspective. What about the corporate social responsibility viewpoint of lifting the ban on Donald Trump? Moreover, their current issue with advertisers and revenue streams!

On the 15th November the Commercial Studies department led Careers and Industry Day for Year 9 which consisted of Economics, Business Studies and Travel and Tourism subject activities inclusive of marketing the feature film Death on the Nile and lifting the profile of the travel and tourism industry further, to improve GDP and decrease unemployment. From this students gained an initial understanding and interest of these subjects before their final option choices are due on the 19th January, 2023. Moreover, experts from various industries led question and answer sessions to the Year 9 students inclusive of our CEO!

Speakers were as follows:

Medical Speaker (Ms. Heba Kassas)

Finance Speaker (Mr. Ehab Rizk)

Medical Speaker (Mr. Mostafa Halaby & Mr. Hesham Hamdy)

Business Speaker (Mr. Ahmed Wahby)

Computer Science Speaker (Mr. Ahmed Mostafa)





Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday, 22nd November – Parent Workshop – EYFS focus on getting the most out of Tapestry @ 130pm
- Wednesday, 23rd November – Secondary Sports Day
- Thursday, 24th November – Coffee Morning
- Thursday, 24th November – Y7&8 Educational Trip
- Sunday, 27th November – Y3 Educational Trip
- Tuesday, 29th November – Parent Workshop – Primary Focus on progression in mathematics
- Wednesday, 30th November – Moustache Day, end of awareness month for male health issues
- Wednesday, 30th November and Thursday, 1st December – Vaccination for some year groups – please check emails.
- Thursday, 1st December – Coffee Morning
- Tuesday, 6th December – Parent Workshop – Secondary Focus
- Thursday, 8th December – Festive Jumper Day
- Thursday, 8th December – Coffee Morning
- Monday, 12th December – KS1 and Y3/4 Festive Assemblies
- Tuesday, 13th December – Christmas Fair
- Tuesday, 13th December – TBS Choir sings at the British Embassy
- Wednesday, 14th December – Reports Released
- Thursday, 15th December – Last Day of Term 1
- Sunday, 8th January – First Day of Term 2

Have a great week!

School Principal
Jane Knight