

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY



British International
School of Tbilisi



UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

✦ SEPTEMBER

- 6th - Parents Welcome Tea
- 13th - Parents Coffee Morning
- 18th - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day
- 19th - Year 6R National Museum visit
- 20th - Class Reps Meeting
- 21st - Year 6V National Museum visit
- 22nd - CAT Test parental reports published
- 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

Welcome to Week 2's edition of The Roar! This week we saw some of our senior students make their speeches to become our Head Students - they were all great and I am sure we will have excellent Head Students again this year. The election by students in Years 6 and above and by staff takes place this week with the results announced next Monday. Our sister school BGA has re-opened after the school holidays this week and therefore there is an increase in traffic volume at the start and end of the school day after lower traffic levels last week. Please remember this for your daily commute.



Parental Welcome Tea!

This afternoon from 3.30pm-5.30pm is our parental 'meet and greet' with classteachers and mentors. This is primarily aimed at parents who could not attend last Monday's open afternoon, but all parents are welcome.

CAT Tests

This week students in Years 4, 7, 10 and 12 have been sitting their CAT tests. The tests take approximately 90 minutes and are completed online in a classroom setting. We will send a parental report of what the CAT says in a few weeks time. Please remember these tests are purely to give teaching staff information on a student's strengths and areas for development. If you want to learn more about CAT tests, please follow this [link](#).

Events Coming Up!

The most up-to-date PDF of our [Events list](#) is linked, but please remember that all these events can also be found on the [calendar page](#) of the school website. Coming up soon is the Secondary Awards Evening and, at the end of this half term, the International Gala Evening - always a fantastic event at BIST and a great opportunity for the different countries represented at BIST to demonstrate their cultures and cuisines. Start talking to parents from your country through Classlist to discuss your contribution to this event.

PCA and Class Parent Representatives

Today we had our first Parent Community Association committee meeting and discussed some of the events planned for this academic year. We do also have a spaces on the committee as members who left last year have not yet been replaced - Vice Chair Primary, Treasurer and Secretary. Please contact our chair, Kate Efimov, through Classlist if you are interested in joining the committee. We do also have some classes still without a Class Parent Representative - if you would like to know more about what it entails to be a Class Rep, here is [information](#) about the role. Any parents interested in becoming a Class Rep, please email Ms. Tumika. If parents are interested in how the PCA and the Class Parent Representative systems work, they can find it [here](#).

Parents Coffee Morning

Our first parents coffee morning of the new school year is next Wednesday (13th) at 8.30am in the cafeteria. All parents are welcome.

Classlist

If you have not yet joined our parent community social media platform, Classlist, please do so. It is a great way to stay connected with other parents and school news. Use this [link](#) to join. You can set the frequency of notifications you receive from Classlist through clicking on View Profile then App Notifications and selecting the notifications you want to receive.

Traffic News

Please remember that the other schools in our neighbourhood will be opening next week, therefore there will be an increase in traffic on the Lisi Lake road and around school. Please factor this into your commuting plans. We would also like to remind parents that the right hand lane of the roundabout is not for stopping - it is for cars entering the car park; the left hand (inside lane) of the roundabout is for morning quick drop offs'.

HOUSE POINTS



PANTHERS

91 POINTS



TIGERS

97 POINTS



PUMAS

96 POINTS



LEOPARDS

105 POINTS



Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Ms. Alexandra Backhouse
Vice Principal & Head of Primary

Mr. Adam Whybro
Head of Secondary

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Mr. Simon Rooney
KS2 Coordinator

Ms. Christelle van Heerden
KS3 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott
KS4 Coordinator

Mr. Les Pemberton
Head of Sixth Form

Ms. Tumika Sthapit
Head of Administration

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