

# THE ROAR

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"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough."

Albert Einstein

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ◆ May

30th - Summer Assessment Week (Y7-10)

### ✦ June

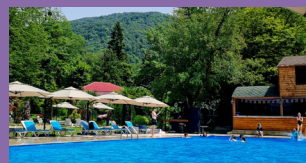
- 1st - Year 2K trip to Saguramo
- 3rd & 4th - World Scholars Cup @BIST
- 5th - Year 1J Saguramo visit
- 5th & 6th - Year 8 Aragvi Adventure
- 5th & 6th - Year 6 Secondary Transition Days
- 6th - Year 10 Geography Fieldwork
- 6th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 7th - Primary Swimming Gala
- 7th-9th - International Award Silver Practice Expedition
- 8th&9th - Year 5 Orbeti Adventure
- 9th - Soccer Aid Day
- 9th - Last day of Year 11-13 study leave
- 12th - Year 1A Saguramo visit
- 12th&13th - Year 7 Aragvi Adventure
- 12th-16th - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 1 (in school)
- 13th - Parent Class Reps meeting - 8.30am
- 14th&15th - Year 9 Aragvi Adventure
- 14th&15th - International Award Silver Qualifying Journey
- 15th - Community Outreach Programme sports day
- 16th - Pirosmani Day
- 17th - BIST Gala Dinner
- 19th-23rd - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 2 (work experience)
- 19th-23rd - STEM Week in Primary
- 20th - Year 9&10 German groups trip to Bolnisi
- 21st - Parents Coffee Morning - 8.30am
- 21st - Evening of the Arts event from 6.30pm
- 22nd - Year 7&8 German groups trip to Bolnisi
- 23rd - Foundation Graduation
- 23rd - Year 13 Graduation Ceremony
- 23rd - End of Year Reports issues (F1 to Y10)
- 26th-30th - Sixth Form Bridging Course Week 3 (in school)
- 26th&27th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 29th - PCA Staff Appreciation Day
- 30th - Summer Show
- 30th - Last Day of the School Year

## 👤 Dear Parents

We hope that you had a pleasant long weekend and celebration of Georgia's Independence Day. This week at school it is the turn of Years 7 to 10 to do their summer assessments. Year 10 are sitting real past examination papers on the IGCSE content they have covered so far in the course. Year 9 are sitting summer assessments in their subjects and the GL Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science. Years 7 and 8 are sitting subject-based summer assessments and GL Progress Tests in English and Mathematics. There are also trips to Saguramo for our Year 2 students this week. Next week sees Year 5 head to Orbeti for an overnight visit and Year 8 do the same at Aragvi. A week today our Silver International Award students head out on their two night practice adventurous journey.

## Year 6 in Lagodekhi

Our Year 6 students went to Lagodekhi last week for three days. The students enjoyed exploring the beautiful national park during our hikes. One of the main highlights was a special guided tour from a park ranger who explained the biodiversity of the area to us. It was fascinating to learn about the conservation efforts we can make to protect Georgian nature. The students also enjoyed a variety of teambuilding activities and games, not to mention the fun had jumping in the pool!



## Black Sea Football Tournament

It was a busy two and a half days competition on the school pitch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. BIST and BGA fielded teams as well as visitors from UG School here in Tbilisi, Azerbaijan British College in Baku and Cambridge International School in Yerevan. There were three categories of competition - Under 13 Boys, Under 15 Boys and U15 Girls. The football was non-stop, but there was time to make new friends with our visiting teams. The U13 competition was won by BIST, the U15 competition was won by ABC with BIST coming fourth, and the U15 Girls competition saw BIST2 come in third place and BIST1 take the trophy. Quite a good haul for the trophy cabinet with two championship trophies and a third place trophy. Well done to all our players, coaches and supporting staff.



## World Scholars Cup

This coming weekend, BIST once again hosts the World Scholars Cup. An amazing event of debate and general knowledge testing, as well as fun! Parents are welcome to come to the awards ceremony on Sunday. We also encourage parents to volunteer as debate judges - if you would like to do so, please contact [Mr. Miller](#).

## Summer Camp

This year we have three weeks of activity and fun-based learning available at our joint BIST-BGA Summer Camp. If you would like your child to participate in one, two or three weeks of the summer camp, please complete this [form](#) at the earliest possible as places are limited.

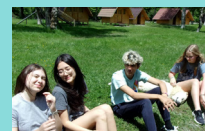
## Black Sea School Leaders Conference

On Sunday and Monday, BIST hosted a leadership conference for senior and aspiring senior leaders from 11 different schools in the region including schools in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Romania and Turkey. Over 50 delegates participated in a number of workshops on developing their leadership skills over the two days.



## Year 10 Aragvi Adventure

Last week our Year 10 students spent two days in Aragvi. Students enjoyed ziplining, mountain biking, hiking and took part in a very competitive volleyball tournament. Luckily, the weather was great, and they sat around a campfire for the evening. Students had a fantastic time, enjoying the food, the activities and bonding as a year group.



## Primary Inter-House Swimming Gala

On Wednesday next week there will be three galas across the day for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 students. Don't forget to send your child in with their swimming kit next Wednesday! Unfortunately, as spectator space is limited for the swimming pool, we cannot open this up to parent spectators.

## Gala Dinner

Tickets are on sale for just 260GEL. Don't miss out on the event of the year! Tickets must be paid for via electronic banking to the school account (note as Gala Dinner on the transfer) or in cash in person at our finance office. Once paid for, we will send the tickets home or you can collect them from school next week. Please also complete this [Google Form](#) so we can collate your details and meal choice.

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