



“You are not competing against anyone else, you are competing against yourself.”

Kevin Sinfield

## UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar

### ❁ October

27th - T1.1 Attendance Reports published  
31st - Halloween Dress Up Day

### ❁ November

1st - Parents Coffee Morning  
3rd - Secondary School Halloween Party  
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  
20th - Health & Fitness Week  
21st - Class Parent Reps meeting  
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

We do hope that all our families had a restful, but suitably active and stimulating half-term holiday. It is good to see students back and eager for learning. This half term is a busy one (I think we always say that about every half term!) with a number of trips locally and to London and many cultural events as we greet Diwali, Christmas and the many other holidays in this part of the year. Keep an eye on the [calendar](#) and the dates in the newsletter.

## International Evening

What an amazing evening! Thanks to all our parents, staff and students for making it a very special event. Over 35 stalls of sumptuous food from around the world, an enormous array of national costumes and dress and some fantastic stage performances.



## UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

A number of our senior students took part in the prestigious and very difficult UK Mathematics Trust Senior Challenge before the holiday. The results are now in and we can congratulate Lucas and Sally in Year 13 for achieving Silver Awards and to Anastasia and Jayden in Year 12 and Sandro and Temo in Year 13 who achieved Bronze Awards.

## Gala Dinner Dance - 11th November

One for parents' diaries is our gala dance event with dinner, live band and DJ. This is a parents-only event at the Radisson Hotel on Saturday 11th November from 6.30pm onwards. Tickets will be on sale from Friday - watch out for the specific email and Classlist notice about ticket sales. The ticket price is 225 GEL which includes food, some free wine, a band and a DJ for the disco. 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 and supporting a very worthwhile cause! If any parents who run or lead businesses that would like to sponsor this event and thus increase our donations to GDSA, please contact [Mr. Priest](#).

## T1.1 Attendance reports

By Friday all parents should have received the Attendance Report for their child for the first half term (up until Friday 13th October). Please see our [Attendance Policy](#) on the school website for details of what constitutes good levels of attendance.

## Halloween

Next Tuesday, things will get spooky and strange! It's Halloween...and this is always a good opportunity for dressing up. There will be a Primary Student Council arranged competition for the best dressed student. Secondary Student Council are also organising their Halloween disco on the evening of Friday 3rd November.

## Parents Coffee Morning

Don't forget the parents' coffee morning next week! There will be a presentation about online safety, safeguarding and wellbeing.

## International Week Door Displays

There was a competition across the school to decorate classroom doors in the most innovative, striking and informative ways. There were some fantastic displays that showcased student talent and the countries that each class or mentor group had chosen. The winners were F2S and Georgia for Early Years KS1, Year 4B and Peru for KS2 and Year 8Z and Costa Rica for Secondary.

## Christmas Bazaar

Our second annual Christmas Bazaar, led by the PCA, will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 11.00am to 3.00pm. We hope that you will all be able to attend this great event! If parents would like to have a stall as a vendor we will be sharing a google form that you can sign up for shortly via Classlist.

## Tbilisoba Table Displays

An artistic end to our Tbilisoba Day in Primary on Friday 13th was the decoration of Tbilisoba Tables by the students in each Primary class. There were 15 fantastic tables, but the overall winners were Year 1A for EYKS1 and Year 5A for KS2.

## Parking Map

To view our new parking and drop off / pick up map, please follow this [link](#).

## Primary School House Point Award Certificates

Last Friday, our Primary teachers awarded students for demonstrating the BIST Learning Goal Communication in recent weeks.

Primary School Communication Award Certificates			
Foundation 1	Davit, Emily	Year 3W	Amanda, Ethan
Foundation 2P	Adam, Sandro	Year 4B	Alex N, Laura
Foundation 2S	Amara, Soma	Year 4D	Charbel Maroun, Maohan
Year 1T	Alejandra, Damiene	Year 5A	Lloyd, Tosia
Year 1W	Maysa, Reni	Year 5H	Aisha, Sophia
Year 2H	James, Luke	Year 6R	Shervin, Vera
Year 2K	Dario, Youhanna	Year 6V	Dobrynia, Elouan
Year 3B	Gustas, Tia	<i>Congratulations to all our winners!</i>	

## House Points



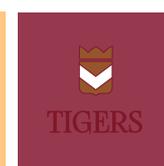
1637 POINTS



1648 POINTS



1698 POINTS



1096 POINTS

Mr. Stephen Priest  
Principal

Mr. Alex Timmis  
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott  
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili  
PA to the Principal

25th October 2023

Ms. Alexandra Backhouse  
Vice Principal & Head of Primary

Mr. Simon Rooney  
KS2 Coordinator

Mr. Les Pemberton  
Head of Sixth Form

Ms. Tamuna Skhiereli  
Office & Resource Manager

Mr. Adam Whybro  
Head of Secondary

Ms. Christelle van Heerden  
KS3 Coordinator

Ms. Tumika Sthapit  
Head of Administration

Ms. Tata Petashvili  
Secondary Office Manager