



“The human capacity for burden is like bamboo - far more flexible than you'd ever believe at first glance.”

Jodi Picoult

## UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

### ✦ October

- 12th - International Gala Evening - 4.30pm-7.30pm
- 13th - BIST & BGA University Fair @ BIST
- 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
- 25th - Class Parent Reps meeting
- 25th - Year 7 Mtskheta Geography visit
- 27th - T1.1 Attendance Reports published
- 31st - Halloween Dress Up Day
- 31st - Secondary School Halloween Party

### ✦ November

- 1st - Parents Coffee Morning
- 6th - KS1/2 Language Rotation 2 begins
- 9th - London Theatre Trip departs
- 10th - Diwali Art event
- 11th - Gala Dinner/Dance
- 13th - London Theatre Trip returns
- 14th - Class Parent Reps meeting
- 20th - Health & Fitness Week
- 21st - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day 2
- 21st - Sixth Form Information Evening
- 23rd - School closed - St. George's Day
- 24th - Secondary Swimming Gala
- 24th - Secondary Lisi Hike (non-swimmers)
- 29th - Parents Coffee Morning

### ✦ December

- 2nd - Christmas Bazaar
- 5th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 6th - Nikolas Tag / Sinterklaas activities
- 13th - Class Parent Reps meeting
- 13th - EYKS1 Christmas Show
- 14th - Primary Christmas Parties
- 15th - Community Christmas Concert
- 15th - Last Day of Term 1
- 16th - Start of Christmas Holidays

### ✦ January

- 9th - First Day of Term 2

## 👤 Dear Parents

International Evening is nearly here - tomorrow from 4.30pm is one of the highlights of the year. With amazing stalls run by parents from different countries and regions and fantastic stage performances, it promises to be a wonderful evening. This year the event will be in the Sports Hall to allow more space for the stalls and entertainment. Friday afternoon also sees our Primary classes involved in the BIST Tbilisoba and we look forward to seeing the wonderful displays they create. All through this week, the students in primary and secondary have been adopting countries around the world, learning about them and creating door displays for a competition on 'best door'. The primary classes are also having sessions on Georgian culture.

## Gala Dance

One for parents' diaries is our gala dance event. This is a parents-only event at the Radisson Hotel on Saturday 11th November from 6.30pm onwards. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 23rd October. All proceeds will be used to support the work of the Georgian Down Syndrome Association. Don't miss out on getting a ticket for a great night out!

## Events and Key Dates for T1.2

The calendar section above lists some of the events in T1.2. Events already calendared for the remainder of the year can be found on this [summary pdf](#) (but please note that when changes or new events occur, they don't appear on this pdf). The school's calendar can also be found on the [website](#).

## Food Drive

Our food drive to support the Imedi Nursing Home for the elderly concludes this Friday, so please remember to send in non-perishable goods to support this worthy cause.

## International Student Research Symposium

Friday sees BIST and BGA host our Second International Student Research Symposium. 15 Year 10-13 students from schools across Georgia will present their independent research on topics across disciplines,



including but not limited to Navigating the AI Frontier: Challenges and Opportunities of AI; How Corruption and its Economic Consequences Help Run the Vicious Cycle for More Corruption; The History of the Colour Pink, and How the United States Ruling of Roe v. Wade can Affect Women's Rights Globally. We invite parents to attend from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Friday.

## Girls Football

Monday and Tuesday saw our teams in action again. The Under 14s squad played a friendly against the BIST/BGA Lions team on Monday which the BIST U14s won 3-1 with a brace from Yunwoo and a goal from KK. The team also faces BGA on Friday afternoon. The U18s team visited QSI on Tuesday for a somewhat physical encounter and won 4-1 with a brace from Sophie and one each from Anna Sofia and Mariam. The whole team all played well and to pick a 'woman of the match' would be difficult though our coaching team do feel Marya and Paulina are both deserving of a special mention.



## House Football

Secondary House Football has been running this week with competitions for Key Stage 4/5 on Monday and Key Stage 3 on Tuesday. In KS4/5, the competition was won by the Panthers with the Pumas coming second. The top two positions were reversed in KS3 with Pumas beating Panthers to the title.

## Primary School House Point Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for their efforts in gaining house points in recent weeks.

### Primary School House Point Award Winners

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Ellie, Semen	<b>Year 3W</b>	Alexis, Sesili
<b>Foundation 2P</b>	Mohammed, Sofia	<b>Year 4B</b>	Aya, Jiarui
<b>Foundation 2S</b>	Erhan, Vasilina	<b>Year 4D</b>	Igor, Nika
<b>Year 1T</b>	Elliot, Evren	<b>Year 5A</b>	Andrew, Lina
<b>Year 1W</b>	Ellie, Jojo	<b>Year 5H</b>	Joon, Misha S
<b>Year 2H</b>	Nelson, Zoe	<b>Year 6R</b>	Cecilia, Sandro
<b>Year 2K</b>	Victoria, Yazan	<b>Year 6V</b>	Dominik, Emma
<b>Year 3B</b>	Aoyi, Zlata	<b>Congratulations to all our winners!</b>	

## University Fair

On Friday morning, our senior students will participate in a university fair here at BIST. Over 20 different universities from the UK, USA, Europe, Australia and the UAE will be present and the students will be able to gain lots of insight into the admissions process, life at university and these universities in particular.



 <b>PUMAS</b>	 <b>PANTHERS</b>	 <b>LEOPARDS</b>	 <b>TIGERS</b>
<b>1480 POINTS</b>	<b>1472 POINTS</b>	<b>1430 POINTS</b>	<b>1325 POINTS</b>



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