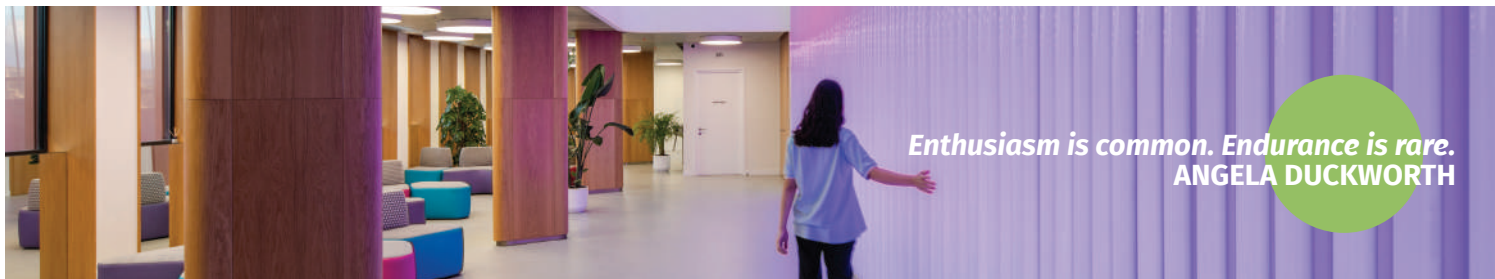


THE ROAR



Enthusiasm is common. Endurance is rare.
ANGELA DUCKWORTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

◆ November

- 25th - Maker Faire
- 27th - Class Rep Meeting (8:30am)
- 27th - Sixth Form Information Evening (online 6pm)
- Y11 Parents - (Rescheduled)

● December

- 4th - Parent Coffee Morning
- 7th - Christmas Market (11:00 - 3:30)
- 11th - PCA Committee Meeting
- 11th - EY/KS1 Christmas Show (1pm)
- 12th - BIST and New Music School Performance (6pm)
- 13th - Community Christmas Concert (2pm - 3:30pm)
- 13th - LAST DAY OF 1st TERM

◆ January

- 8th - FIRST DAY OF 2nd TERM

BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

A reminder of the upcoming sessions for parents to attend to meet with the Principal and Heads of Key Stage. These will have a small amount of information about the particular stage in school and be an open forum for discussion.

All Meetings 8:30 - 9:30	For Parents of ...
Tuesday 26th November	Key Stage 5 (Year 12 & 13)
Thursday 28th November	Key Stage 3 (Year 7 - 9)
Friday 29th November	Foundation and Key Stage 1
Monday 2nd December	Key Stage 4 (Year 10 - 11)
Thursday 5th December	Key Stage 2 (Year 3 - 6)

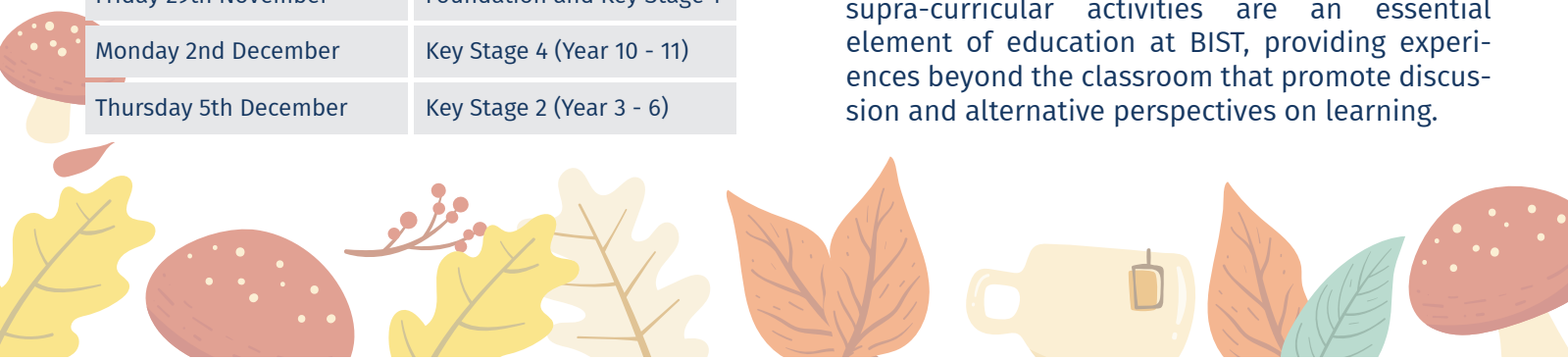
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy and eventful week here at BIST. I want to thank you once again for your support in dealing with the evacuation from the school on Wednesday. Our internal procedures and planning worked well, ensuring all of our students and staff were quickly and calmly moved away from a potential threat. However, this event highlighted an issue with the severe lag in communication time between us sending messages and you as parents receiving them. We are resolving this problem and are implementing different communication protocols in the event of an emergency. This will involve the use of Class List (if you have not registered for this, [please do so at this link](#)) as well as an SMS system we are developing. We will write to you with further details about this in due course.

Today our staff are in school attending a variety of training sessions including a range of pedagogical topics for teachers and essential First Aid training for all LSAs which is not just for in school support, but also to ensure all of our bus assistants have up to date first aid knowledge. The coming weeks will be full of activities, trips and events as we move close to the Christmas season and I look forward to seeing many parents and members of our wider community at the events in the coming weeks.

GLADIATOR II HISTORY TRIP

Our Y10-13 History students had the opportunity to watch Ridley Scott's historical epic Gladiator II on Thursday at City Mall in Saburtalo. These supra-curricular activities are an essential element of education at BIST, providing experiences beyond the classroom that promote discussion and alternative perspectives on learning.



CLASS OF 2025

Our Year 13 students are working with our counsellors and Sixth Form Team to apply to universities all over the world. Congratulations to Tim L for his conditional acceptance to the University of Groningen - the first university offer for the Class of 2025! Our students applying to the USA also have the opportunity to take SATs here at the school. Well done to Daria M, Irakli T, and Amelia W. These students scored at or above the 95th percentile in Mathematics, with two students scoring in the 97th percentile or above overall.

THE FIRST UNIVERSITY OFFER FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

Congratulations to Tim!



PSHE DAY IN SECONDARY

The second PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) day of the year was held on Tuesday, during which Secondary students learned about a range of important topics. PSHE is an incredibly important part of our curriculum, complementing our academic subjects to provide a holistic, age appropriate education for all our students. Year 7 focused on relationships, Year 8 on identity and society, Year 9 on citizenship and careers, Year 10 on health and wellbeing and Year 11 on the risks of drugs and alcohol, which included a visit from the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The next PSHE day will be on Wednesday 12 February.



PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS

A reminder - please fill in this [very short google form](#) by Tuesday 26th November where you can request or suggest topics for the upcoming Coffee Mornings.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

This is a reminder to please send an item for the Christmas raffle with your child by Monday 2nd December for the Raffle. This could be a delicious homemade treat, a cosy pair of socks, or any thoughtful gift that captures the spirit of Christmas.

Your generous donation will help make our Christmas celebration even more special. We can't wait to see you all on Saturday, 7th December.

MAKER FAIRE

BIST is hosting its second Maker Faire which is being organised by our STEM team and Lucas T (BIST Alumni class of 2024). They and other volunteers have been working hard preparing lots of great experiences and will be setting up the gym over the weekend. It is a great opportunity for our students to experience some hands-on science & technology.



HEALTH AND FITNESS WEEK

During this week there were a range of activities provided for different year groups. In primary, Year 1 and 2 had a massive game of stuck in the mud, Year 3 and 4 had a game of 4-team capture the flag and year 5 and 6 had a dodgeball game with 75 students involved. In Secondary we focused on exploring activities that are available in the local community with a visit to **Padel Island** where students had the opportunity to try padel, a ninja warrior obstacle course, trampolines and volley-ball. Students were also given vouchers to try a new activity at a local fitness centre.




LONDON TRIP

Twenty of our secondary students had an amazing experience in London's West End last week, with students watching Harry Potter and the Cursed Child and The Phantom of the Opera. They also had behind the scenes drama workshops and a chance to see some of London's iconic landmarks. Each year this trip gets better and better, and we are currently planning next year's trip - so keep an eye out! Thank you to Ms Corless for her work in organising and running the trip and to Mr Murray for supporting her there. We have shared photos via Instagram - **bistperformarts** - some wonderful happy memories!



HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS: WEEK 12

Congratulations to Frantiska T (8A) and Cecilia Sch (7Z) for reaching a significant milestone of 50 House Points each! Additionally, we'd like to recognize Year 7Z Group for collectively earning 250 House Points. Your teamwork and positive attitude have made a remarkable impact on our House community. Let's keep up the great work, everyone!


PUMAS
2641 POINTS


PANTHERS
2602 POINTS


TIGERS
2108 POINTS


LEOPARDS
2105 POINTS

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation](#)

[Y1-Y13](#)



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

22th November, 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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