

Dear Parents/Guardians,

11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

As we look back on the month of September, I am delighted to recall so many positive outcomes during the normal every day running of the school and the success of the new, improved After School Activity programme.

Our Nursery students have adjusted well to their new routines and are enjoying their new found confidence within the realms of our experiential learning. I also observed a very warm welcome from last years' mums to our 'new' mums during the annual breakfast, hosted by Reception parents. Wonderful food, with charming hosts.

Primary classes are developing their skills whilst encompassing the student led project based learning topics such as Digging for Dinos, Zero Hunger and Bizz World. I cannot wait to see the outcome, although as we all know, the process is more important.

Our MYP students are also working hard on their projects, with an amazing transformation in MYP 1, 2, 3 and 4; students are now submitting their own choices of project that is resulting in a very broad selection of topics such as Cultures of Different Countries, Prototype of a Flood Proof House and Pop up Sculptures to the unusual topic of Cat Apparel!

Grade 10/MYP5 are of course preparing for their upcoming e Assessments whilst continuing to complete their personal projects and their units for each of their chosen subjects This is a very important time of the year for them as we look at intervention strategies, to ensure all our students achieve the very highest of standards and thus follow the footsteps of our previous MYP5 achievers (top 1% in the world!) Whilst on one of my learning walks around school, I was delighted to catch the end of a Grade 10 lesson where they were finalizing their personal projects. The standard of work was superb!

As promised, I intend to raise the interest in the House System. This was kick started by holding a House Board competition, led by our House Captains and their Heads of House. I was very impressed with the level of interest the students showed in this fun activity. It also allowed us to raise awareness of the four charities (chosen by each house) to be supported this year; Pegasus – Medicare Hospital Trust, Dragon – Green Earth Roshni School, Griffin – Care Foundation and Phoenix - S our S( Support our Staff- a unique one to TNS, which is for our Support staff in times of need). The results of the Board competition were very close, with Dragon house receiving the winning celebration of a free movie night. This was a drive for the MYP/DP section of school. I haven't forgotten about our younger students. I plan to open a special competition for them (more details to follow-top secret at the moment!) I know we will get an enormous response from our EY and PY students and their parents. I have already thought of a very unique prize. Watch this space.

Last month's visitors to the school included a representative from the British Council/ CAIE ( Cambridge Assessment International Education) for an inspection of the schools facilities with regard to the IGCSE

programme we deliver for Islamiyat, Pakistan Studies and Urdu. She was very impressed with what she saw and provided very positive feedback. The school successfully met all of the requirements and continues to have the registered centre status and the certificate is valid till 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

I know that for many of you this note will not be relevant as we have had a huge improvement on lateness, however there are still some students who are turning up 10/15 minutes late. This is not acceptable. School begins at 8am prompt. I know that the main problem is traffic, however I ask that you try to take this into account when planning your journey. My challenge this term is see no late comers! Help me achieve it!

October is to be another busy month, especially in our Sports department. We are very proud of the fact that we are achieving tremendous results across all areas including swimming, athletics, and football. Our Beaconhouse National College fair took place on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, which received very positive reviews.

To show our appreciation for all our wonderful teachers, we provided them with the option of enjoying an amazing afternoon out at the Oasis waterpark or a 5\* Staff Lunch served by our very own Head Chef Mr. A! I am told both experiences were truly amazing! I was sorry to miss it as I had a family emergency to deal with in the UK. Let me take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words of support. It is good to be back.

Date	Event	Where and what time?
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	DP Educational trip	Chitral
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Athletics under 15/17	Bedian
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Punjab National Women Juniors Swim comp	Bedian
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct- Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Global Dignity Day events	Whole school –throughout the day
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	LUMS visit	TNS school / 9am
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inter house Math comp	Various rooms
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Final Selections for BISC	Bedian

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