

*In a fixed mindset, you say, 'I tried this, it's over.' In a growth mindset, you look for what you've learned*

CAROL S. DWECK

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

### ◆ January

31st – IGCSE Mock Exam Grade Sheet published to parents

### ● February

1st – Lions Basketball Invitational Tournament Day 1  
2nd – Lions Basketball Invitational Tournament Day 2  
3rd - 4th – KS5 and Year 11 Post-Mocks  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
5th – PCA Committee Meeting  
5th - IGCSE Information Evening (18:00 -19:30)  
12th - A Level Options information Event  
14th – Valentine’s Day Party (Secondary)  
19th - Parents Coffee Morning  
21st – F1 - Year 10 Mid-Year Progress Reports Published to Parents  
24th – F1 - Year 10 Parent Teacher Conferences (Online)  
25th – F1 - Year 10 Parent Teacher Conferences (In School)  
28th – School Closed for Mini Break

### ◆ March

3rd - School Closed for Mini Break  
4th - 7th - Book Week  
5th - Class Rep Meeting  
7th - International Women’s Day Event  
12th - PCA Committee Meeting

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week I had the honour of watching some of our older students present their TEDx Youth talks to a live audience (see special feature). Seeing the eloquence and confidence in which they presented their own ideas really reminded me of the incredible journey children take during their time at school. It is easy to look at one event and think about the preparation that goes into it and isolate that specific preparation as the reason for success. Of course, the real success comes from a culmination of experiences over many, many years that equip us with the skills and mindset to really allow us to excel. Each day at school, each learning experience, is important, not just for what we learn that day, but for the contribution it makes to the person we want our children to become.

That brings me (in a long winded way) to attendance. The evidence is clear that shows children with high attendance to school get the best GCSE and A level results. However, there is also a lot of evidence about the long term impact of low attendance (less than 85%) into adulthood not only on economic, but social skills and mental health. Of course if your child is ill, recovering at home is a necessity but otherwise, please support us in promoting the importance of every day of school!

## LOST AND FOUND

We have improved the systems for locating lost items with boxes in both primary and secondary for items lost in the current and previous week being easy to access and check. The best way to avoid losing items is to have your child’s name in clothes or bags, or as stickers on items they bring. This way items can be returned to them easily. The current uniform does not have a space or a name (which will be added in future), but please try and add names where possible.

## SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation](#)

[Y1-Y13](#)

# TEDX TALKS

On Tuesday, BIST hosted the TEDx Youth Event. TED talks are a world-renowned platform for influential thinkers to share their ideas with the world. The theme was Future Forward, with topics, including, geo-politics, mental health, science and technology, social issues, sustainability, and more. This was open to entrants from over the whole of Georgia, with speakers coming from as far as Batumi. We were proud to see amazing talks from Katherine O (Y13) and Daria A (Y12) representing BIST (with 3 other students from BGA) as part of the 8 finalists that spoke. All the talks will be published, and we will share them with you as soon as they are available. We look forward to hosting another event in 2026!

## Artificial Intelligence: youth safety matters

Daria Markava



# SPORTS RESULTS

Throughout January, the LIONS mixed teams participated in several sports fixtures. Our Year 5-6 football team put up a strong effort but fell short in a 3-6 match against the French School. In basketball, our U18 team lost to the Georgian-American School with a final score of 47-52. However, our U18 girls' basketball team secured a well-earned victory against QSI, winning 26-14 on January 30.



Looking ahead to February, we have an exciting lineup of games and tournaments. On February 1-2, we will host the LIONS Basketball Tournament 2025. Later in the month, from February 22-24, our U18 boys' and girls' teams will compete in the QSI Tournament. Additionally, the U18 Boys' Mini Football League continues, where BIST has demonstrated great performance, securing three consecutive wins.

We look forward to another competitive and successful month for our teams!





## Y2 MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS

To celebrate our exit point for our IPC unit Sensational, we visited The Museum of Illusions! We had an amazing day using our senses to enjoy the exhibits - there were so many optical illusions and tricks! We also visited the multimedia Van Gogh exhibition and it was a very sensory experience!




## HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS


There has clearly been a lot of hard work and positive values shown over recent weeks, with the following students reaching the 50 House Point milestone: Elizabeth G (7A), Anastasia A (7Z), Ioanna N (8Z) and Isabella D (9Z). Well done to all, and special congratulations to Mariia I (10Z) for reaching 100 points!




## HOUSE POINTS

  
**PANTHERS**  
3730 POINTS

  
**PUMAS**  
3576 POINTS

  
**TIGERS**  
2902 POINTS

  
**LEOPARDS**  
2865 POINTS

## PRIMARY AWARDS

### Wonderful Writer Certificates

<b>Foundation 1</b>	Andrea, Giorgi	<b>Year 3W</b>	James, Minori
<b>Foundation 2</b>	Lucas K, Davit	<b>Year 4B</b>	Ivan, m Vika
<b>Year 1S</b>	Lea, Leia	<b>Year 4D</b>	Anastassia, Kian
<b>Year 1T</b>	Asya, Soma	<b>Year 5A</b>	Ava, Philippa
<b>Year 2H</b>	Joel, Ellie	<b>Year 5H</b>	Nicolas, Finn
<b>Year 2P</b>	Evren, Maxime	<b>Year 6K</b>	Tatiana, Misha O
<b>Year 3M</b>	Kopala, Murad	<b>Year 6P</b>	Jakob, Karina

**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

**Sophie Kasrashvili**  
Head of Administration  
& PA to Principal

**31<sup>st</sup> January, 2025**

**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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