



"Those who do not choose a direction are lost."
Jordan Peterson

UPCOMING EVENTS

🍊 October

28th - Divali Art event
28th - High School Boys and Girls Football @ QSI
28th - Initial Progress Reports published to parents
28th - Term 1.1 Attendance Report released
31st - Halloween dress up day

★ November

1st - PCA Committee Meeting - 8.30am
2nd - Parents Coffee Morning - 8.30am
4th - End of KS1 and KS2 Language Rotation 1
7th - Start of KS1 and KS2 Language Rotation 2
7th-11th - Friendship Week (Primary)
15th - Secondary PSHE Day 2
16th - Parents Afternoon Tea (5.00pm-6.00pm)
16th - Sixth Form Information for Year 11 Parents (6.00pm-7.30pm)
17th-21st - Performing Arts London Visit
18th - Senior Boys Basketball v New School @ BIST
21st-25th - Health & Fitness Week
23rd - School closed for National Holiday
25th - Secondary Inter-house Swimming Gala
25th - Non-swimmers Lisi Ridge Hike
30th - Parents Coffee Morning

✦ December

6th - Sinterklaas/St. Nikolaus event
6th - PCA Committee Meeting - 8.30am
10th - BIST PCA Christmas Market - 11.00am-2.00pm
13th - Parent Class Reps meeting - 8.30am
14th - EYKS1 Christmas Show - 2.30pm
15th - Primary Class Christmas Parties - 1.00pm-2.25pm
16th - Community Christmas Carol Concert - 2.00pm-3.30pm
16th - Last day of Term 1 (school ends 3.30pm)

❄️ January

10th - Start of Term 2



Dear Parents

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful Half Term Break last week and it is good to see the children back in school this week. Particularly exciting for our return to school in Secondary School was the move across to the new building. This wonderful new centre of learning is now in use for lessons and non-academic activities, and the students are enjoying their new spaces. Unfortunately, due to the need to import various parts, our new theatre and recording studio are not quite ready yet. We will organise parental tours later this term and an official opening ceremony in the new year.

Tbilisoba



On the last day before the Half Term Break, our Primary classes celebrated Tbilisoba by creating wonderful class Tbilisoba displays and engaging in lessons taught by our Learning Supports about the different regions and cultures of Georgia. The best displays as judged by the leadership team were Year 2K for Key Stage 1 and Year 5S for Key Stage 2. As part of Tbilisoba, we also collected a large amount of non-perishable foodstuffs for our community partner Caritas to support vulnerable people in Tbilisi.



Field Trips

This week has seen our Year 7 students visit Mtskheta and Jvari Church for Geography and History fieldwork to discover the reasons why the settlement developed where it did. Our Primary Eco reps and student council have also visited Tsodoret Park on an environmental clean up project.

Halloween



Friday evening sees our Secondary Student Council host a Halloween Party and Disco for Secondary students. We are looking forward to seeing some spooky costumes and a fun evening.

International Evening

Wednesday of the week before the break was International Evening, as I am sure most parents remember - as most of you were there! It was great to have this event back on the calendar following a pandemic hiatus. And what an evening it was. There were amazing costumes, wonderful stage performances, educational stalls and sumptuous food. Everyone at BIST would like to thank all the parents that ran stalls, provided performances or otherwise supported the event. We would also like to say a big thank you to our Performing Arts, Administration, Cafeteria, Cleaning and Technical teams for their work in organising and managing the event before, during and after. There were a small number of prizes available on the evening and these were awarded to Mrs. Herczynski (Poland) for best adult costume, Emma (Norway/Y6V) for best female student costume, Joonhyuk (Korea/Y4D) for best male student costume, Georgia for best stall and Iran for best food.



Initial Progress and Attendance Reports

Look out for the reports via the Parent Portal on Friday. The Initial Progress Reports outline the progress made by students over the first half term. The attendance reports will also be issued separately and indicate attendance levels over the same period - please note we are aiming for 90% plus attendance for all students this academic year.

Friday Football

On Friday our Senior Girls and Key Stage 4 boys visit QSI for a double header football fixture. The girls are hoping to build on their 6-0 home victory against QSI earlier this month. For the boys, this is their first competitive outing of the season. Good luck to both teams.



PANTHERS

1897 POINTS



LEOPARDS

1677 POINTS



TIGERS

1652 POINTS



PUMAS

1647 POINTS

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