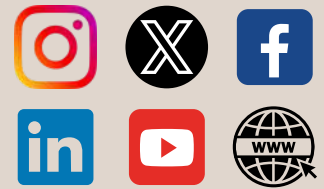


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# The Alumni Central

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR TBS ALUMNI

Thrive • Believe • Succeed



# DEAR ALUMNI

Welcome to a new academic year at TBS! We look forward to another year of exciting events and stellar achievements. As we embark on this journey, we invite you, our alumni family, to celebrate the school's accomplishments from the year gone by and join us in conquering new heights.

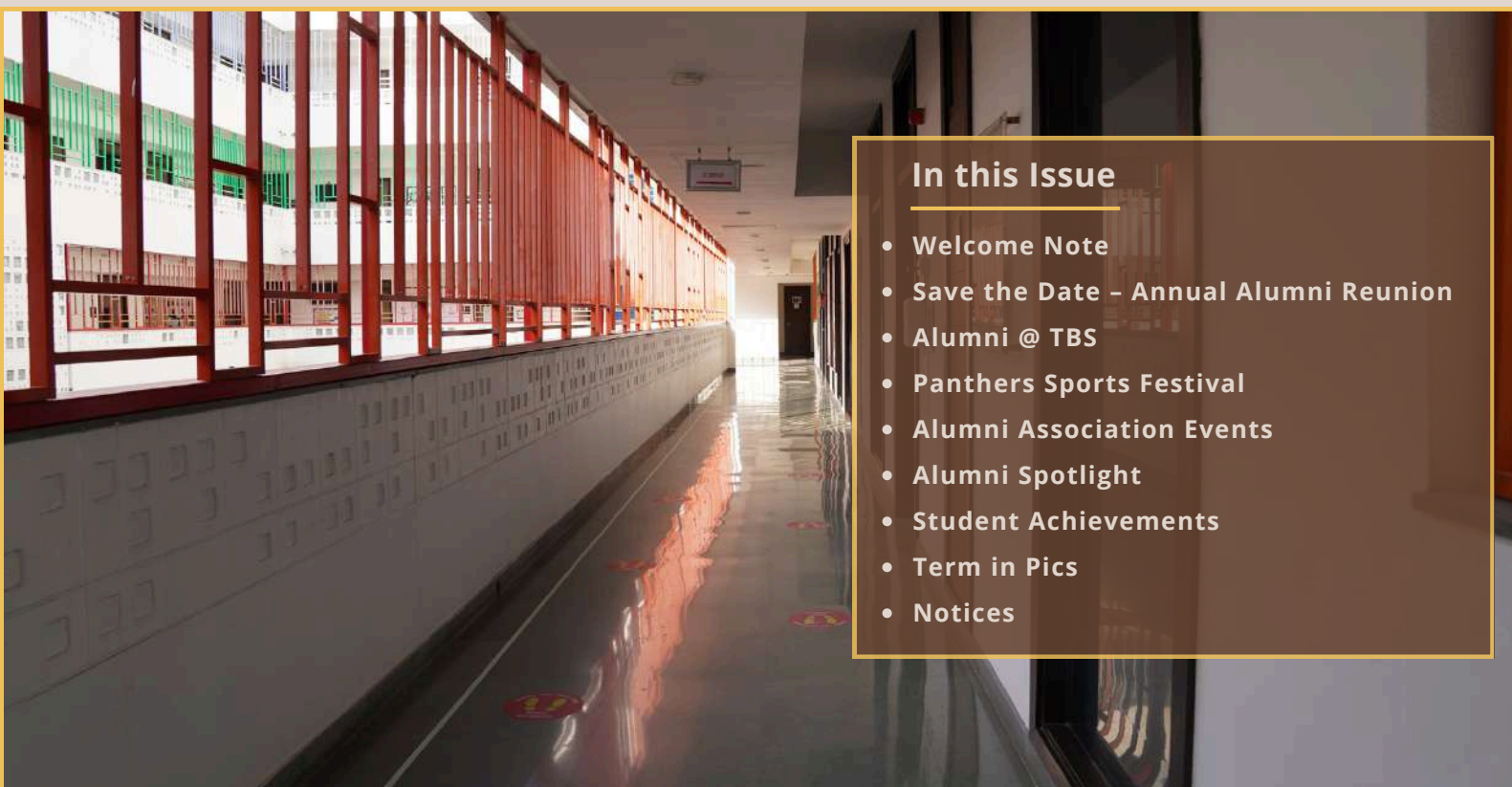
The previous academic year ended on a heartfelt note as we bid adieu to the Class of 2024, wishing them success in their future endeavours. This was followed by TBS launching UCL's inaugural summer school in India, marking a significant milestone in our academic collaborations.

We start off the new academic year with a major announcement: Our Director, Vanita Uppal OBE, has been appointed Chair of the FOBISIA (Federation of British International Schools in Asia) executive board. Her appointment will be a big step for TBS towards enhancing educational experiences and global opportunities for our students.

In this edition of the alumni newsletter, you will find inspiring stories and updates from both our alumni community and the current student body. You can catch a glimpse of school events from the previous term on our gallery page, read all about the fantastic work done by our alumna Tina Sharma Tiwari in the Spotlight interview, and click on the link on the last page to buy TBS merchandise (show off your school spirit!).

To our most recent alumni: we encourage you to share your updated contact details with us to stay updated with the latest news and events from the school. To our old alumni: thank you for the support we have received from all of you. Happy reading!

Warm regards  
The Alumni Office



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*Save  
The  
Date*

**ANNUAL  
ALUMNI  
REUNION**

**18 December 2024**

# ALUMNI @ TBS

## COMMUNITY SPORTS MATCHES

We hosted friendly basketball and cricket matches in May for our alumni and current parents. The matches were full of energy and fun, bringing everyone together to enjoy some friendly competition. Both alumni and parents had a fantastic time, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Watch out this column for upcoming matches!



## CHILDREN OF ALUMNI AT TBS

We are delighted to share that children of four of our alumni have joined TBS this academic year, carrying on their families' tradition and adding to the school's long and proud legacy. Please join us in welcoming the children of Karan Saroj (class of 1999), Vidur Parashar (class of 1999), Prof Dr Kunal Saigal (class of 1999) and Aditya Wadhwani (class of 2005).



*Clockwise: Karan and Orion Saroj; Vidur and Aashti Parashar; Kunal and Jai Saigal; Aditya and Aila Wadhwani*



# GET • SET • GO!

## 30.08.2024

3.30 pm onwards

- ✓ Football 7-a-side Tournament
- ✓ Mixed Doubles Badminton
- ✓ Basketball Tournament
- ✓ 50 Ball Cricket Tournament
- ✓ Table Tennis Tournament
- ✓ Swimming (relay and individual)

*Check your inbox for registration details*

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

On a sunny Friday afternoon in April, the Alumni Association organised their very first golf tournament. An absolute success, alumni from as far back as the class of 1984 participated in the event! The 18-hole double Peoria game was followed by lunch and a prize distribution.

Our Director, Vanita Uppal OBE, and members of the Board of Governors were present too and had a lovely time interacting with the alumni, sharing fond memories of the school.

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS



## ALUMNI MIXER

Join The British School Alumni Association for a fun filled night of reminiscing the good times and catching up with old friends at the Alumni Mixer on 23 August 2024. Please write to us at [alumni@british-school.org](mailto:alumni@british-school.org) for details on how to register.

*Please note, this event is open only to alumni aged 25 years and above. Prior registration is mandatory.*

## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Alumni Association will be organising a pickleball tournament for alumni on 21 September 2024.

The tournament will be held in the school premises, bringing a lovely chance for the alumni to take a trip down the memory lane. Please write to us at [alumni@british-school.org](mailto:alumni@british-school.org) for details on how to register.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**TINA SHARMA TIWARI**

|                   |                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Class of</b>   | <b>1995</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>Education</b>  | <b>Masters in Sports Administration</b>                                                                 |
| <b>Profession</b> | <b>Senior Media Relations &amp; Games Communications Manager at the International Olympic Committee</b> |

## What has been your biggest achievement in the last one year?

Being in Paris as part of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) communications team, delivering the Olympic Games, managing the press office and daily press briefings with my team, is the culmination of years of preparation and decades of motivation. It was back in 1992 that I had first wished for a dream career at the IOC, working for the Olympics, and since 2021 I have been living that dream.

## Help us follow the trajectory of your career.

I started my career in the early 2000s as a rookie reporter for the Indian national daily *Hindustan Times*, covering tennis, cricket and golf. In the early years, I could barely believe my luck—that I was getting paid to watch sport! Sport had been the love of my life since I was about 12 years old, and being able to do what I loved, as a job, was incredibly satisfying. I went on to cover the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Cricket World Cups and Grand Slam Tennis.

I moved to television in a few years, initially covering sport before shifting to politics and current affairs by the end of the decade. I won the prestigious Indian News Broadcasting Award for Best Sport Anchor in 2010 and then by 2016, I was hosting *The Newshour* on Times Now, the highest-rated English news show in India at the time.

I moved to Switzerland in 2017, to fulfil my lifelong ambition of working in the administration and governance of sport. I was Head of Communications & PR at the International University Sports Federation (FISU) for a few years before taking up my current role as Senior Media Relations Manager for the International Olympic Committee.



## You've authored two books—*Who, Me?* and *Running on Full*. Is a third book in the works?

Oh, this third book! I have been trying to avoid this question for a few years. It's actually 80% written and waiting patiently to be finished. It was originally intended for 2020, but with all the major changes in my life since 2017—moving continents and careers—I have had to put it on the backburner for a while. However, after the Olympic Games Paris 2024 are over, I have every intention of finishing it.



**You've donned several hats with dexterity. What's been your most enjoyable stint so far? And how do you keep yourself going?**

It may sound like a cliché, but I really do enjoy everything I do to the fullest. When I was a newspaper reporter, I revelled in reporting on junior tennis and getting to know sports at a grassroots level. I absolutely loved being a prime-time news anchor, reporting on the top international stories of the day, and debating difficult issues with senior politicians. The higher the stakes, the greater the challenge, the more I enjoy it. And now, I am living my dream of working for the Olympics. So, I can't really choose one stint as a favourite. I've been very blessed through them all.

**The Olympic Games Paris 2024 are on as we speak! Can you share any special moments from the games so far? What does a normal workday look like for you right now?**

A normal workday currently starts with me scanning the international media coverage and global headlines about the games around 8am. Picking up a coffee and croissant on the go (we are in Paris, after all!), I head to the Main Press Centre where I spend most of the day with my team, managing more than 6,000 media personnel and their demands and questions. We, the IOC, hold a daily press briefing at 11am, jointly with the Paris 2024 Organising Committee, and much of my morning goes into preparing for this press conference. The afternoon is more about responding to individual media requests through the IOC Press Office, setting up interviews with our spokespersons, and running the IOC Media X (Twitter) account.

The most special moment so far has been watching the men's singles semi-finals at the iconic Roland Garros, as I am quite the tennis tragic. Also, watching Bobby Finke (USA) break the world record in the men's 1,500 metre freestyle at the swimming arena on 4 August was a magical moment, because it reminded me of Kieren Perkins (AUS) breaking the world record in the same event at the Barcelona 1992 Olympics—an iconic moment that has remained etched in my mind, and one of the key inspirations that drove me towards a career in sports journalism.



**Do you have a favourite memory from your time at TBS?**

My stint at The British School was brief—less than a year—but great fun! I made some lifelong friendships there. My favourite memory is my high school bestie Malini Agarwal (the now-famous Miss Malini) and me applying stick-on snake tattoos on our thighs every morning and going about our day under the name of Snake Sisters. TBS would not have been the same experience for me without her.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Jasmeh Kaur Dang, Year 11, was one of the 100 students selected from across the globe for a prestigious summer internship with Williams Racing, a Formula One team. She got the opportunity to collaborate with industry experts and familiarise herself with the vast number of career paths within Formula One.



- Twenty students from TBS returned with prizes across various categories—4 Gold, 7 Silver, and 9 Bronze—from the Biology Challenge 2024, held in May. Organised by the Royal Society of Biology and the University of Warwick, the competition saw participation from over 45,000 students worldwide.
- Six F1 teams from TBS, from Years 7-10, competed in the 2024 National Finals of F1 in Schools: Team Asterope, Team Blitz, Team Nova, Team Squarky, Team Chasers and Team Supercharged. Team Supercharged came back with the Research and Development Award and have been granted direct entry to next year's National Finals.



- Our Year 13 students participated in the 2024 PhysicsBowl Contest organised by The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) in April. Rain Jha won the Asian Gold, while Ansh Jain, Aaryan Dua, Anonny Islam and Rishi Raj Narula were bestowed with the Asian Honourable Award. TBS also bagged a regional award, claiming the sixth spot in Region 20.



## Adya Uppal awarded the Kurt Hahn Prize by Round Square

Adya Uppal, class of 2024, became the first student from TBS to be awarded the Kurt Hahn Prize by Round Square. She was bestowed the honour for raising awareness about cervical cancer in women and securing funds for life saving screening services. Over the years, Adya has also manufactured and donated prostheses and prosthetic bras for cancer survivors who have undergone mastectomies.



## Adiva Goel conferred the Global Citizenship Award by EARCOS

For the fifth year in a row, a TBS student has won the Global Citizenship Award from EARCOS (East Asia Regional Council of Schools). Adiva Goel, Year 13, received both the Global Citizenship Award and Grant for her initiative, The Ourchive Project. The project, which focuses on engagement with oral literature and storytelling, was undertaken in collaboration with the Palna programme run by the Delhi Council of Child Welfare.



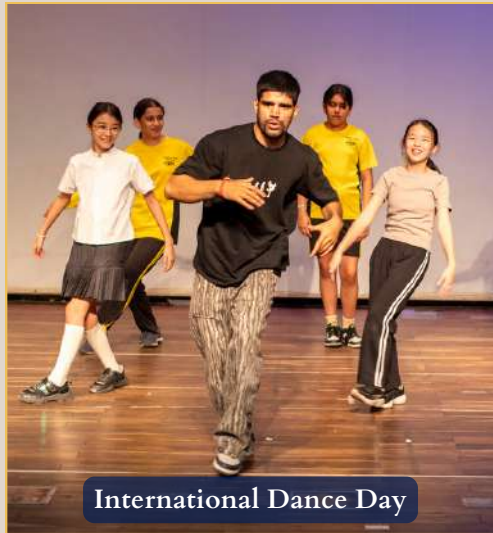
First Day of the New Academic Year (2024-25)



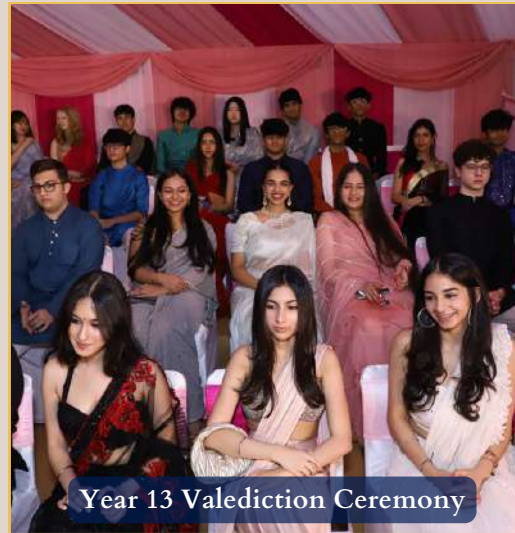
Year 5 Annual Production



Enrichment Open House



International Dance Day



Year 13 Valediction Ceremony

## TERM IN PICS



World Creativity & Innovation Day



Life on Land



Worker's Appreciation Day



NGO Sports Day



TBS Duathlon



Secondary End of Year Concert

# NOTICES



Go TBS!

T-shirts, bottles, tote bags, jackets, badges – so many ways to carry your alma mater with pride! Head to the TBS merch store [online](#).

Please write to us at [alumni@british-school.org](mailto:alumni@british-school.org) to help update your details in our database.



Received an award? Published a book?  
Ran a marathon?

Share your achievements with us and we will post them in the alumni newsletter.

If you are receiving this newsletter as a parent of a former student, it could be because we don't have an email address for them. Please share their contact details so that we may write to them directly.



Apply now for your children's admission to the school! Visit our [website](#) for further details.

**Front Cover:** View of TBS on a sunny day

**Back Cover:** A group of students enjoying a class outdoors c.1996



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