



BIST Curriculum, Assessment and Learning Policy

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Early Years

In Early Years, BIST follows the IEYC with the English National Curriculum used for coverage of Numeracy and Literacy. Students follow age-appropriate structured learning in Numeracy, Literacy, IEYC topics, PSHE, PE, Music and Singing.

Key Stage 1

In KS1, BIST follows the IPC with the English National Curriculum used for coverage of Numeracy and Literacy. Students follow age-appropriate structured learning in Numeracy, Literacy, IPC topics, ICT, Art, PSHE, Languages, PE, Music and Singing. Abacus Maths is used specifically for Numeracy.

Key Stage 2

In KS2, BIST follows the IPC with the English National Curriculum used for coverage of Numeracy and Literacy. Students follow age-appropriate structured learning in Numeracy, Literacy, IPC topics, ICT, Art, PSHE, Languages, PE, Music and Singing. Abacus Maths is used specifically for Numeracy.

Key Stage 3

In KS3, BIST follows the English National Curriculum. Students follow age-appropriate structured learning in Mathematics, English, Science, Geography, History, Art, ICT, PSHE, Languages, PE, Music, Drama and Singing. Cambridge Secondary 1 programmes are followed for Mathematics, English and Science.

Key Stage 4

In KS4, BIST follows the Cambridge International Examinations IGCSE programme. Students follow age-appropriate structured learning in Mathematics, English, Literature, Science, Geography, History, Economics, Sociology, Art, ICT, PSHE, Languages, PE and Singing. Mathematics, English, Literature and Science are compulsory examined subjects. Geography, History, Economics, Sociology, Art, ICT and Languages are optional examination subjects. PE, Singing, PSHE and Georgian Language are compulsory non-examined subjects.

Languages at BIST

Key Stage 1

KS1 students follow a rotating programme of French, Georgian (First or Foreign Language) and Spanish. These lessons are identified as *Language Fun* and are meant to non-academic introductions to languages.

Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 (Years 7&8)

KS2 and Year 7&8 students follow a rotating programme of French, Georgian (First or Foreign Language), Russian (First and Foreign Language) and Spanish.

Key Stage 3 (Year 9) and Key Stage 4

Students in Year 9 opt for an examination language to follow through to IGCSEs. The options are French, Russian (First Language) or Spanish. Independently-studied languages can also be followed in agreement with the school. All students in Years 9 to 11 will also follow a non-examined Georgian Language programme at First or Foreign Language levels.

Assessment at BIST

Assessment opportunities at BIST should be:

- Both formative and summative,
- Both informal and formal in structure,
- Regular
- Accessible and appropriate to age and ability ranges
- Understandable for students and parents
- Informative for students, staff and parents
- Recorded appropriately
- Moderated on a regular basis

Assessment in Early Years

Assessment data is collected throughout the academic year in the following way:

Term 1 (part 1)	Week 1: Baseline Assessments - Unaided Writing/Drawing - Recount of Summer Holiday. Week 1/2 : Phonics Assessment (Synthesising and Segmenting) - To inform groupings. Week 2/3: Basic Mathematics Skills Assessment - to inform Learning Support Intervention.
Term 1 (part 2)	End of November: Unaided Writing/Drawing - Fictional Story Advanced Mathematics Skills Assessment: To inform Learning Support Extension Groups. IPC/Early Learning Goals Key Skills Evidence Collection Non-Academic - Social/Emotional Reflections by student & teacher
Term 2 (part 1)	Week 1/2 : Phonics Assessment (Synthesising and Segmenting) - End of January: Unaided Writing/Drawing - Animal Description.
Term 2 (part 2)	IPC/Early Learning Goals Key Skills Evidence Collection
Term 3 (part 1)	End of April: Unaided Writing/Drawing - Science/IPC Explanation
Term 3 (part 2)	End of April: Unaided Writing/Drawing - Persuasive Letter IPC/Early Learning Goals: Key Skills Evidence Collection

Assessment in Key Stage 1

Assessment data is collected throughout the academic year in the following way:

Term 1 (part 1)	Week 1: Baseline Assessments - Unaided Writing - Recount of Summer Holiday. Week 1/2 : Phonics Assessment (Synthesising and Segmenting) - To inform groupings. Week 2/3: Basic Mathematics Skills Assessment - to inform Learning Support Intervention. Mathematics - Abacus Half termly Review Testing
Term 1 (part 2)	End of November: Unaided Writing - Fictional Story Reading Comprehension Paper 1 Abacus Half termly Review Testing Advanced Mathematics Skills Assessment: To inform Learning Support Extension Groups. IPC Key Skills Evidence Collection Non-Academic - Social/Emotional Reflections by student & teacher

Term 2 (part 1)	Week 1/2 : Phonics Assessment (Synthesising and Segmenting) - Abacus Half termly Review Testing End of January: Unaided Writing - Poetry
Term 2 (part 2)	Abacus Half termly Review Testing Book Week: Unaided Writing - Book review Reading Comprehension Paper 2 IPC Key Skills Evidence Collection
Term 3 (part 1)	Abacus Half termly Review Testing End of April: Unaided Writing - Science/IPC Explanation Year 2: Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science (GL)
Term 3 (part 2)	Abacus Half termly Review Testing End of April: Unaided Writing - Persuasive Letter Reading Comprehension Paper 3 IPC Key Skills Evidence Collection

Assessment in Key Stage 2

Assessment data is collected throughout the academic year in the following way:

Term 1 (part 1)	CAT Baseline Assessments Year 4/5/6 Week 1: Baseline Assessments - Unaided Writing - Recount of Summer Holiday. Week 2/3: Basic Mathematics Skills Assessment - to inform Learning Support Intervention. Mathematics - Abacus Half termly Review Testing
Term 1 (part 2)	End of November: Unaided Writing - Fictional Story Reading Comprehension Paper 1 Abacus Half termly Review Testing Advanced Mathematics Skills Assessment: To inform Learning Support Extension Groups. IPC Key Skills Evidence Collection Non-Academic - Social/Emotional Reflections by student & teacher
Term 2 (part 1)	Abacus Half termly Review Testing End of January: Unaided Writing - Poetry
Term 2 (part 2)	Abacus Half termly Review Testing Book Week: Unaided Writing - Book review Reading Comprehension Paper 2 IPC Key Skills Evidence Collection
Term 3 (part 1)	Abacus Half termly Review Testing End of April: Unaided Writing - Science/IPC Explanation Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science (GL)
Term 3 (part 2)	Abacus Half termly Review Testing End of April: Unaided Writing - Persuasive Letter Reading Comprehension Paper 3 IPC Key Skills Evidence Collection

Assessment in Key Stage 3

All students in Year 7 (or on entry to BIST) will sit the GL CAT4 Digital as a benchmark assessment.

In May/June all students will sit the GL Progress Tests in English, Mathematics and Science in Years 7-9. At this time students will also sit end of year content and skill based teacher-designed assessments in all curriculum subjects.

Students in KS3 are assessed every 3 weeks through the use of Traffic Lights to indicate whether the student is progressing at or above the expected rate (green) or whether there are minor (amber) or major (red) issues affecting their progress. Red traffic lights or a significant number of ambers will trigger a meeting with parents. Mentors discuss traffic lights with students after each collection.

Assessment data is collected throughout the academic year in the following way:

Term 1 (part 1)	By the start of October students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 1 (part 2)	By the end of December students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 2 (part 1)	By the end of February students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 2 (part 2)	By the start of April students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 3 (part 1)	By the end of May students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 3 (part 2)	The final Term 3 'data drops' consist of GL PTE, PTM & PTS and for each subject an end of year content and skills tests and an end of year final assignment/project.

Assessments should be scored based on an A*-G scale indicating progress towards that grade at IGCSE level. Assessments should be colour-coded (green = exceeding expectation, no colour = at expectation, amber = marginally below expectation, red = significantly below expectation).

The collection of this data is the responsibility of the Head of Faculty.

Individual pieces of homework and in-class assessment outside of the official 'data drops' should be recorded (but be available for quality assurance purposes) by the individual teacher.

Assessment in Key Stage 4

All students in Year 10 (or on entry to BIST) will sit the GL CAT4 Digital as a benchmark assessment.

In May/June of Year 10 all students will sit mock examinations in all subjects using past papers, but containing only material covered in Year 10.

In January of Year 11 all students will sit mock examinations in all subjects using past papers.

Students in KS4 are assessed every 3 weeks through the use of Traffic Lights to indicate whether the student is progressing at or above the expected rate (green) or whether there are minor (amber) or major (red) issues affecting their progress. Red traffic lights or a significant number of ambers will trigger a meeting with parents. Mentors discuss traffic lights with students after each collection.

Assessment data is collected throughout the academic year in the following way:

Year 10	
Term 1 (part 1)	By the start of October students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 1 (part 2)	By the end of December students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 2 (part 1)	By the end of February students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 2 (part 2)	By the start of April students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 3 (part 1)	By the end of May students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 3 (part 2)	The final Term 3 'data drops' consist of summer mock examinations (with individual paper and combined grades) and an end of year final assignment/project. All tests

	should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
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Year 11	
Term 1 (part 1)	By the start of October students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 1 (part 2)	By the end of December students should have completed 3 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 2 other assessed pieces of work. The assessments should be of different types (e.g. 1 test, 1 presentation project, 1 verbal/written project/assignment). All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 2 (part 1)	In January the 'data drop' consists of mock examinations (with individual paper and combined grades). By the end of February students should have completed and additional 2 'data drops' for each subject. These must include an end of unit assessment and 1 other assessed piece of work. The assessments should be of different types. All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 2 (part 2)	By the start of April students should have completed 3 final 'data drops' for each subject based on past papers. Those subjects with March external assessments (languages, art, etc) would only complete less internal assessments. All tests should be based on past paper questions and all assessments should be relevant to syllabus materials and address knowledge, understanding, skills and exam technique. Moderation between teachers should take place.
Term 3	During Term 3 the students will sit for their external assessments.

Assessments should be scored based on an A*-G scale indicating progress towards that grade at IGCSE level. Assessments should be colour-coded (green = exceeding expectation, no colour = at expectation, amber = marginally below expectation, red = significantly below expectation).

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Learning at BIST

At BIST students, staff, the curriculum, lessons and learning should reflect the BIST Learning Goals and be:

Enquiring

- Students should be asking questions about the subject matter being taught to deepen their understanding and about themselves and their learning.
- Staff should be examples of lifelong learning and continue to develop as professionals.
- The curriculum, lessons and learning should offer students the challenge of enquiry.

Resilient

- Students should develop their resilience to failure, learn from such experiences and be willing to take academic risks.
- Staff should demonstrate resilience in facing the challenges that arise at BIST.
- The curriculum, lessons and learning should challenge students and offer opportunities to develop resilience.

Communicative

- Students should develop their ability to communicate to varied audiences verbally, non-verbally and through a variety of written genre.
- Staff should demonstrate a strong ability to communicate to varied audiences in verbal, non-verbal and written forms of communication.
- The curriculum, lessons and learning should offer students the opportunity to develop their verbal, non-verbal and written forms of communication.

Thoughtful

- Students should develop their ability to consider the views, values and opinions of others on an issue and develop their skills at reflection.
- Staff should demonstrate their ability to consider the views, values and opinions of others on an issue and develop their skills at reflection.
- The curriculum, lessons and learning should offer students the opportunity to discuss the views, values and opinions of others and allow the opportunity to practise reflection.

Cooperative

- Students should be cooperative collaborative learners in all aspects of their school life.
- Staff should demonstrate their ability to cooperate and collaborate as a learning community.
- The curriculum, lessons and learning should offer students the opportunity to cooperate and collaborate with their peers, those of other year groups within the school and those outside the school community..

Respectful

- Students should show respect to all members and the environment of the school and the wider local and global community.
- Staff should demonstrate respect to all members and the environment of the school and the wider local and global community.
- The curriculum, lessons and learning should offer students the opportunity to develop and demonstrate respect to all members and the environment of the school and the wider local and global community.

Adaptable

- Students should develop an adaptability to and welcome new and challenging circumstances and experiences.
- Staff should demonstrate their adaptability to new and challenging circumstances and experiences.
- The curriculum, lessons and learning should offer students the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their adaptability to new and challenging circumstances and experiences.

Through the development of these Learning Goals, the students should leave BIST as citizens who demonstrate the Cambridge Learner attributes and are:

Confident in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others. BIST students are confident, secure in their knowledge, unwilling to take things for granted and ready to take intellectual risks. They are keen to explore and evaluate ideas and arguments in a structured, critical and analytical way. They are able to communicate and defend views and opinions as well as respect those of others.

Responsible for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others. BIST students take ownership of their learning, set targets and insist on intellectual integrity. They are collaborative and supportive. They understand that their actions have impacts on others and on the environment. They appreciate the importance of culture, context and community.

Reflective as learners, developing their ability to learn. BIST students understand themselves as learners. They are concerned with the processes as well as the products of their learning and develop the awareness and strategies to be lifelong learners.

Innovative and equipped for new and future challenges. BIST students welcome new challenges and meet them resourcefully, creatively and imaginatively. They are capable of applying their knowledge and understanding to solve new and unfamiliar problems. They can adapt flexibly to new situations requiring new ways of thinking.

Engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference. BIST students are alive with curiosity, embody a spirit of enquiry and want to dig more deeply. They are keen to learn new skills and are receptive to new ideas. They work well independently but also with others. They are equipped to participate constructively in society and the economy – locally, nationally and globally.