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DEAR ALUMNI

We hope this edition finds you well and thriving wherever you are in the world. It has been a full and celebratory few months at TBS, and we are excited to share some of those highlights with you!

As 2025 drew to a close, we brought our IB@20 celebrations to a fitting end, marking 20 years of offering the IB Diploma Programme at TBS—two decades of shaping curious, principled and global-minded learners. Carrying this spirit forward, February was equally vibrant, with International Day bringing our community together in true TBS spirit. You can read more about these special moments in the pages that follow.

The Alumni Association has also been actively building momentum — forming industry groups and expanding the Class Reps Programme to strengthen connections across graduating classes. Class Reps serve as the point of contact between the school and their old classmates; please check the list of current reps in this newsletter. If your year group does not have a rep yet, you can sign up to be one!

It was also truly special to witness the energy and enthusiasm at our Alumni Reunion in London in September, followed by an equally memorable gathering at our Annual Alumni Reunion in December in school.

In this edition of the alumni newsletter, you can read updates from both the school and our alumni community; see highlights from alumni events in recent months, and gain insight into the world and work of Samuel Dalrymple, Class of 2015, in the Spotlight interview. Don't forget to check the last page for a link to purchase TBS merchandise (show off your school spirit!).

To our most recent alumni: we invite you to share your contact details to receive regular updates on school news and events. To our alumni who have stayed connected with the school over the years: thank you for your continued support.

Happy reading!

Warm regards
The Alumni Office

This issue of Alumni Central looks back on the IB@20 celebrations with special messages from global IB leaders and an inspiring keynote on leadership and learning. Alumni conversations took centre stage, sharing diverse journeys and reflections on how the IBDP provides a world of opportunities.

Take a look at our teachers and students reflecting on their IB journey or delve into the IB@20 Coffee Table Book, which captures two decades of memories and milestones. Together, these features build on a year-long celebration honouring the legacy and future of the IBDP at TBS.



A Message from the Director General of IB

Olli-Pekka Heinonen congratulated the school and shared his best wishes through a special video message played at IB@20: Inspiring Futures.



An Inspiring Evening with Dr Shashi Tharoor

Dr Tharoor's keynote on leadership and geopolitics, along with student performances, alumni reflections and distinguished guests, made for a memorable TBS gathering.

In Conversation with...



Maninderbir Singh Sachdeva
Class of 2016



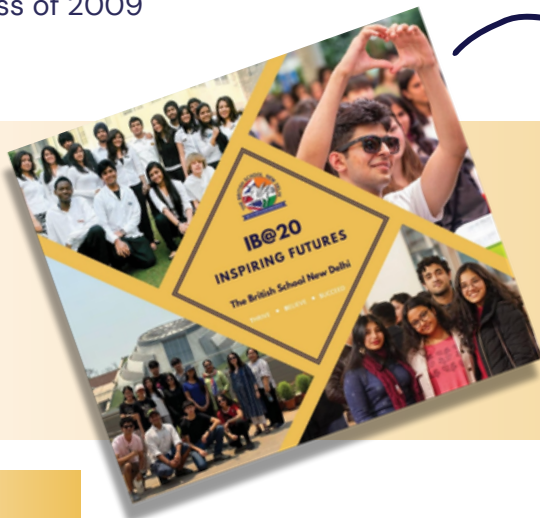
Shivane Sen
Class of 2008



Dr Rhea Tuli Partridge
Class of 2009



Udit Singhal
Class of 2020



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IB@20 Coffee Table Book

For a copy of the book, write to us:
alumni@british-school.org

Watch



IBDP: Teacher Experiences



IBDP: Preparing for Life

Annual Alumni Reunion



December 2025 - Delhi

Old memories were rekindled, new connections formed, and fresh possibilities opened up. It was an evening of laughter, nostalgia, and meaningful conversations that reminded us why this community is so special. Until the next one!

Alumni Reunion



September 2025 – London

A simple yet deeply memorable night in London, filled with heartfelt conversations and a sense of belonging that grows stronger each time we come together.

TBS International Day 2026



What an incredible International Day 2026! A vibrant celebration filled with culture, food, games, dance performances, and an exciting raffle; a true showcase of the diversity that makes TBS special. Here's a look back at the magic!

Alumni Spotlight



Samuel Dalrymple

Left TBS	2010
Education	Bachelor of Art with Honours, Scholar in Persian and Sanskrit
Profession	Historian, Author, Filmmaker

Help us follow the trajectory of your career.

I was at TBS from 2004 to 2010, and did the rest of my schooling at Marlborough College in the UK. Thereafter, I studied Sanskrit and Persian at Oxford University, and also spent some time studying in Iran.

In 2018, some university friends and I launched *Project Dastaan*, a peace-building initiative aimed at reconnecting refugees, survivors, and descendants of the 1947 Partition of India with their ancestral homes using immersive storytelling, especially 360° video and VR. In 2022, *Project Dastaan's* first film, *Child of Empire*, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and our animated series *Lost Migrations* premiered with a sold out show at the British Film Institute.

It was during Covid that I began working on a book on Partition, which was originally meant to document *Project Dastaan's* work. However, it grew rapidly, and eventually evolved into the book you see today — *Shattered Lands: Five Partitions and the Making of Modern Asia*. It was during my research for the book that I started an Instagram account called Travels of Samwise, where I document historical buildings across my travels. That has since grown into a substack where I regularly post articles, as well as a popular column with the Architectural Digest!

My book was released in June 2025 and I have been thrilled with the reception. It was named one of “the best history books to read in 2025” by The FT, the Week, NPR, the Spectator and BBC History Magazine. The book is now being translated into four languages, and was shortlisted for the 2025 Eastern Eye Award for History, the Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman 2025 for Best Debut as well as the Atta Galatta 2025 Non-Fiction Prize.

How did TBS help you on your journey?

It has impacted me enormously; my internationalist outlook was formed at the school. My childhood friends were from India, South Korea, New Zealand and Rwanda—that sort of diversity exposed me to different perspectives from an early age, and gave me a sense of how identity is layered.



You've described yourself as a Delhi-raised Scottish historian and filmmaker. How did growing up in Delhi shape your interest in history, language and storytelling?

Delhi has shaped me enormously. It's one of the world's great cities, with ruins to rival Rome or Cairo.

***Project Dastaan* has captured global attention for its approach to reconnecting Partition survivors with their lost homes. What inspired you to start it, and how has the project evolved since 2018?**

Two of my friends—one Indian and one Pakistani—were chatting about the journey of their grandparents in 1947 and how their grandparents longed to see their ancestral homes across the border again. Seventy-five years after their birth, India and Pakistan still have no tourist agreement, and millions of people displaced in the largest forced migration in history, are unable to go home. And so we came up with an idea: to use virtual reality to allow the elder generation to return home.



We excitedly made a small Instagram post to share our plans with friends and families, not knowing how many people would reach out in the coming weeks, volunteering their own family stories — of lost lovers and childhood friends, temples and mosques, and school playgrounds left behind three-quarters of a century before. The result was *Project Dastaan*, which reconnected Partition survivors with their ancestral villages through virtual reality.

We would interview Partition survivors in one country and then send out a team in the other to track down their ancestral homes, communities, mosques, mandirs and gurudwaras. As a Scot raised in Delhi, I was able to be the go-between for the countries. We managed to do this for about thirty people and our exhibitions have been shown in the Smithsonian, the Asian Arts Museum SF, the BFI, the V&A, the Partition Museum Amritsar and the Lahore Museum of National History amongst others.

Your debut book *Shattered Lands* has become a bestseller and received significant acclaim. What do you hope readers take away from it?

I hope the book makes people question the mental maps we take for granted. We tend to imagine the modern borders of South Asia as natural and inevitable. But the deeper you look, the more you see how recent and fragile that order is. And there is far more tying us together than we tend to think.



Across languages, archives, films and exhibitions, your work spans many formats. What medium do you feel most at home in?

Writing! I think I have more control over it, whereas with films and animations you're working with an enormous team.



What is your favourite memory from your time at TBS?

In Year 8, some friends and I set up a Tiger Club to raise money for tiger protection. We organised a bake sale and origami classes to raise funds, and we were convinced that we were single handedly saving the species!

Meet the Alumni Association

We are delighted to introduce the new Alumni Association who will help strengthen the school's ties with our alumni community. Representing a wide span of graduating classes, the team brings both experience and fresh perspectives to the role. Please join us in welcoming them:



Sid Mathur
Red House, 1994

Favourite or Most Feared Teacher: For me it was Ms Nathani, definitely the most feared but also someone who really cared for her students' grades

Song that defined your year/prom: Smells Like Teen Spirit

Signature excuse for walking late into class: Sorry, I was in a student council meeting

Most unforgettable school trip: Goa 1994—fun, chaos & drama!



Sonali Saigal Kapur (Noni)
Blue House, 2004

Favourite or most feared teacher: The correct answer is Ms Uppal

Song that defined your year / prom: Save Tonight

Signature excuse for walking late into class: Probably blamed my best friend Divya!

Most unforgettable school trip: Year 9; I think we were banned from school trips for a while after that!



Anum Mulla
Blue House, 2007

Favourite or most feared teacher: Ms Uppal, Ms Puri and Mr Viney – favourite teachers

Song that defined your year / prom: Killing me Softly with his Song

Signature excuse for walking late into class: A trip to the health room

Most unforgettable school trip: IB Group 4 trip in Year 12

Meet the Alumni Association



Pia Desai
Green House, 1999

Favourite or most feared teacher: Ms Kitty Singh was our librarian and we were terrified of her!

Song that defined your year/prom: Ghetto Supastar

Signature excuse for walking late into class: I was never late!

Most unforgettable school trip: Year 13 trip to Goa



Akhil Verma
Blue House, 2006

Favourite or most feared teacher: Ms Kalia most definitely – there was a constant effort to make sure one lived up to expectations and only improved their grades

Song that defined your year / prom: Save Tonight

Signature excuse for walking late into class: I was either punctual or absent

Most unforgettable school trip: It was so long ago that I don't remember even!



Nivritti Kumari Mewar
Yellow House, 2006

Favourite or most feared teacher: Favourite – Ms Tiwari and Most feared – Ms Uppal

Song that defined your year / prom: There were so many

Signature excuse for walking late into class: There was absolutely no excuse... just 'sorry'

Most unforgettable school trip: Shimla

Meet the Alumni Association



Shivali Jaggi Bhatia
Red House, 1999

Favourite or most feared teacher: Ms Nathani
Song that defined your year/prom: Return of the Mac
Signature excuse for walking late into class: Traffic!
Most unforgettable school trip: Goa



Neil Dawes Bhutani
2014

Favourite or most feared teacher: Favourite teacher was Ms Vibha Gupta
Song that defined your year / prom: Save Tonight
Signature excuse for walking late into class: Need more coffee from the coffee machine to stay awake
Most unforgettable school trip: Year 12 IA trip to the mountains



Harsh Bajaj
Blue House, 1994

Favourite or most feared teacher: Favourite – Ms Uppal
Song that defined your year / prom: We don't need no Education
Signature excuse for walking late into class: Traffic
Most unforgettable school trip: Rishikesh

Alumni Association Events



Alumni Mixer

The Alumni Mixer brought our community together for a memorable evening of reconnection and shared stories. Alumni from across graduating years re-engaged with old friends, made new ones, and celebrated the spirit that continues to unite us.

Alumni Association Events



Pickleball Palooza 2nd Edition

The second edition of the TBS Alumni Association's Pickleball Palooza was another evening to remember. The courts buzzed with lively rallies, while the sidelines came alive with laughter, conversations, and warm reunions. The tournament once again brought our alumni community together in true TBS spirit.

Alumni Association

WhatsApp Groups

The Alumni Association has created Industry Groups to help alumni connect professionally, share experiences and give back to the school community through mentorship programmes and related initiatives.

You're welcome to join the group that best fits your field. If you would like to lead a group, please let your Class Rep know.

TECHNOLOGY AND IT

For alumni working across Software Engineering, Data Science & AI, Cybersecurity, IT Support / Systems, Product Management, UX/UI Design and Tech Startups

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BANKING, FINANCE, BUSINESS & CONSULTING

For alumni working across Investment Banking, Retail Banking, Asset Management, Private Equity, Insurance, Accounting & Audit, Fintech, Management Consulting, Strategy & Operations, Business Development and Market Research

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For alumni working across Medicine & Surgery, Nursing & Midwifery, Pharmacy, Public Health, Biotechnology and Medical Research

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For alumni working across Journalism, Film & TV, Music, Performing Arts, Content Creation, Publishing, Branding, Digital Marketing, Public Relations, Advertising Agencies and Social Media Management

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HOSPITALITY, F&B, TRAVEL & TOURISM

For alumni working across Hotels & Resorts, Travel Agencies, Events Management, Airlines & Cruise Lines and F&B

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ALUMNI RETAIL & CONSUMER GOODS

For alumni working across Fashion & Apparel, E-commerce, Supply Chain & Logistics and Product Development

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An **Alumni Career Mentorship Clinic** will be held on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at the school.

This session is designed to give students the opportunity to interact with alumni who are building careers across different areas of expertise.

Through informal conversations and a short Q&A, students will gain insights into your professional journey, your field of work, and any advice you may have as they begin exploring university and career pathways.

Alumni Class Representatives

Our alumni class representatives help us stay connected across generations, geographies and shared memories.

1970s to 90s

Gautam Ghosh Class of 1973
Joya Lall Class of 1982
Selina Sheth Class of 1987
Raghav Kapoor Class of 1992
Siddharth Mathur Class of 1994
Nikki Duggal Class of 1995
Girish Godhwani Class of 1997
Varun Kapoor Class of 1998
Shivalli Jaggi Bhatia Pia Desai Class of 1999

2000s

Shalin Ahuja Class of 2000
Zahara Nedou Class of 2000
Pravir Class of 2001
Reyna (Sheelu) Class of 2002
Sorab Jaggi Class of 2003
Ishan Chadha Class of 2003
Sonali Saigal Kapur (Noni) Michael Jain Class of 2004
Alisha Arora Janmeja Class of 2005
Akhil Verma Class of 2006
Manas Agrawal Arjun Soni Class of 2007
Ruhani Sandhu Class of 2008
Maithilee Zaveri Class of 2008
Tarika Khattar Namrita Kochhar Dugal Class of 2009

2010s

Neil Bhutani Class of 2014
Ayushi Sabharwal Class of 2017
Noor Takkar Class of 2018
Mahir Mehta Class of 2019

2020s

Vivhan Rekhi Class of 2021
Khushi Zoe Shah Tulip Girotra Class of 2024
Tejasvin Kar Tanmay Jain Class of 2025

Semester in Pictures



Induction / First Day



Panthers Sports Festival



Independence Day
Assembly



Teacher's Day Celebration



Interschool MUN



TBS Got Talent



Hindi Week



IB@20: Inspiring Futures

Semester in Pictures



Year 13 Music Recital



Diwali Celebration



Annual University Fair



Christmas Concert



Secondary Lit Fest



Year 7 Passion Project



Science Symposium (Years 10-12)

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](#) for purchasing.

Please write to us at alumni@british-school.org to update your details in our database.



If you are interested in organising an alumni get-together on a personal level (maybe a group of your old classmates wants to get together for a BBQ!), the Alumni Office would be glad to assist you in making the event a success. Please write to us at alumni@british-school.org

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.



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