

THE ROAR

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

CS Lewis

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

★ January

9th-16th - Year 11-13 Mock Exams
 11th - UCMAS Awards Ceremony
 12th - Term 1 Attendance Reports published
 17th - Parents Coffee Morning
 19th - School closed for Epiphany
 22nd - Y11-13 Mock Exam reports released
 22nd & 23rd - Y11-13 Parent Teacher Conferences
 24th - Black Sea Schools Online Maths (Y6)
 24th - Class Parent Reps meeting
 29th - Start of KS1/2 Language Rotation 3
 30th - BIST U12s Handball Tournament
 31st - UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

■ February

3rd & 4th - Lions Invitational Basketball Tournament
 5th - Y6R Secondary Transition Day
 6th - Y6V Secondary Transition Day
 7th - IGCSE/Year 10-11 Programme Information Evening
 9th - Lunar New Year events
 14th - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day
 14th - Valentine's Day events
 16th - Valentine's Secondary Disco
 16th & 17th - U18 Girls Volleyball Tournament
 19th-23rd - BIST/BGA CERN Trip
 21st - Mother Language Day events
 21st-26th - Antalya Basketball Tournament Trip
 23rd - Mid-Year Progress Reports published (F1-Y10)
 26th & 27th - Parent Teacher Conferences (F1-Y10)
 26th-1st - Book Week
 28th - Parents Coffee Morning



Dear Parents

I do hope that everyone has had an enjoyable and restful break from school over the holidays and that all our students are reinvigorated in readiness for Term 2. As we stand at the start of 2024, the new year beckons, brimming with promise and opportunities for the students at BIST to script new chapters and embrace new challenges. Within these upcoming twelve months lie countless chances for growth, learning, and transformation. It is a time to nurture aspirations, set goals, and seize the day with unwavering determination. Whether it's delving deeper into academics, exploring newfound passions, or fostering connections within our school community, the new year provides the canvas for these possibilities. Let's approach this year with enthusiasm, courage, and a zest for exploration. Embrace the unknown, dare to dream, and relish every moment as a chance to excel.

UCMAS Awards

On Thursday afternoon, we have the UCMAS Awards event here at school. All parents of students participating in UCMAS are welcome to attend. The event is at 3.30pm in the Sports Hall.

Parents Coffee Morning

Don't forget our parents' coffee morning next week - 8.30am in the cafeteria.

Christmas Show

Our academic year ended with our traditional Christmas Concert. The students, ably led by Ms. Stacy, Ms. Maia and Ms. Egle, did a wonderful job musically and vocally through solo instrumental pieces, choir recitals and year group and whole school songs - even the parents participated in a song and dance routine.



Year 11-13 Mock Exams and Parents Conference

This week and next our Year 11 to 13 students are sitting their mock IGCSE, AS Level and A Level exams in preparation for the real exams in May and June. Parents will receive a mock exam grade report on Monday 22nd January. Monday and Tuesday will also see Parent Conferences for Year 11-13 parents.

New Staff Member

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Mr. Large of our Secondary Science department. He is replaced by Ms. Reanna Halliwell whom I am sure you will all welcome to our community when you meet her.



Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili
PA to the Principal

10th January, 2024

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