



7th October, 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### OCTOBER

- 1st - Start of IGCSE and AS Level examination period
- 9th - National Costume Day
- 12th-16th - normal school (previously noted as a holiday)
- 30th - Initial Progress Reports published to parents

### NOVEMBER

- 9th-13th - Health & Fitness Week
- 9th - Start of KS2 Language Rotation 2
- 18th - End of IGCSE and AS Level examination period
- 23rd - St. George's Day - school closed for national holiday
- 30th - Start of KS1 Language Rotation 2

### BRITISH LIONS ACADEMY

This week sees our elite joint BIST-BGA sports academy, the Lions, commence its football programme with twice weekly sessions and monthly Saturday sessions for different age groups and both genders. We eagerly await the opening up of opportunities for competition. A letter has also gone to parents about the Lions elite swimming programme. Lions basketball will start later this term and we are also in negotiations with a professional tennis coach to run a Saturday tennis programme.

### GERMAN

We welcome a new part-time staff member this week as Ms. Tatjana Huber joins the team on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons to work with our growing number of German mother tongue students in further developing their German. At BIST, we do endeavour to support 'home languages' and if parents from different linguistic communities would like to discuss possible programmes, please contact us at school.

“We need more than intelligence, we need wisdom” ”

Dear Parents

With school operating as near normal as possible this week, it has been great to see our resilient and adaptable students in action once again - demonstrating a number of our BIST Learning Goals! This week's quote is from Sir David Attenborough, whom I was lucky enough to meet many years ago. The quote is from his new film available on Netflix and I assume elsewhere which is very inspiring for anyone interested in the environment. A trailer can be found [here](#).

As a community, we must remember that the safety of all our community is important and that our continued ability to keep the school open is based on our safety measures, but also the common sense actions of all. With COVID cases in Georgia increasing, we strongly advise parents to consider the risks to our community's health from less well regulated activities in the wider community - exposure to such risks should where possible be minimised. It is also appropriate at this point to remind parents of the other risks and considerations necessary with non-school providers of services to children beyond, but including, those posed by COVID. This [document](#), which we share with parents annually, summarises some of these risks.

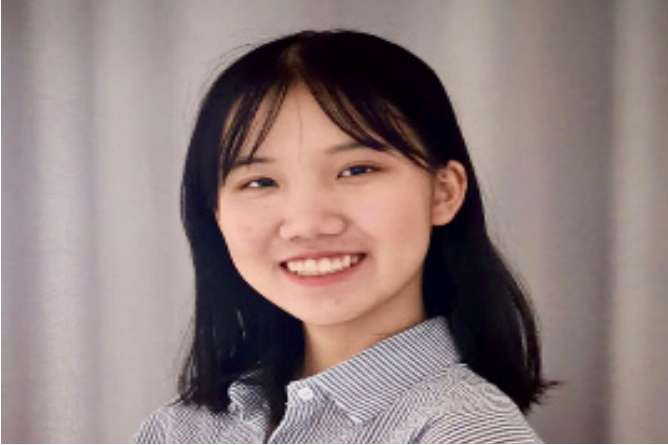
This week is International Week and classes and mentor groups across the school are investigating issues and cultural aspects in different countries around the world. In a normal year, this week would come to a fantastic finale with our International Evening. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to host this event at this time; however, we do hope that we may be able to run the evening later in the school year. On Friday of this week, we invite all students to come to school in national costume to celebrate the day.



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## HEAD STUDENTS

Last week I informed parents about the election of Melissa and Nutsa to the positions of Head Student and of Miray to that of Deputy. For those of you who do not know our three senior students, here are their photographs.



**Melissa**



**Nutsa**



**Miray**

**Mr. Stephen Priest**  
Principal

**Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili**  
PA to the Principal

**Ms. Tumika Sthapit**  
Head of Administration

**Ms. Alexandra Backhouse**  
Head of Primary

**Mr. Alex Timmis**  
Director of Studies

**Mr. James Miller**  
Key Stage 3 Coordinator

**Mr. Les Pemberton**  
Head of Sixth Form

**Mr. Andrew Graham**  
Key Stage 4 Coordinator

**Ms. Joanne Gow**  
Key stage 2 Coordinator

## UNIFORM SALES

We have new stocks of school uniform shirts available. They cost 40 GEL half/full sleeve with a badge. BIST hoodies are also available for 55 GEL. Contact [Ms. Tamuna](#) via email if you would like to purchase.



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## COBIS VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY FAIR

Today our Sixth Form students have been participating in a virtual fair with presentations and seminar sessions from over 40 global universities and colleges. These include such prestigious universities as Bath, Durham and St. Andrew's in the UK and also universities in Austria, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, UAE and the USA. This is a unique opportunity to learn from university admissions tutors about the admissions process, courses available and life at these universities.

