



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BIST CALENDAR** 

# ♦ September

4th - Parents Welcome Tea

11th - Parents Coffee Morning

16th - Secondary PSHE Drop Down Day

18th - Primary Class Parent Reps Meeting

20th - CAT Test parental reports published

27th - Initial Progress 'Settling-in' email to parents

28th - Iliauni Science Picnic

30th - Initial Progress online meetings



#### October

1st - Initial Progress 'face-to-face' or online meetings 2nd - Parents' Coffee Morning

# PARENTAL WELCOME TEA!

This afternoon from 3.30pm-5.30pm is our parental 'meet and greet' with class teachers and mentors. This is primarily aimed at parents who could not attend the open afternoon on Friday before the start of term, but all parents are welcome.

### **GL CAT4 TESTS**

This week students in Years 4, 7, 10 and 12 have been sitting their CAT4 tests. The tests take approximately 90 minutes and are completed online in a classroom setting. We will send a parental report of what the CAT4 says in a few weeks time. These tests help us to understand the learning profile of each child and support us in designing learning that is well suited to help your child make progress. If you want to learn more about GL CAT4 tests, please follow this <u>link</u>.

#### **EVENTS COMING UP!**

Please remember our full calendar of events for the year is viewable on our school <u>website</u>.

# **:-: DEAR PARENTS**

We have had one full week in school and it is great to see so many young happy faces around school. I have been spending a lot of time observing and learning about the operation of the school as well as how our pupils are learning in class. I am passionate about involving pupils in leadership opportunities and in the decision making process in our school's development. This week we are interviewing pupils from the Sixth Form to elect our Head Students. They will lead our student council and be ambassadors for our school community.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL!**

It was lovely to meet many pupils and parents during the Open Afternoon event before the start of term. Our welcome ceremony for students and parents was a great opportunity to reconnect and set the tone for a successful academic year. Your active involvement in your child's education will be crucial to making this year a successful one.













#### **PARENTS COFFEE MORNING**

Our first parents coffee morning of the new school year is next Wednesday (13th) at 8.30am in the cafeteria. All parents are welcome. I look forward to meeting many more of you there.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNA!**

Anna (Y6) has achieved a remarkable feat by securing a Distinction in the Level 3 Performance Award with the London College of Music. The Level 3 Performance Award focuses solely on performance. Students must demonstrate their ability to play three pieces at a challenging



level and a high level. Anna's exceptional performance earned her a score of 95 out of 100, securing a Distinction, the highest possible achievement.

#### **PRIMARY AWARDS**

#### **Primary School Thoughtfulness Award Winners**

Foundation 1	Andrew, Lea	Year 3W	Laura B, Maja
Foundation 2G	Emily, Nicholas	Year 4B	Timur, Mizuki
Foundation 2N	Ellen, Yunqi	Year 4D	Noah, Sesilia
Year 1S	Patryk, Liman	Year 5A	Kiasha, Francois
Year 1T	Lucy Olivia	Year 5H	Laura, Nicolas
Year 2H	Joel Savelli	Year 6K	Iskander, Tatiana
Year 2P	Arina, Evren	Year 6P	Karina, Maxim
Year 3M	Victoria, Ketevan	Congratulations to all our winners!	

# PCA AND CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Today we had our first Parent Community Association committee meeting and discussed some of the events planned for this academic year. I will write with further information in next week's newsletter.

# **LIONS LITERARY MAGAZINE**

BIST students launched a new online literary magazine. Lions Literary Magazine showcases the creative talents of our students from poetry and short fiction to photography and artwork. You can view the first edition here.



#### **CLASSLIST**

If you have not yet joined our parent community social media platform, Classlist, please do so. It is a great way to stay connected with other parents and school news. Use this <u>link</u> to join. You can set the frequency of notifications you receive from Classlist through clicking on View Profile then App Notifications and selecting the notifications you want to receive.

#### TRAFFIC NEWS

I have been monitoring the flow of traffic and want the drop off and pick up to run as smoothly as possible. We have made a few changes to the flow of traffic inside and exiting the car park that has improved the traffic flow. With increased traffic from other schools in our neighbourhood that open next week, it will be getting busier around the school. I will continue to closely monitor the situation with our site and security team, looking for options to maximise the efficiency of the process while ensuring everyone's safety.

We are designing more clear guidance for everyone that will be shared with you soon. In the meantime, to ensure a smooth flow of traffic, follow the designated drop-off and pick-up zones. Remember to park only in designated areas, obey speed limits, and always yield to pedestrians using marked crosswalks. Please follow the instructions of security staff at all times as they are there to ensure the safety of students.

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