



"Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans."

JOHN LENNON

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

◆ May

- 28th-31st - Y7-10 GL Progress Test and Summer Assessment Week
- 29th-31st - International Award Silver Practice Expedition
- 29th-31st - Y6 Lagodekhi Adventure
- 30th-31st - Y3W Tskneti Adventure
- 31st - Y2 Botanical Gardens visit

◆ June

- 1st-2nd - World Scholars Cup (hosted by BGA)
- 3rd-4th - Y8 Aragvi Overnight Adventure
- 4th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 5th - Primary Interhouse Swimming Gala
- 5th - Parents Coffee Morning
- 5th-6th - Y9 Aragvi Overnight Adventure
- 6th-7th - Y3B Tskneti Adventure
- 6th-7th - Y5 Orbeti Adventure
- 10th - Y6V Transition to Y7 Day
- 10th-14th - Enterprise Week
- 10th-28th - Bridging Course for Y11 and Y12
- 11th - Y6R Transition to Y7 Day
- 12th - Parent Class Reps meeting
- 12th - Evening of the Arts
- 13th - Last day of Cambridge exams
- 13th-14th - Y7 Aragvi Overnight Adventure
- 14th - Primary Student and Parent Summer Picnic
- 15th - PCA Car Boot Sale
- 19th - Community Outreach Sports Day
- 19th-21st - International Award Silver Qualifying Expedition
- 20th - Foundation Graduation
- 20th - Graduation Ceremony for Year 13
- 21st - Pirosmeni Day
- 21st - End of Year and GL testing reports published
- 24th & 25th - F1 to Y10 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 25th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 26th - Sing Up recording day
- 26th - BIST Sportspersons' Award Dinner
- 28th - End of Year Assembly
- 28th - Last day of the school year

DEAR PARENTS

We hope that you enjoyed the Independence Day long weekend! It has made for only a 3 school day gap between newsletter editions, so there is not as much news as usual... The Primary school students, barring a small number of absentees, completed their GL Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science last week and yesterday. The data for this will be used to assess the progress made and assist in the support of students and the development of individual and group curriculum plans for next year. Parental reports for the GL Progress Tests will be sent out with the End of Year Reports. This week it is the turn of students in Years 7 to 10 who are sitting their summer assessments. Years 7 and 8 also sit GL Progress Tests in English and Maths and Year 9 sit them in English, Maths and Science. The Year 10 assessments are a good preparation for the real examinations in Year 11 as they use relevant sections of real past exam papers. Our Year 11 to 13 students have nearly completed their IGCSE, AS Level and A Level examinations with only 15 exams left to be sat over the next two weeks. Our Year 11 and Year 12 students will then return to school for the Bridging Course that supports their transition into Year 12 and 13.

TRIPS THIS WEEK!

On Wednesday a group of our Year 11 to 13 students depart for their three day International Award Silver Practice Journey. This will be followed in a few weeks by their assessed Qualifying Journey. Also on Wednesday, our Year 6 students will be travelling to Lagodekhi National Park for a three day adventure. Thursday sees Year 3W head to Tskneti for their overnight trip and Friday sees Year 2 visit the Botanical Gardens. Next Monday sees Year 8 head to Aragvi for their overnight and Wednesday Year 9 also go.



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Y5&6 LISI VILLAGE SCHOOL VISIT

As part of their community engagement, selected students from Years 5 and 6 visited Lisi Village School and led different team building activities. After the activities, all students in Years 5A, 5H and 6V visited Lisi Lake for a picnic where they enjoyed pizza and ice cream. The primary students from Lisi Village School received gift bags filled with stationery and a toy. Well done and thank you to the teachers, logistics staff and students who supported this project.



NEW PRINCIPAL'S VISIT

Mr. Robert Snowden, our new principal, will be visiting BIST next week. In addition to meeting various groups of staff and students, he will meet the Parents Community Association Committee on Tuesday morning and also attend the Parents Coffee Morning on Wednesday morning.

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER

We are thrilled to let you know that school photographs for the 2023-24 academic year are now available for order. Whether you're interested in individual portraits, class photos (primary classes only), or both, please fill out the [registration form](#) by the June 2nd deadline. Portraits are priced at GEL 10 and class photos at GEL 6. Don't miss this opportunity to keep memories of this school year!



YEAR 13 GRADUATION CEREMONY

With only a few weeks left until one of the year's most important events, the Year 13 Graduation, we urge you to ensure all your guests are registered to join us on this special day. To guarantee a smooth entrance, please fill out the [registration form](#) by Monday, 3rd June, and collect your tickets from the BIST Secondary Building. Let's make this a memorable and seamless celebration for our graduates!



House points

TIGERS
4089 POINTS

PUMAS
3994 POINTS

PANTHERS
3860 POINTS

LEOPARDS
3240 POINTS

Mr. Stephen Priest
Principal

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili
PA to the Principal

29th May, 2024

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KS2 Coordinator

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Head of Sixth Form

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