



“The only way out is through.”
Robert Frost

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

★ January

- 25th - PCA Hot Chocolate Sale
- 25th - Girls Lions Basketball v QSI @ BIST
- 26th - Y5A Carrefour visit
- 29th - Start of KS1/2 Language Rotation 3
- 30th - Year 6 Dzalisi archaeology visit
- 30th - BIST U12s Handball Tournament
- 31st - UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

■ February

- 2nd - Lunar New Year events
- 3rd & 4th - Lions Invitational Basketball Tournament
- 5th - Y6R Secondary Transition Day
- 6th - Y6V Secondary Transition Day
- 7th - IGCSE/Year 10-11 Programme Information Evening
- 12th - KS3 Inter House Basketball competition
- 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
- 29th - It's a Leap Year!

● March

- 6th - Class Parent Reps Meeting
- 7th - International Women's Day events at BIST
- 8th - School closed for International Women's Day
- 13th - PCA Committee meeting
- 21st - Nowruz events @ BIST
- 21st - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day
- 22nd & 23rd - Black Sea Games (KS3) @ BIST
- 22nd - Year 11-13 Summative Reports published
- 26th - EYKS1 Sports Day
- 26th - Alice in Wonderland KS2 show (1730)
- 27th - Secondary Sports Day
- 27th - Alice in Wonderland KS2 show (1330)
- 28th - KS2 Sports Day
- 28th - EYKS1 Easter Egg Hunt
- 28th - Last Day of Term 2
- 29th - Start of Easter Holiday

Dear Parents

We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and that those celebrating Epiphany had a good time with family and friends. Monday saw the release of the Year 11-13 Mock Examination reports. The mock examinations are an important indicator of the progress a student is making towards their final IGCSE, AS or A Level examinations in May and June of this year. On Monday and Tuesday, parents of Year 11-13 students had the opportunity to discuss the mocks and progress with subject teachers before the final examination entry deadlines. For students in all other year groups, Foundation 1 to Year 10, there is a Mid-Year Report published on the 23rd February and followed by Parent-Teacher Conferences on the 26th and 27th February.

Black Sea Online Maths



BLACK SEA SCHOOLS

Today, Mr. Wells and his student team of Key Stage 2 Mathematicians will participate in the annual Black Sea Online Maths competition. This is an event hosted and organised by Mr. Wells and schools across our network participate. This year there were 13 participating schools across Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine. Next week our student team in Years 9 and 10 will be participating in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge.

IGCSE Information Evening

Specifically for current Year 9 students, there is an information evening on the 7th February where Ms. Abbott and Mr. Whybro will discuss the programme in Year 10 and 11 and the Cambridge IGCSEs. This event is open to parents outside of the current Year 9 who may also like to learn about the IGCSE programme here at BIST.

Lunar New Year Events

Lunar New Year is on the 9th February and we had previously announced that our celebrations in school would be on the 9th. However, our friends from the Confucius Institute, who support this event, are not available on the 9th as many of them will be on holiday in China or celebrating with family and friends. Therefore our in-school celebrations will take place on Friday 2nd February.

Sports Fixtures

Tomorrow, our Basketball Lionesses will take on QSI here at BIST and we wish them well. We have a number of other sporting events coming up this term including our first ever Handball tournament (for the Under 12s team) on the 30th January, the second edition of the Lions Invitational Basketball tournament on the 3rd and 4th February, and our Lions basketballers heading to Antalya in February for an international competition.



Year 6-7 Transition

The 5th and 6th February sees our Year 6 classes visit the Secondary section of the school for a day of lessons from Secondary teachers to assist with their transition to secondary school.

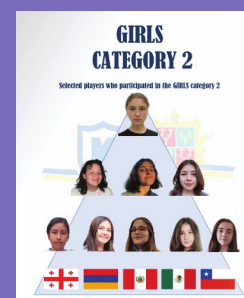
Hot Chocolate



Tomorrow our Parent Community Association will be selling hot chocolate to students at morning break time. If you would like your child to have a warming cup of hot chocolate, please send them in with 5 GEL. All profits go to the Jejili Day Centre for children living in poverty.

International Chess Champion

Congratulations to Maia in Y10M who won her age/gender category in the annual Kendall School Chile online chess tournament that took place at the end of last year. Maia competed against a number of players from across the world to win this prestigious event.



1884 POINTS



1852 POINTS



1772 POINTS



1610 POINTS

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24th January, 2024

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