



THE
BRITISH SCHOOL
IN TOKYO

The Lion – 10th January 2020

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MESSAGE FROM PAUL TOUGH – PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Staff, Students, and Friends of BST,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new term after what I hope was an enjoyable winter break for everyone with friends and family.

I'm anticipating an extremely positive start to the new term with staff and students once again enthusiastically engaged in teaching and learning across the school.

I am also incredibly optimistic about the year ahead. We are all fortunate to be part of a fantastic school, and I'm confident that the school community will continue to support our efforts to make BST the best it can be.



The term has started at pace with BST staff involved in a productive day of professional training on Monday, new students starting classes on Tuesday, the School Advisory Committee meeting for the first time this calendar year on Wednesday and a successful Fire Drill taking place at the Shibuya campus on Thursday.

This week also marks the beginning of the various winter experiences for the students in Secondary with the first ski and snowboard weekend taking place under the capable leadership of Mr John Morris and Mrs Nora Yamada.

The term ahead also promises to be very busy with highlights such as the Spring Fair, Book Week, the Secondary Production and various other winter residential in Primary and Secondary.

The 'Why?' of BST: The School's Purpose, Mission, Vision and Goals

PARENT FORUMS - Looking at Why BST - School's Mission, Vision and Purpose

Building on the success of last term's parent forums and as the next step in the school's development, I will be hosting this term a series of interactive workshops for parents on the "Why of BST." The purpose of these sessions will be to evaluate the school's existing guiding statements, including BST's mission, vision and goals. I would be delighted to see as many parents in attendance as possible. If you would like to join one of the sessions, please sign-up using the following link. (bit.ly/feb2020forum)

TEACHER RECRUITMENT

The School's teacher recruitment process for 2020 is well underway. We have already received many excellent applications for teaching positions in both Primary and Secondary phases. The Leadership Team will be interviewing shortlisted candidates over the coming weeks. We will make you aware of the outcome and appointments in due course.

Finally, I wanted to make you aware that this week as school staff, we are celebrating the contribution made by our colleague, Emi Kubota, to BST. Emi is the recipient of a BST long service award following an outstanding contribution to our Showa Admin Team and as Primary Receptionist. The School's Administrative and Business Teams are the unsung heroes of the school, as their work is often unnoticed and takes place behind the scenes. Nevertheless, without their endeavour, the school would not function. BST is a thriving school community due to the contribution made by many people in many different ways and I'm happy that we can start the new term by recognising the invaluable work of our staff and their dedication to all things BST.

I hope you all have an excellent start to the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the above.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

[Paul Tough](#)
Principal





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Parent Workshop
with Principal
Paul Tough

All sessions will
cover the same content.
Please sign up
for a session here:



bit.ly/feb2020forum

The 'Why?' of BST: The School's Purpose, Mission, Vision and Goals

Showa Campus

Thursday 6th February 2020
9-10.30am
3F Music Room

Monday 24th February 2020
6-7.30pm
2F Library

Shibuya Campus

Wednesday 5th February 2020
9-10.30am
BST Gym

Tuesday 25th February 2020
6.15-7.45pm
BST Gym

Sign up here: bit.ly/feb2020forum



Dear Secondary Parents,

Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu!

I hope that everybody had a good break - the students have certainly returned refreshed and in good spirits for the new term.

I have seen the students coming in each morning (for the most part!) giving a good greeting, dressed appropriately and looking keen to face the challenges of the day ahead. I very much hope that we can keep that going for the remainder of the term.

It has certainly been a busy week on the sporting front with lots of practices, football and hockey fixtures and preparation for the forthcoming Bangkok Tour (next weekend). This weekend we have a number of students on our first Ski/Snowboard weekend; I will be at the new Olympic stadium for the university rugby final with a number of members of [SIRC](#). There are plenty more sporty things on the agenda next week too.

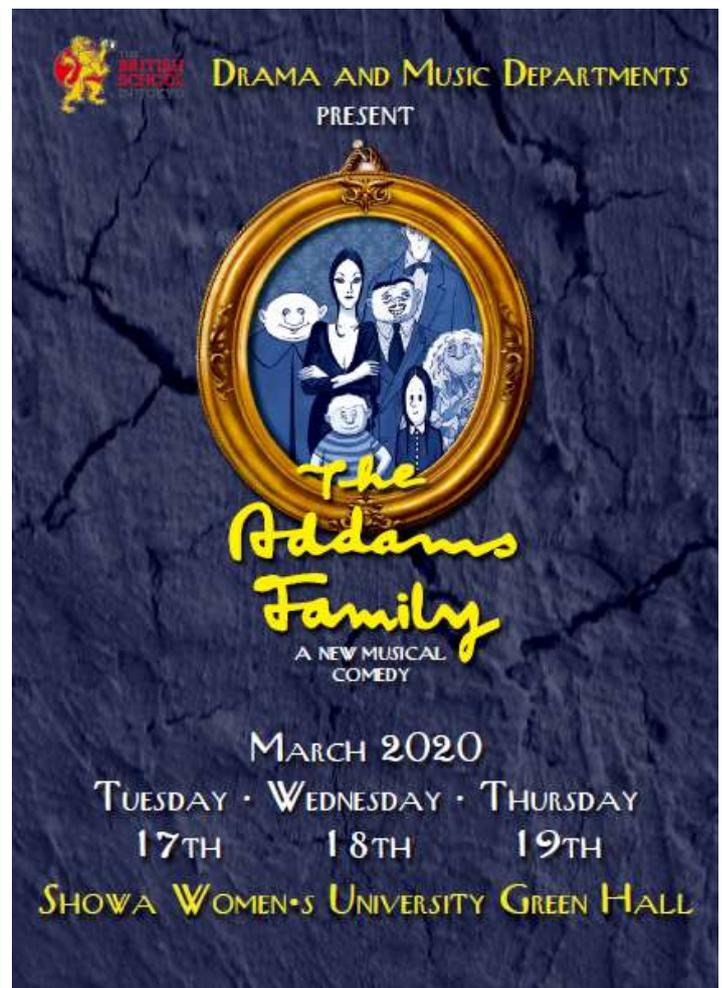
THE SECONDARY MUSICAL

There was a real buzz in the Addams Family rehearsal on Wednesday night - I saw the students coming out with huge grins on their faces. Please get the dates in your diary; **Tues 17th - Thurs 19th March 2020.**

Next week we have a Parents' Evening for Year 8 and Year 11 will get their full reports on Friday. Clearly, it is an important time for them as they prepare for IGCSE examinations which begin at the start of next term; they will also fairly soon be choosing their A level options. Our A level Art students will have their formal mock examinations too.

Here's hoping that we can keep the momentum of a great first week. Have a good weekend.

[James Thomas](#)
Head of Secondary



UPCOMING EVENTS -- TERM 2.1 (2019-2020)

Please keep an eye on the School Website Calendar

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/useful-information/school-calendar>



Ski Club 2018-2019

Friday 10th January

Secondary Ski and Snowboard Weekend 1 until 12th January

15:30-20:00 HS Girls Kanto Plains Field Hockey v YIS (NSG)

16:00-17:00 HS Boys Football Training - BST South Ground

Saturday 11th January

8:30-13:00 IGCSE PE Life-Saving Assessment 2

9:00-12:30 MS Boys Kanto Plains Basketball v CAJ (A)

Monday 13th January

15:30-19:00 MS Girls Kanto Plains Football v NIS (NSG)

16:00-19:00 HS Girls and Boys ISTAA Basketball v CIS (H)

Tuesday 14th January

Y8 Subject Evening

14:00-19:00 MS Boys Kanto Plains Basketball v ASIJ(A)

14:00-17:30 HS Girls Field Hockey Training - SWU Astro (H)

17:00-20:00 HS Boys Kanto Plains Football v St Mary's (NSG)

Wednesday 15th January

GCE Art Mocks Y13 Day 1

Thursday 16th January

GCE Art Mocks Y13 Day 2

Harrow Bangkok Tournament U13 Boys and Girls Football until 19th January

15:30-19:30 MS Boys Basketball v YIS (A)

16:00-18:30 HS Boys Football Training - Nagasawa (NSG)

Friday 17th January

Y11 Full Reports released

16:00-17:00 HS Boys Football Training - SWU Astro (H)

16:00-17:00 HS Girls Field Hockey Training - SWU Astro (H)

Saturday 18th January

7:30-15:00 HS Girls Kanto Plains Field Hockey v ASIJ/CAJ(A)

10:30-14:30 HS Boys Football BST v St Mary's JV Only (A)



Dear Primary Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our 17 new BST families who have joined us this term. I hope your child's first week has been a smooth one and your children are already feeling settled in their new classes. Please do contact us if you have any questions, as starting a new school is sometimes a little daunting and confusing, so please do reach out if you need any help.

This week our staff came back refreshed and ready for professional development on Monday. The focus was on student well-being and ensuring we are developing our student's social and emotional well-being through our PSHE programme and our day-to-day interactions with our students. We know that happy children learn best and teaching young people skills such as active listening, self-awareness and empathy can equip them to succeed both academically and socially. Daniel Goleman, a key figure in the study of emotional intelligence categorises emotional intelligence into "Five emotional main areas: self-awareness, emotional control, self-motivation, empathy and relationship skills. Relationships and good communication are the gateway to better learning, friendships, academic success and employment. Skills such as these need to be developed in their formative years at school and often provide the foundation for future habits later on in life."

With this focus in mind, we started the week with Primary assemblies on goal setting and positivity. Attributes of perseverance, practice and resilience are often needed to help us overcome challenges. We re-introduced the "Power of the YET mentality" - it is a powerful strategy that will amplify and support the love of lifelong learning that we hope to instill in our students. Such a simple reminder to persevere through challenges can be the difference between a student who gives up on a problem and one who routinely concludes that understanding will come with more effort, questions, or use of additional strategies. So if you have set yourself a new year goal, I am sure your child will be your new voice of encouragement and positivity!



THANK YOU!

¥714,000 raised to donate to UWS

FUJI RELAY SPONSORSHIP

A huge well done to the students who took part and ran in the Fuji Relay, November 2019!
The money the students raised hugely surpassed our expectations and is the cherry on the cake for what was a fantastic event.
A great achievement for the students and the school, and something we can all be very proud of.

Well done to our Primary Students who participated in the Fuji Relay!



Year 5 2018-2019 in Norikura

As ever, we have many exciting events and projects planned for this term. The first of our residential trips will be taking place soon, with Year 5 off to ski/snowboard the beautiful slopes of Norikura. Many theme days take place this term starting with Year 5 Viking day. Also at the end of the term are the Spring Fair and the Dance Assembly - both of which are fantastic community events when we have an opportunity to bring the Primary School and community together.



On a more pragmatic note, we have observed many students “individualising” their uniform. This is particularly evident on PE days. I spoke to all students about the fact that they show pride in their school through wearing their uniform. We will be doing a “uniform blitz” and if your child is wearing the incorrect uniform a slip will be sent home. I would really appreciate your support in ensuring that the uniform guidelines ([here](#)) are adhered to.

Have a lovely weekend. It looks like it will be sunny but chilly so wrap up warm!

[Fiona Read](#)
Head of Primary



Scholastic Book Club/Baker Books – January 2020
<https://world-shop.scholastic.co.uk/digital-book-club>

Orders should be completed by Monday, 20th March 2020.
Please refer to email sent from library@bst.ac.jp

PRIMARY NEWSLETTERS

Early Years Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/early-years-newsletter/>

Year 1 Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-1-newsletter/>

Year 2 Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-2-newsletter/>

Year 3 Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-3-newsletter/>

Year 4 Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-4-newsletter/>

Year 5 Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-5-newsletter/>

Year 6 Newsletter

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-6-newsletter/>

Whole School Website Calendar

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THE BRITISH SCHOOL IN TOKYO
Parent Teacher Association

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
NURSERY & RECEPTION
FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2020
BST SHIBUYA LIBRARY
8.35AM

We are accepting donations of second-hand uniform items of the following items for the sale:
BST logo uniform - jumpers, cardigans and PE tops
Girls winter skirts and pinafores

These must be clean and in re-usable condition.
 Kindly leave any suitable items in the BST Shibuya foyer.
 Thank You | pta@bst.ac.jp

Welcome back everyone!

We are re-structuring the second hand sales of the school uniform to make more regular and effective for you as parents. Therefore, at this time we are only going to be accepting donations of the following -

- BST logo uniform - jumpers, cardigans and PE tops
- Girls winter skirts and pinafores

As well as our big uniform sales at the start of the year and the change of the seasonal uniform, we will be holding size related sales during the Shibuya and Showa PTA coffee mornings.

The dates for the sales are as following:-

- 17th January Shibuya - nursery and reception uniform
- 24th January Shibuya - 110cm Winter uniform
- 31st January Shibuya - 120cm Winter uniform
- 4th February Showa - 130cm upwards
- 7th February Shibuya - 130cm
- 14th February Shibuya - 140cm
- Upcoming full sale 20th March Shibuya

BST PTA MARKET PLACE & SKI WEAR

Skiwear that we have is on the BST PTA marketplace.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bstptamarketplace>

Hannah Reilly - hannahclarereilly@gmail.com



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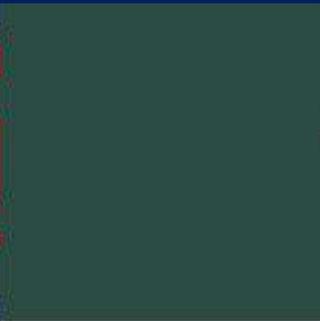
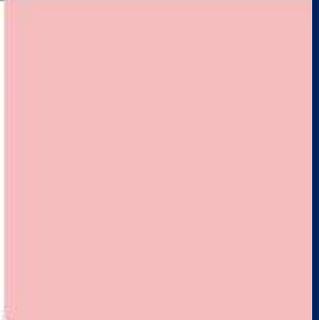
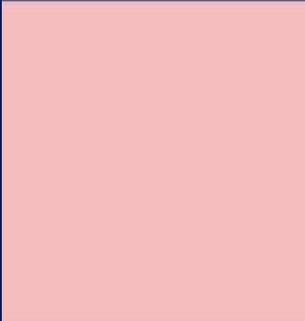
BOOK SALE

SHIBUYA LIBRARY

Friday 7th February 2020

9.00am

**INCLUDES CHILDREN'S
& ADULT'S BOOKS**

			
			
<p>The British School in Tokyo</p> <h1>Spring Fair</h1> <p>Saturday 14th March 2020 11:00am - 3:00pm</p> <p>Shibuya Campus 1-21-18, Shibuya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0002</p>			
			
			

Showa Coffee Morning

Monday 20th January 2020
8.30-10am
Showa Foyer



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Please note

Monday 13th January 2020

is a regular school day.



Fat Boys Football Club

Meets Every Wednesday Night

Time: 7pm-8pm

Venue: BST Shibuya Campus

Futsal Setup: SKG Tennis Court or SKG Memorial Hall if raining

**Who? BST Dads, Teachers & any other fat men.
Come and join a broad mix of ability & fitness. Any level welcome.**

**COMPLETELY FREE. Excellent way to shed a few ounces.
Express your interest with Uzi at uismail@gmail.com**

