

*I respect myself and insist upon it from everybody. And because I do it, I then respect everybody, too.*

MAYA ANGELOU

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

### ◆ October

- 30th - Parent Class Rep Meeting
- 31st - Halloween Dress up Day

### ● November

- 1st - Diwali Art Event
- 1st - Secondary Halloween Disco (after school)
- 13th - PCA Committee meeting
- 14th - London Trip Departs
- 20th - Sixth Form Information Evening (6pm)
- 22nd - School closed (Staff Training Day)
- 25th - Maker Faire
- 27th - Parent Coffee Morning

### ◆ December

- 4th - Class Rep Meeting

## DEAR PARENTS

It has been a great first week back after the half term break. I am very happy to have our Space Camp pupils back in Tbilisi having had a fantastic experience. I have had the pleasure of attending the Student Council meeting in secondary where we discussed a range of issues and suggested improvements that we will make. I will be having lots of meetings in the coming weeks with pupils to get feedback from across the whole school.

## DROP OFF & COLLECTION

We have made **these infographics** to clarify the drop off and collection procedures. I am aware that the situation is far from ideal. Please look at the diagrams and I ask all parents to respect the no stopping zones and to follow instructions of the security team. I will be gathering more feedback as we seek to keep improving the organisation of the start and end of the day.

## UNIFORM UPDATE

We now have the school hoodies in stock for all sizes in our shop. Next week we will receive house t-shirts for PE as well. Please see the **updated policy** where we have clarified a few parts, including allowing black or blue trousers, black, white or brown shoes (plain trainers are allowed)

## YEAR 7 : A JOURNEY TO MTSKHETA

Year 7 students visited Jvari Monastery and Mtskheta to learn about the factors influencing settlement locations. They explored the historical significance of the area and how the town's development as a tourist destination has impacted land use. The students gained valuable insights into Georgia's rich heritage and the interplay between geography, history, and human activity.



## GCSE HISTORY

Year 10 IGCSE History students explored the concept of 'collective security' that underpinned the League of Nations in the 1920s and 30s by modelling it in PlayDoh, discussing and developing their understanding during their lesson.



# PCA COMMITTEE ELECTIONS & CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

The PCA committee acts on behalf of all parents and class representatives to support our pupils and whole school community. On Wednesday Mr Snowden gave a presentation about the role of the PCA, Class Reps & the PCA Committee. **You can find the presentation at this link.** Any parent who has been at the school for 1 year is able to stand for election to the committee. You have received a separate letter about this, but please do apply for one of the 5 posts (Chairperson, Vice-chairperson (Primary & Secondary), Treasurer & Secretary) by writing to Mr Snowden by Thursday 31st October. WE also need more class reps in secondary. Please contact Mr Whybro if you can help our community and parents in this role too.

# SPACE CAMP TURKEY TRIP

What a wonderful experience Space Camp has been for all our young astronauts! There have been many highlights and lifelong memories made - particularly the moonwalk simulator, the gyroscope and seeing Saturn using the observatory! We have had a great time and learned many new things about our universe.



# CHRISTMAS MARKET

Our Christmas schedule is fast approaching and all events are in the Calendar. Our PCA Christmas Market is on the 7th December from 10am and relies on support from our parent community. This will be discussed at the upcoming Class rep meeting on Wednesday at 8:30, so please do attend if you want to be involved.

# YEAR 1 IPC

For IPC this week, Year 1A visited the BIST Innovation Center where Mr Tom and Mr Giorgi helped us to launch our new IPC topic - The Magic Toymaker. The children had a chance to discuss their favourite games and why they liked them. They then played various board games and began the process of designing a great original game to play with their friends.



# PRIMARY AWARDS

## Morality Certificates 25.10.24


Foundation 1	Alexandre, Victor	Year 3W	Laura, Boris
Foundation 2G	Rina, Isak	Year 4B	Gustas, Amirkhan
Foundation 2N	Philippos, Intars	Year 4D	Ethan, Ivan
Year 1S	Ariana, Sofia	Year 5A	Constance, Lekso
Year 1T	Soma, Sara	Year 5H	Constantin, Luka
Year 2H	Yuan, Lycaon	Year 6K	Alma, Aisha
Year 2P	Daniel, Moyi	Year 6P	Devansh, Joonhyuk
Year 3M	Kopala, Amelia	<i>Congratulations to all our winners!</i>	

# HOUSE POINTS

  
**PUMAS**  
1414 POINTS

  
**LEOPARDS**  
1090 POINTS

  
**PANTHERS**  
1121 POINTS

  
**TIGERS**  
1087 POINTS

Mr. Robert Snowden  
Principal

Mr. Adam Whybro  
Head of Secondary School

Ms. Katie Karmazyn  
KS2 Coordinator

Ms. Zoe Abbott  
KS4 Coordinator

Sophie Kasrashvili  
Head of Administration  
& PA to Principal

25<sup>th</sup> October, 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  
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