



THE
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IN TOKYO

The Lion – 18th September 2020

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MESSAGE FROM PAUL TOUGH – PRINCIPAL

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



If the brain is a muscle, then learning to play an instrument and read music is the ultimate exercise, in my opinion. As such, we are fortunate to have at BST the musical equivalent of an Olympian in our midst. This week I was made aware by Mr Beston of Year 13 student, Luke Marrable's piece "In a Forest at Dawn". Luke's outstanding talent was writ large over the summer when his piece was selected to be performed by the KLK Symphony Orchestra having been entered in the Orient/Occidental Composition Competition. As Mr Beston commented, "this work is truly remarkable for an A-Level student" and certainly should bring the school community much joy. I know you will all want to join me in congratulating Luke on his achievement. "In a Forest at Dawn" performed by the KLK Symphony Orchestra can be accessed [HERE](#).



School buildings are sad and lonely places when empty, and that is why the start of term has been so lovely. Positive energy has been all-pervading, and I have enjoyed seeing school extra-curricular activities starting and meeting and talking to students about their learning. This week's highlights have included some excellent presentations from Year 2 students on Japanese customs and culture and Year 3 students' tremendous participation in Taiko drumming with Moko Sensei.

This week has also been busy with various meetings taking place for parents, staff and members of the Board of Trustees. Some interesting discussions took place at the new Primary Parents' Evening, PTA Committee meeting and at the Property and Education Subcommittees. In a similar vein, we are now looking forward to the first [School Advisory Council \(SAC\)](#) meeting of the year on September 28th. Parent and staff representatives on the SAC would welcome any questions or agenda items to be raised via the following address schooladvisory@bst.ac.jp .

TRUSTEES OPEN EVENING SIGN UP

Additionally, I am looking forward to the various online forums taking place over the coming months for parents and staff. These include the [Trustees Open Evening](#) and the sessions on the school's new Strategic Vision and Plan and redrafted Guiding Statements. It will be great to have as many participants as possible at the forums therefore if you are interested in attending these sessions, please do so by registering [HERE](#).



The Strategic Vision and Plan forums will provide me with an opportunity to explain the school's major development priorities over the next three years. At the heart of the new Strategic Vision and Plan is the school's recently revised Guiding Statements - our Vision, Core Values, Mission and Aims. The revised Guiding Statements were produced following a process of consultation with the BST community during the 2019-2020 school year.

I am confident that the updated statements reflect the history and essence of BST while also illustrating the school's aspirational future. As such, they communicate a strong modern identity and a clear direction for BST. You can be assured that the revised Guiding Statements will be more than a series of words on a wall or website as they will be crucial in anchoring our thinking, planning and decisions over the next three years. Our collective task will be to translate the values into action and to realise our bold vision for BST students. I am incredibly grateful to all the parents, staff and students who contributed to the discussions but in particular to my colleague Mr Richard Paterson for leading the process so successfully. I look forward to talking about the revised Guiding Statements over the coming months, but in the meantime, they can be accessed [HERE](#).

Best wishes for the weekend ahead.

[Paul Tough](#)
Principal

Online Forums
with Principal
Paul Tough

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



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Mission & Vision Strategic Plan

Zoom Sessions

Monday 12th October 2020
9am-10:30am

Wednesday 28th October 2020
6pm-7:30pm

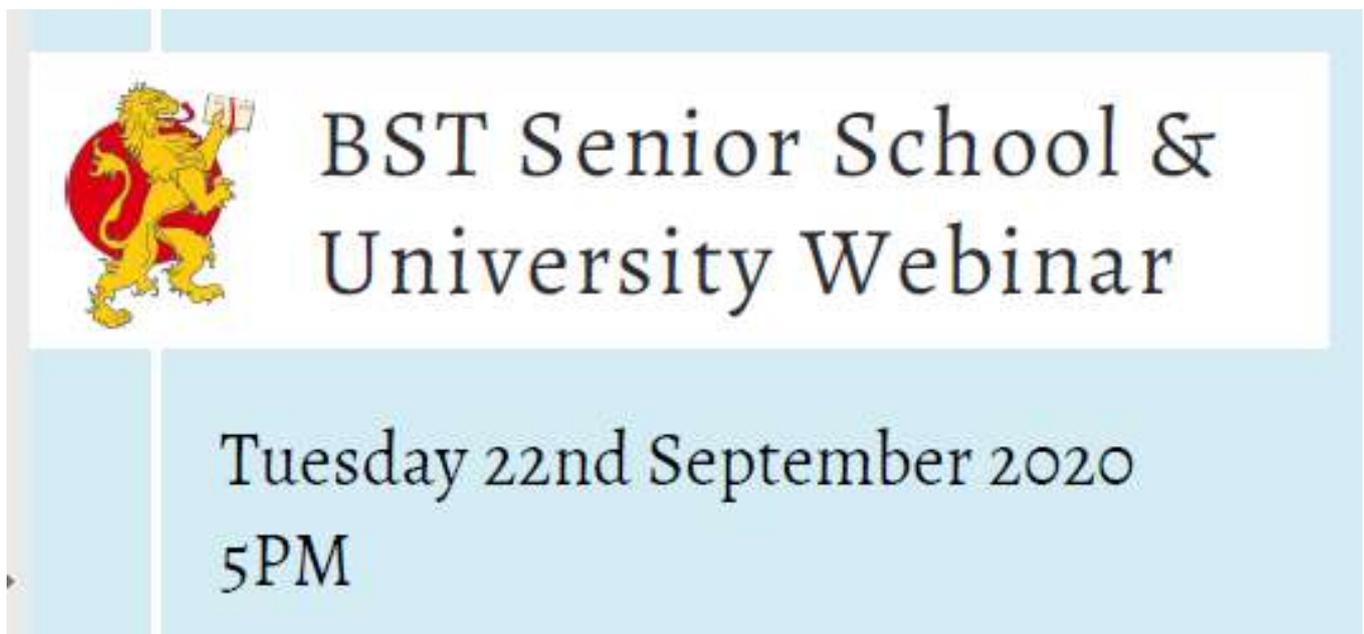
Thursday 29th October 2020
9am-10:30am



Dear Secondary Parents and Students,

We have had a busy week in the Secondary School and we are absolutely back into the swing of things. There is certainly a purposeful atmosphere around the school and the industry in lessons is impressive.

There have been many Zoom meetings this week between new Tutees, their Parents and Tutors. It has been very pleasing to hear of how well the students are settling in and I am glad they all had the formal opportunity this week to flag any outstanding questions. Please do continue to pass on any questions or information to your children`s Tutors.



The banner features a yellow lion rampant on a red shield on the left. To its right, the text "BST Senior School & University Webinar" is displayed in a dark blue serif font. Below this, the date and time "Tuesday 22nd September 2020 5PM" are shown in a smaller, dark blue serif font. The entire banner is set against a light blue background with a white central area for the text.

Various assessments have been taking place this week including examinations for Year 13s (postponed from the end of Year 12). This year group are well underway with their university applications, following in the footsteps of the graduates of last year. If you want to know more information about how we support applications then there is a webinar on Tuesday 22nd September at 5pm - Please sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/uni-webinar-2020>

We have also had CEM baseline assessments (set by the University of Durham) for a number of students. We use the latter to inform planning, set targets and monitor cohort progress and the information is very helpful behind the scenes.

It has been great to see the reintroduction of some of the sports clubs including MS Girls, HS Girls and HS Boys Volleyball Training and MS Boys Football Trials. We are now using our Nagasawa sports ground again, which is pleasing. Next week Music groups will begin including Secondary Orchestra, Sinfonia, Cello Ensemble and the String Ensemble. At the moment, owing to restrictions, we do not have choir, close harmony or wind/brass groups (although I know there is still much practice going on at home and we are aiming to collaborate using technology).

SHOWA CANTEEN OPEN ON PUBLIC HOLIDAY

On routine matters - as I mentioned last week - students in Years 10-13 are able to use the canteen at lunchtime NB - this will be open for BST on the public holidays at the start of next week and we will review this provision at the start of October when the university will be starting a staggered return. Information about the Kiwi Kitchen delivery service resumes on 28th September & information has been sent to parents on 14th via the Comms department.

The school photographer is in Showa on Tuesday and Wednesday - let`s make sure we look extra smart for the pictures! You will be contacted separately in due course about the proofs and how to order pictures if you want to.

Finally, as many of you know we have worked hard to develop student leadership opportunities in school in recent years. Our new Prefects have already established themselves as approachable, sensible (dare I say...wise!) and active leaders and lots of others from various year groups are keen to contribute to our House programme as representatives, academic subjects as ambassadors and sporting/musical leaders. During the week after next, we will be focussing again on Sustainability with our ECool students again taking the lead on some whole school activities. Well done and thanks to all those students supporting the school as it moves forward!

Best wishes for the weekend,

[James Thomas](#)
Head of Secondary

KIWI KITCHEN SHOWA

**KIWI KITCHEN WILL RESUME DELIVERY LUNCH SERVICE
AT SHOWA FOR YEARS 4-13 FROM 28TH SEPT 2020**



Welcome to the new Kiwi Kitchen school lunch ordering system

<https://edu.kiwikitchen.com/>



SECONDARY – UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 19th September

8:00-13:00 MS Boys Football Trials (Nagasawa)

Tuesday 22nd September

School photographer in Showa (until 23rd September)

16:00-17:30 MS Boys Y7 Football Trial (BST SG)

17:00-18:00 University Webinar

Tuesday 23rd September

16:00-17:30 MS Boys Y8 Football Trial (BST SG)

Thursday 24th September

16:00-17:30 MS Boys Y9 Football Trial (BST SG)

Saturday 26th September

8:00-13:00 MS Boys Football Trials (Nagasawa)

Sunday 27th September

[PTA Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL picnic](#) - Setagaya Park - 12pm onwards

Thursday 1st October

Year 13 Subject Parents' Evening via Zoom

SHOWA CANTEEN IS OPEN ON PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY & TUESDAY

Students must observe social distancing while in the canteen please!

Take Out also OK!

Operation Wallacea was founded in 1995 and has conducted crucial research for conservation of biological species and ecosystems around the world.

Summer 2021, our senior school students will visit Fiji. .

For more details about the trip or Operation Wallacea, please visit their website at <https://bstfiji2021.wixsite.com/bstfiji2021/about>

Leading up to their expedition to Fiji in the summer of 2021, they would love to reach out to the wider BST community to give monthly updates about our fundraising, volunteering and conservation activities.

BST Operation Wallacea Expedition to Fiji, 2021



To do our part in saving endangered ecosystems, The British School in Tokyo is currently organising a school research expedition to Fiji in order to work alongside a conservation group called Operation Wallacea (Opwall).

Since 1995, Opwall has conducted research that has directly led to the discovery of 31 new species, along with publishing 270 scientific papers.

We plan to spend two weeks in Fiji alongside the team, during which we will help them conduct research, particularly regarding conservation of coral reefs. Our group consists of 13 students, all of whom are looking forward to doing their part in helping save the ecosystems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Online Silent Auction in December!

Primary Marine Biology Series!

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING TARGETS

<https://gogetfunding.com/fund-a-research-trip-to-fiji-to-save-the-ecosystems/>

Special thanks to Greentech Global Group for their generous sponsorship of our expedition.

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Dear Primary Parents,

I hope you are enjoying the change in weather as the temperatures have certainly cooled down.

This week, Assemblies at Shibuya and Showa provided an opportunity to thank all the students who stood for Student Council. The results will be announced next week; we were all very impressed by the students' enthusiasm and desire to support the community. Our Student Councils are a wonderful opportunity for us to engage with student voice and allow our students to take action to improve their learning experiences. Our Student Councils serve as the voice for an entire student body and they actively work with teachers and the Senior Leadership Team to promote a better learning environment and provide more opportunities for all students. Their role helps to promote a sense of personal responsibility among students. They are able to take on leadership roles on behalf of the entire student body and he or she must then promote and uphold the values of the entire student body. So I would like to thank all of the students who wanted to represent their year group and put themselves forward for this very important role. Both Miss Brown and Mrs Pinkney also reinforced the message about random acts of kindness and reminded the students that we are all smiling behind these masks!

Routines have now been established and children are becoming more settled and familiar with their learning environments. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Information Evening Zooms. We hope you found them informative. It was an opportunity to meet the year group, gain a better insight into expectations for the year and an understanding of the events that take place in the year.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN UP

Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October. Please can you complete the following google form [here](#) if you would like to schedule a meeting with the class teacher by Tuesday 22nd September. You will receive a confirmation on Tuesday 29th September. The relationship triangle between teacher, child and parent is pivotal in creating a partnership that will help us work together to provide the best support and provision for your child. We welcome parents to be involved in their child's learning. No one knows your child better than yourselves, so these conferences are an opportunity to share information about your child.

CHANGES TO PICK-UP

Due to the congestion at the front main entrance we request that parents pick-up at the following times and location. Please can I ask that you arrive as close to dismissal time as possible and move away from the school entrances. We hope this will help alleviate the current flow issues:

3:15pm: 1P & 1R backgate 1G & 1B courtyard
 3:20pm: 2B & 2R backgate 2G & 2P courtyard
 3:30pm: 3P & 3R backgate 3G & 3B courtyard

CLUBS

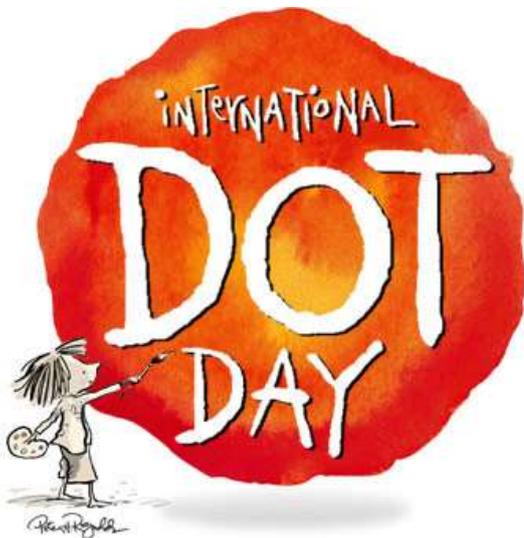
Please be reminded that Clubs start on Monday. We have needed to change and amend some of the clubs to ensure that they adhere to the health and safety guidelines, as this has been a priority, so I apologise if changes were made to any of the originally planned clubs.

SHIBUYA PICK-UP CLUBS

Please take note of where your child needs to be picked-up from:

Sewing - Courtyard
 Painting Club - Courtyard
 Lego Challenge - Main Front Entrance
 Maths Whizz - Main Front Entrance
 Origami - Courtyard
 Clay Club - Courtyard
 Japanese Calligraphy - Main Front Entrance
 Art and Craft - Gym
 Solving Puzzles - Main Front Entrance
 Aerobics - Gym
 Jewellery and Beading - Courtyard

For all Externally Run Clubs (ERCs) pick-up will be the Main Front Entrance.



DOT - DAY

Please remember Friday 25th September is a non-uniform day (if possible please wear something dotty). Children will be having an exciting creative day exploring dots, patterns and mark making with different mediums. This is inspired by Peter H Reynolds's "The Dot" story which encourages self-belief and resilience.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer is in this week - Monday (Shibuya) and Tuesday & Wednesday (Showa). This year there will be no class photos, only individual photos.

Have a restful weekend,

[Fiona Read](#)

Head of Primary



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

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Year 3 Newsletter

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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/>

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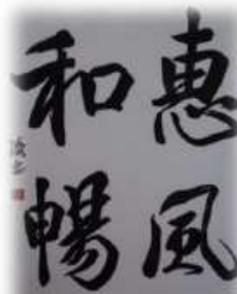
A promotional graphic for a welcome picnic. The background is a photograph of a picnic basket filled with various fresh fruits like grapes, oranges, and cucumbers, along with bowls of dips and snacks. In the top left corner, there is a small PTA logo. A yellow speech bubble in the center says 'Signup here!' and contains a QR code. On the right side, a large yellow box contains the following text: 'JOIN US!' (with radiating lines), 'WELCOME PICNIC', 'Sunday 27th September 2020', '12pm - 3pm', and 'Setagaya Park'.

PTA Welcome Picnic – Sun 27th Sept 2020 –
SIGN UP <https://forms.gle/xxytgw4qXreRtgjh6>

Shodo Club (BST ERC for Y2-6 & Secondary students)

書道

Shodo is a form of calligraphy and artistic writing of the Japanese/Chinese languages, which originated in China 3000 years ago.



Dates: **Monday 28 Sep 2020 at Shibuya 15:30-16:15**
 Tuesday at Showa **FULL**

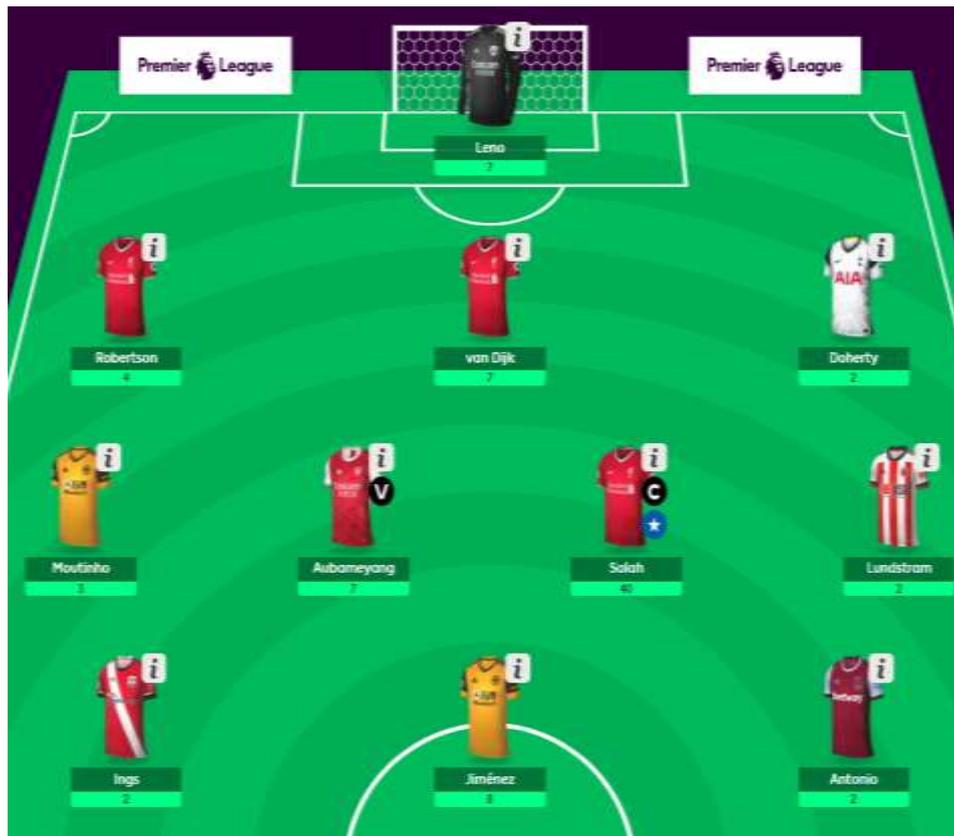
Capacity: Max 6 students/group

Instructor: Aya Miyoshi (雅号 : 凜仙 certified by Shoho-Gakuin)

Contact: ayastaerkmiyoshi@yahoo.co.jp

Online lessons are also available. Please consult.





<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/>

League code: mzal93

Fantasy Football Game Week 1

The vast majority of entries fall into one of three divisions this week. The 'Premier League' being those who captained Mo Salah, the 'Championship' being those who captained Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, and the 'Isthmian League Division One North', of which I am a member, being those people who captained Harry Kane.

Amazingly this year we actually have a 'most common team name', with both Noah Wilson and Lucas McLeod going for variations of 'ChickenTikkaMoSalah'. However, given that their combined points total would only put them 35th overall, maybe some more suitable nutrition is needed.

The biggest disappointment was expressed by Mr Wall of room 205 who could have had 15 extra points had they not been sat on his bench. Interestingly Mr Speller, who taught in room 205 last year, came 3rd in the 'missed opportunities' rankings with 9 points sitting it out. Maybe the room is tainted somehow?

We also have the 'jumpstart' award for the 5 teams who played their triple captain immediately. Leon Lucas, Steve Richardson, Rajesh Subramanian, Andrew Saunders and Terumi Sugimoto all gained an extra 7 points as a result.

Congratulations to the overall team of the week (84 pts), owned by Gareth Mulryan!

Mr Pye