



"Imagination is one of humanity's greatest qualities - without it the world would be a very dull place."
Richard Branson

UPCOMING EVENTS

❁ January

- 27th - End of Primary Language Rotation 2
- 30th - International Student Research Symposium @BIST
- 30th - Start of Primary Language Rotation 3
- 30th-3rd - Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Week

★ February

- 3rd - KS3 Basketball v QSI @BIST - 3.30pm
- 4th-5th - Lions Invitational Basketball Tournament
- 6th - Year 6R Transition to Year 7 Day
- 7th - Year 6V Transition to Year 7 Day
- 8th - Parents Afternoon Tea - 5.00pm-6.00pm
- 8th - Parents Information Evening on the IGCSE Programme - 6.00pm-7.30pm
- 14th - Senior Lions Basketball v QSI @QSI
- 14th - Valentine's Day events in school
- 15th - Secondary PSHE Dropdown Day 3
- 20th - Year 9 & Beyond Parents Information Evening for Y7&8 parents - 6.00pm-7.30pm
- 21st - Mother Tongue Day events
- 22nd - Parents Coffee Morning
- 23rd-25th - SRAA Basketball Tournament @Zaza Pachulia Centre
- 24th - Mid Year Reports (F1-Y10) published
- 24th-26th - COBIS Online Debate Competition
- 27th&28th - Parent-Teacher conferences (F1-Y10)

◆ March

- 3rd - School closed for Mothers' Day
- 7th - International Women's Day celebrations in school
- 8th - School closed for International Women's Day
- 9th - COP21 Sustainability activities in school
- 9th - Term 2.1 Attendance Reports published
- 10th - COP21 Sustainability Symposium (KS3 students)
- 17th - Parent and Staff Wine Festival - 6.00pm onwards
- 21st - Nowruz celebrations in school
- 23rd - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day 4
- 25th & 26th - KS3 Black Sea Games at BIST
- 28th - Parent Class Reps meeting - 8.30am
- 29th - EYKS1 Sports Day
- 30th - KS2 Sports Day
- 31st - Secondary Sports Day
- 31st - Year 11-13 Summative Reports published

👤 Dear Parents

We hope everyone had a pleasant Epiphany holiday and for those celebrating, a wonderful Lunar New Year celebration. This week we welcomed a new member to our PE team, who will also be supporting the Lions Academy and BGA. Our new staff member is Ms. Elene Raukh and she is a former Georgian national women's football team player.



Cambridge Exams - November

A small number of our Sixth Form students sat Cambridge AS Level exams or submitted to Cambridge their International Project Qualification (IPQ) dissertation. This is the first time BIST students have submitted IPQs and we are very pleased with the results (one A* and two B grades). Particular congratulations go to Egor in Year 13 for the A* on the topic 'In what ways does modern hip-hop music influence youth culture?'. Four students sat AS Level papers and congratulations go to Adam and Alice in Year 13 who achieved A grades in Geography.

Lunar New Year

Saturday was Lunar New Year and we hope all our families celebrating this event had a great weekend. On Friday of last week, the Confucius Institute and some of our Chinese parents and staff led celebrations and activities across Primary School to mark the occasion. An assembly for students saw a Lion Dance, martial arts, a tea ceremony and a calligraphy demonstration. A big 谢谢 to the Confucius Institute and our Chinese community for their efforts.



Basketball

Last Friday our Senior Girls took on QSI here at BIST and won convincingly, 42 points to 23. Anna in Year 9 was the MVP. This was an excellent warm up for the forthcoming SRAA Basketball tournament and Black Sea Games in February and March. Well done to the team and Coach Krasnoff!



UCMAS Awards

On Friday, UCMAS held their annual award ceremony at the Georgian National University. Mr. Priest was the guest speaker at the event and handed out certificates to the BIST and BGA students, who along with around 200 other UCMASers were awarded for their efforts at this event.



Black Sea Online Maths

Today saw our Year 6 mathematicians take on other schools across the Black Sea region in an online Maths competition led by Mr. Wells. Results will be shared next week!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday and yesterday of this week, we held our post-mock exam parent-teacher conferences for Year 11 to 13 students. Similar conferences for the rest of the school are running at the end of February following the Mid-Year Reports.

Classlist and Google Classroom

Notifications for Classlist can be managed through clicking on View Profile where you can select how and how often you receive notifications. For Google Classroom (Year 5 to Year 13 only), notifications can be managed from the email that you receive - at the foot of the email is a button marked Settings. From here you can choose to have daily or weekly summaries emailed to you.

BIST Calendars

We are delighted to announce the release of our 2023 calendars. Each calendar features stunning artwork created by our own students, making them a one-of-a-kind addition to any home or office. The calendars will be available at the BIST office, priced only 15 GEL. Don't miss this opportunity to own a piece of our students' creativity!

PCA Wine Festival

As you will notice from the calendar dates, we have moved the Wine Festival back to the 17th March. Tickets for this event will be on sale soon. If you are an amateur wine producer and would like to show your wines and take part in the competition, please contact [Mr. Priest](#).

International Student Symposium

On January 30th from 4.00pm-6.00pm in the Sixth Form Centre, the Symposium Committee is honoured to host seven student speakers from BIST, BGA, and No. 51 Public School. Participants will present original research on the theme of Becoming Adult, tackling issues ranging from women's activism to mental health, and climate change to artificial intelligence.

Rock Paper Scissors

During House Meetings in Secondary last week, the students took place in a Rock Paper Scissors competition. The eventual winner was Year 7's Alexandra N who defeated Year 10's Michal in the final. Lots of fun was had by all!



4530 POINTS



4362 POINTS



4310 POINTS



4046 POINTS

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