



“It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”  
**Albus Dumbledore**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

### 🌸 September

- 21st - Year 6V National Museum visit
- 22nd - CAT Test parental reports published
- 27th - KS3 Girls Football away @ French School
- 27th - Secondary Awards Evening
- 29th - Initial Progress 'Settling-in' email to parents
- 2nd - Initial Progress 'face-to-face' meetings
- 3rd - Initial Progress 'face-to-face' meetings
- 3rd - UK Maths Trust Senior Maths Challenge
- 4th - Parents Coffee Morning
- 9th - International Week
- 12th - International Gala Evening
- 13th - Tbilisoba Day (Primary)
- 13th - International Student Research Symposium @BIST
- 13th - Last Day of Term 1.1
- 14th-22nd - School closed for Half Term Break
- 23rd - First Day of Term 1.2 - School re-opens



## Dear Parents

This week we have the first trips of the academic year taking place with Year 6 visiting the National Museum of Georgia as part of their IPC learning on the Soviet occupation period of Georgian history. There will be many more trips to come for all year groups including day trips, overnight trips in Georgia and international trips. School trips are an important part of learning bringing the curriculum to life, a developer of social skills and also fun! Last week we ran a well-attended (thank you parents) coffee morning on our extra-curricular programme. Ms. Maia, our ECA coordinator, led a presentation that you can find by following this [link](#). Each of our coffee mornings this year will have a theme - as well as an opportunity for parents to meet and just chat. This morning we had our first Parent Class Rep meeting of the year. We are still missing reps for Y7Z, Y8Z, Y9A, Y9Z, Y10A, Y10Z and Y12A - please email [Ms. Tumika](#) if you would like to volunteer.

## Food Drive

Please see the poster (also linked [here](#)) for details, but we are running a food drive for non-perishable goods in aid of the Imedi Nursing Home for elderly people. The drive will continue until the October holiday.



## Secondary Awards Evening

Next week we celebrate the achievements of our students in Year 8 to 13 at our Secondary Awards Evening where students will receive certificates and awards for their efforts across the academic year 2022-23. All parents are encouraged to attend.



## Classlist

Last week we reported that 83% of BIST students had at least one parent who is a member of Classlist. This is now 85% of students; which is the figure we reached by the end of last year. If you have not yet joined, please do so using this [link](#) to join. We would also like to ask parents to place commercial adverts in the Marketplace section of Classlist rather than the main announcements area.

## Lions Academy

Last week we launched the Lions Academy sports for this year. Boys football at Years 5&6 and Years 7 to 10 are now full. Basketball, volleyball and Saturday girls football have been reviewed as initial numbers were too low to make them viable. For Basketball, parents can register their child for the Y5-8 Friday Basketball Club using the [Basketball registration form](#) by tomorrow with the first club on Friday of this week. We have rearranged the Y7-13 Girls Football from Saturday to Monday at 4.30pm-5.30pm and registrations can be made on the [Girls Football registration form](#) by Friday morning with the first club on Monday of next week. We would also like to encourage more students to register for Volleyball through the [Volleyball registration form](#). This club starts this Saturday and currently has only 9 registered players and is thus at risk of not operating.

## International Evening

Our wonderful annual tradition, the International Evening Gala is on Thursday 12th October. It is an amazing opportunity for our community to share their culture with us, through delicious food and entertainment.



We are currently organising school-led performances and would like to offer our parents the chance to showcase a performance from their culture on our central stage. This could be a

dance or song from your culture. Please let [Ms. Stacy](#) know if you would be willing to offer such entertainment by Friday 6th October, so she can finalise our programme.

## PSHE Day

On Monday of this week, Secondary students had their first Personal Social and Health Education Day of the year. To enable greater learning and develop deeper understanding, PSHE lessons are run for the whole day on five days of the school year. PSHE is part of the English National Curriculum and covers the five topics of Health & Wellbeing, Substance Abuse, Relationships, Society, Identity & Equality and Citizenship, Careers & Finance. Our special guest this time in PSHE was Dr. Sergey from the American Medial Center talking to Year 12 and 13 about health.



## Primary House Captains

After submitting applications and being interviewed for the role, students have been selected as Primary House Captains and Vice Captains. Congratulations to Christian and Yehyoung, captain and vice captain for the Leopards, Dorian and Mariia for the Panthers, Lisa and Ellen for the Pumas and Anastasia and William for the Pumas.

## Primary Progress Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for progress made over the first few weeks at school.

### Primary Progress Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Isak, Nil	<b>Year 3W</b>	Anastassia, Gabriela
<b>Foundation 2P</b>	Abi, Lea	<b>Year 4B</b>	Imran, Maroska
<b>Foundation 2S</b>	Ariana, Matthew	<b>Year 4D</b>	Daniela, Ellen
<b>Year 1T</b>	Aneta, Moyi	<b>Year 5A</b>	Abigail, Tatiana
<b>Year 1W</b>	Aldric, Kai	<b>Year 5H</b>	Anna E, Aoi
<b>Year 2H</b>	Aida, Rijad	<b>Year 6R</b>	Helmer, Nathaniel
<b>Year 2K</b>	Adam, Mark	<b>Year 6V</b>	Andrew, Yehyoung
<b>Year 3B</b>	Chae Ah, Kuzey	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	



**642 POINTS**



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**561 POINTS**

**Mr. Stephen Priest**  
Principal

**Mr. Alex Timmis**  
EYKS1 Coordinator

**Ms. Zoe Abbott**  
KS4 Coordinator

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PA to the Principal

**20th September 2023**

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