



"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities"

STEPHEN R. COVEY

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

◆ September

- 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 - Iliani Science Picnic
- 30th - Initial Progress online meetings

◆ October

- 1st - Initial Progress 'face-to-face' or online meetings
- 2nd - Parents' Coffee Morning
- 10th October - International Gala Evening

DEAR PARENTS

It was lovely to see so many of you attending the coffee morning on Wednesday. We were together for almost 2 hours where I was listening to you about a whole range of topics. I am gathering a variety of views and opinions about how we can continue improving the school for everyone.

STUDENT COUNCILS

This week we are appointing staff who will support the Primary and Secondary Student Councils. These will be a great opportunity for pupils to raise any issues they have and work with the school leadership to improve the student experience at the school. Next week, form representatives will be being selected (voted for within forms) to sit on the council.

EVENTS COMING UP!

We have a variety of exciting events planned for the upcoming weeks. Stay tuned for updates and mark your calendars!

Please remember that our full calendar is available on our school [website](#).

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

We are introducing a new email address attendance@bist.ge. If your child is going to be absent from school, be arriving late, or they will need to leave early, please email both their form tutor/mentor and attendance@bist.ge. Ana Jirkvelishvili, our new attendance officer in the BIST administration team will be communicating with you to ensure we always have a reason for any absence.

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 [link](#) 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.



Classlist

INTERNATIONAL EVENING GALA

Our wonderful annual tradition, the International Evening Gala is on Thursday 10th October. It is an amazing opportunity for our community to share their culture with us, through delicious food and entertainment. We are currently organising school-led performances and would like to offer our parents the chance to showcase performances from their culture on our central stage. This could be a dance or song from your culture. Please let Ms. Stacy know if you would be willing to offer such entertainment by Friday 6th October, so she can finalise our programme. Also if you would like to have a stall to celebrate your country, please let Ms. Egle know, as soon as possible, by filling in the google form.



MEET OUR HEAD STUDENTS

We are delighted to announce that Jayden (Year 13) and Ninia (Year 13) have been elected as Head Students for the 2024-2025 school year. These dedicated students have demonstrated a strong commitment to our school community and will serve as exemplary leaders.

Ninia: "I feel deeply honoured and excited to be chosen as the new Head Student at BIST. I am grateful to be chosen among many outstanding candidates who have been making the school a brighter and a more welcoming place for years."

Jayden: "Being selected as Head Student is both an honour and a huge responsibility. I have reflected on the trust the BIST community has placed in me and I am grateful."

We are confident that Jayden and Ninia will represent our school with pride and dedication.



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13th September, 2024

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