



2nd September 2020

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

[Maya Angelou](#)

Dear Parents

It is amazing to hear the sound of students in the school. To hear the questions, the answers, the laughter, the singing - reinforces what we have been missing over the last few months. It is good to be back!

The process of ensuring the school opens safely and on time has been a laborious process and we must all be grateful for the work of our security, technical and administrative teams to ensure we are compliant and have procedures in place. Today and yesterday saw largely smooth processes throughout the school.

We cannot predict what the remainder of the school year will bring in relation to the current pandemic. As a school, we continue to hope for the best, but plan for the worst. Our biggest hope being an uninterrupted school year and an end to the current crisis. Though we are continuing to refine our plans of what to do if there are further school closures.

Within school, some of the usual events will be rearranged and amended to fit the conditions. We therefore will still have an International Week in October, but we will move the International Evening to later in the year when it is appropriate to run such an event. We will endeavour to ensure all our events and more are celebrated - just maybe a little differently.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 7th-10th CAT Testing for Years 4, 7, 10 & 12
- 25th 'Settling In' Feedback to parents of new students and those in Years 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13
- 28th 'Settling In' Feedback zoom sessions available for parents



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Don't forget to follow @BISTbilisi on Twitter where you can see the highlights of the school week, special events and catch Music Monday's pick of the week!

CLASS PARENT REPS

The list of class parent reps is below. This team of willing parents support both parents and the school in running events, assisting new (and old) parents and assisting school communications. Please contact your rep by email so they have your email address. As you can see, we have a few rep-less classes and the team are looking for volunteers to join them! If you are willing to become a rep for your class, please email Ms. Tumika.

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