

THE ROAR

NEWSLETTER BY
British International
School of Tbilisi



It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

◆ September

- 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
- 9th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 10th October - International Gala Evening
- 14th-18th - School Closed - Half Term
- 21st - First day after Half Term

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATION

I have heard from many parents issues with not getting responses to email or issues taking a long time to resolve. In order to simplify communication with the school, we are reducing the amount of email addresses in use. These emails are exclusively for parents at the school.

office@bist.ge - BIST Parent Engagement Centre Coordinator - Mariam Gorgiani
Any general queries related to administration, buses, general inquiries & information

attendance@bist.ge - Attendance Officer - Ana Jirkvelishvili
Absence from school, request to collect early (please also include the tutor/mentor)

bistfinance@bist.ge - All payments for fees, trips, exams, etc.

pec@bist.ge - Daduna Dolidze - Head of PEC - Any concerns or feedback you want to provide

You are also able to phone the school on +995 32 2 80 19 19 and Mariam will be able to help you.

All communication sent to groups of parents will come from office@bist.ge.

You can of course still contact teachers or relevant staff directly about academic or pastoral issues.

DEAR PARENTS

I had the pleasure this week of working with some of our Year 11 students and talking about how we can successfully change or develop our habits. By focusing on understanding the nature of habits, we can have a much better chance of replacing unhelpful ones with positive ones. The main message was really one of taking control of our present to create the future outcomes we want. As we are surrounded by talk about 'talent' or 'ability', the real determining factor to success lies in self-discipline, determination and practice.

UNIFORM

The expectation is that all Y1-11 BIST pupils are wearing the BIST Polo shirt for non-PE days. These are available in the school shop. If you need to purchase uniform you can order it by contacting Tatia Stepanovi (tatia.stepanovi@bga.ge). I am sorry that we do have supply issues with the PE uniform (House shirts). We are finding a solution, but in the meantime if your child does not have the uniform, they can wear PE clothes as needed.

SECONDARY PSHE DAY

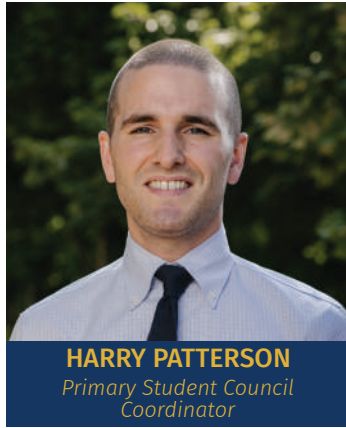
On Monday 16th September, students in the Secondary school took part in the first of this year's five PSHE events. During the PSHE day, students experienced lessons involving personal, social and health education, including exploring issues on society and diversity through STEM, problems associated with health and substance abuse, discussions on personal finance and career planning and developing positive personal habits. Students will continue this in the next PSHE day, scheduled for 19 November.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Last week 3 members of staff were appointed to help lead our student focussed initiatives across the school. We continue on our mission to ensure students are at the heart of our school community. These appointments will allow the student council and house system to provide a voice to our student body and expand the opportunity for leadership.



ALEX POPE
Head of Houses



HARRY PATTERSON
Primary Student Council
Coordinator



ELIZA LAMBERT
Secondary Student Council
Coordinator



CHARITY EVENT

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 5 and 6 ice cream sale. Our year 5 and 6 pupils worked really hard to make this into a successful event. We raised 745 GEL for our Community Partnership Link - Lisi Public School.



PRIMARY AWARDS

Reading Superstar Certificates 13.09.24

Foundation 1	David, Emily	Year 3W	Anna, James
Foundation 2G	Rina, Louie	Year 4B	Dobrynia, Sesili
Foundation 2N	Ellen, Philippos	Year 4D	Sesilia, Leu
Year 1S	Lea, Ariana	Year 5A	Emma, Michael
Year 1T	Jules Eren, Gosia	Year 5H	Maohan, Luka
Year 2H	Alejandra, Avery	Year 6K	Nita, Iren
Year 2P	Eric, Renee	Year 6P	Halka, Lizi
Year 3M	Cloe, Xavier	Congratulations to all our winners!	

Mr. Robert Snowden
Principal

Mr. Adam Whybro
Head of Secondary School

Ms. Katie Karmazyn
KS2 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott
KS4 Coordinator

Ms. Tamuna Skhiereli
Office Manager

18th September, 2024

Mr. Simon Rooney
Head of Primary School

Mr. Alex Timmis
EYKS1 Coordinator

Ms. Christelle Van Heerden
KS3 Coordinator

Mr. James Parker
Head of Sixth Form

Ms. Ana Jirkvelishvili
Attendance Officer

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