



1926 - 2022



"The upward course of a nation's history is due in the long run to the soundness of heart of its average men and women."

**HRH Queen Elizabeth II**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ★ September

19th - Secondary PSHE Day  
20th - Parent Class Reps meeting (8.30am-9.30am)  
21st - Parents Coffee Morning (8.30am-9.30am)  
21st - Parental reports for CAT tests published (Year 4, Year 7, Year 10 & Year 12)  
22nd - Secondary Awards Evening (6.00pm-8.00pm)  
23rd - Settling-in emails to parents of new students and Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13  
23rd - BIST Senior Girls v QSI football @BIST  
26th-27th - Settling-in meetings (if required) with parents of new students and Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13  
29th - Parent Community Association AGM (6.00pm-8.00pm)

### 🍎 October

3rd-7th - COBIS Higher Education Week  
5th - Parents Afternoon Tea (3.00pm-4.25pm)  
6th - Middle School Boys Football v QSI @ QSI  
7th - Middle School Girls and Boys Volleyball v QSI @ BIST  
10th-13th - International Week  
12th - International Evening (5.30pm-8.00pm)  
13th - BIST Tbilisoba afternoon  
13th - Last Day of Term 1.1  
14th-23rd - October Half Term break  
24th - First Day of Term 1.2  
14th-23rd - October Half Term break  
24th - First Day of Term 1.2

## Head Students

Following the voting last week by students and staff, we are pleased to announce that Adam in Year 13 and Salome in Year 12 have been elected as Head Students for this year. They are joined by Sandro in Year 12 as deputy. We would like to thank all the students who put themselves forward as candidates. The Head Students will now start their role as leaders of the student body and representatives of the school community.



## DEAR PARENTS

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. She was not only a leader for the peoples of the UK and the Commonwealth, but also a leader and respected figure globally. The Queen was a champion of education and educational charities and as educationalists we thank her for her service in this particular field. We send our new monarch, King Charles III, best wishes for the journey he has as a leader. Our book of condolence for students, parents and staff to write in will remain in the school's main entrance until next Monday. Although schools in the UK are closing on Monday 19th as a mark of respect, BIST will remain open as normal.



In Remembrance of Her Majesty  
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## Secondary Awards Evening

For parents of current Year 8 to Year 13 students, please note the Awards Evening in your diaries. The event will take place on Thursday 22nd September in the Sports Hall. The Awards Evening is to celebrate the academic and other achievements of our students during the 2021-22 academic year.

## Classlist

Classlist, our new secure, GDPR compliant replacement for the BIST Community Facebook page and Class Parent Reps whatsapp groups, is now up and running. At the time of writing we have over 220 parents already signed up as members of our Classlist community. **Please follow this [link](#) and then you can fully engage in our online community.**

## International Evening

Please don't forget to send an email to [Ms. Sophie](#) if you are willing to act as a country coordinator for the International Evening.



## Reading Superstar

Our first Reading Superstar of the year is Kiasha from 3W! Kiasha has been reading at home independently and speaking happily about his experiences reading with his family over the summer holidays. He also enjoys reading independently in the classroom when he has completed all morning work. Well done Kiasha!



## Parents Coffee Morning



On Wednesday morning (21st), we have a parents coffee morning in the cafeteria from 8.30am to 9.30am. All are welcome.

## Secondary PSHE

Next Monday, we have our first PSHE Day in Secondary. During each of the six PSHE days throughout the year, the normal timetable of lessons is suspended so that students can focus on Personal, Social and Health Education. The topics from the English & Welsh National Curriculum covered are Citizenship, Careers & Finance; Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco; Health & Wellbeing; Relationship & Sex Education; and Society, Identity & Inequality.

## Higher Education News

BIST students will be involved in a number of events this term in preparation for the university admissions. We have a series of visitors from universities in the UK, Canada and Spain already arranged. In addition, our students will participate in the Black Sea Schools fair on 13th October and the COBIS Higher Education Week from 3rd October. The latter has a range of sessions all week starting at 5.00pm Georgian time.

## Duke Awards

The Dukes are a great opportunity for our Primary School students to participate in an age appropriate version of the International Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please see the letter [here](#).



**TIGERS**

**342 POINTS**



**PANTHERS**

**307 POINTS**



**PUMAS**

**277 POINTS**



**LEOPARDS**

**239 POINTS**



The Patron's  
**ACCREDITATION**

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