



Headmaster's Welcome - Autumn Term 2021



Welcome back one and all!

It's been such a pleasure to see all of the children and staff this week after the summer break and also to catch up with those parents I've seen so far in the morning and at the end of the school day. It's always fascinating to see the children and how they have changed given their experiences in the holidays and I sense that many have enjoyed precious time with extended family, whether in the UK or abroad. It's also been a great joy to welcome all of the new children in Reception and the record numbers joining other year groups, and it's been very impressive to see them settle so well.

Over the summer, the School has realised a number of renovation projects, including new flooring, storage and sink areas in three Pre-Prep classrooms, along with new flooring in our 'Studio' room, which will become a dedicated English specialist teaching room with opportunities for drama. We hosted our first ever summer sports camps, in partnership with Premier Education, which were very popular and very well received by the children who attended. I gather the children were truly exhausted from the fun and excitement at the end of each day!

The start of the Autumn Term has allowed all of the TPS community to come together with new possibilities for activities involving or community. A personal highlight for me was to take my first 'whole school assembly' with all of the children from Reception to Year 8 in the school hall. I very much want TPS to be a 'singing school' and our assembly was also significant in that this was our first opportunity to sing together in over 18 months! As St. Augustine supposed said: 'To sing is to pray twice', so let's hope there will be many more opportunities in the year ahead.

Mr Barrett
Headmaster