

My ambition didn't grow out of nowhere. It was planted in me by a community that nurtured me.

Michael Eric Dyson

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

● May

23rd - School Closed
26th - School Closed, Independence Day
28th - Parents' Coffee Morning - Welcome to Secondary
28th-30th - Year 6 Overnight Trip to Lagodekhi
29th-30th - Year 3W Overnight stay in Tskneti

● June

2nd June - Key Stage Two Sports Day
2nd-3rd June - End of Year 7-10 Summer Assessment week
4th - PCA Committee Meeting
4th June - Primary Swimming Gala
5th June - Secondary Art Exhibition (5-7pm)
5th - 6th June - Year 5 Orbeti Camping Trip
10th-11th June - Year 9 Overnight Trip to Aragvi
11th - Class Rep Meeting
11th - Disney's Matilda Jr
12th-13th June - Year 10 Overnight Trip to Aragvi
12th - Disney's Matilda Jr
16th-17th June - Years 7 and 8 Overnight Trip to Aragvi
18th June - COP Sports Day
18th - Parent Coffee Morning
18th - PCA Staff Appreciation Event
18th June - 6P Transition Day to Year 7
19th June - 6K Transition Day to Year 7
18th-20th June - Duke of Edinburgh - Silver Qualifying Journey
20th June - Foundation Graduation
20th June - Year 13 Graduation Ceremony
20th June - End of Year Reports for Years Foundation - Year 10
23rd June - Awards for Years 7-10
24th June - Primary Move Up Morning
23rd-24th June - Parent-Teacher Conferences Years 7-10
27th - Last day of the School Year

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Even though we were only in school for 4 days, it has been a week packed full of community events and opportunities for the students. Seeing so many parents join us for the Primary Picnic yesterday where there was a real sense of fun and celebration as a community. Our Secondary students had a very enjoyable Sport's Day while some of our Y9-10 have challenged themselves in a Duke of Edinburgh Expedition.

Alongside this, the very important A Level and iGCSE examinations are still taking place with a couple of weeks remaining. Our Primary pupils have been doing GL assessments in Maths, English and Science that are standardised online tests that support our teachers' own assessment in monitoring progress and identifying individual and collective areas for improvement. Our Year 7-10 students will be doing their in school assessments during the next two weeks.

I would also like to remind you about the Parent Coffee Morning presentation on Wednesday 28th May at 8:30. This is focusing on explaining the approach to learning as well as some of the logistics and opportunities our students have in Secondary at BIST. I will share this presentation in next week's newsletter for those parents who are not able to attend in person. I hope you have an enjoyable long weekend.

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:
Foundation
Y1-Y13

PCA ANNOUNCEMENT

We will be running our staff appreciation day on **Wednesday 18th June** from 10-11am. This is an opportunity to recognise and thank every member of staff at BIST.

PRIMARY PICNIC

The Primary Summer Picnic was a joyful celebration of sunshine, laughter, and togetherness. Held on the school grounds, families, students, and staff gathered to enjoy an afternoon filled with games, music, and delicious food. Our children enjoyed lots of different activities, while parents relaxed and connected with one another. The event captured the spirit of our international school—warm, inclusive, and community-driven.



SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER

We'd like to remind you that school photographs for the 2024–25 academic year are now available for order. Whether you're interested in individual portraits, class photos, or both, please make sure to complete the [registration form](#) by June 2nd. Portraits are priced at **GEL 12**, and class photos at **GEL 8**. Don't miss this opportunity to capture and preserve special memories from the school year!

AMAZING ART

Congratulations to Erdem S in 5H for winning first place in an international watercolor competition held in Rome this March! His artwork, inspired by Georgia and the Kakheti region, was selected for exhibition among entries from young artists worldwide.



SECONDARY SPORTS DAY

Secondary sports day this year focused on three sports being played throughout the day. Volleyball, Football and Basketball. It was a great day with students putting in significant effort and looking exhausted by the end of the day. Throughout the day students earned points from winning games, being on time to events and good sportsmanship. In the end Panthers won with 267 points followed by Pumas with 222, then Leopards with 127 and Tigers just behind on 117.



FOOTBALL NEWS

On Tuesday, a Year 6/7 team travelled to Buckswood School to participate in their annual 8-a-side tournament. The team was also joined by Lekso in Year 5 after a number of players were unavailable. They had a tough start to the day, going down 5–1 in the first game. In their second game, the team's performance was poor, and in a match that we should have been competitive in, we ended up losing 5–1. The final game was one of the strongest performances of the year, and although the boys went down 3–0, they created more than enough chances to win against the competition's eventual winners.

The U10s had a fixture on Monday evening away in Gldani. The size of the pitch and goals led to a match that was very close on the scoreboard, with BIST coming out 2–1 winners. The result leaves the team currently 3rd on the ladder in the Tbilisi Juniors League, while also being the competition's highest-scoring team.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We're delighted to share that our Bronze participants in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award successfully completed their Qualifying Journey this week.

The two-day expedition took place in the beautiful surroundings of Algeti National Park, where our Y9-10 students were fortunate to enjoy good weather during an otherwise rainy May. The hike involved challenging, hilly terrain, but the group rose to the occasion with impressive resilience, teamwork, and a consistently positive attitude throughout. Well done to all involved!

BIST is proud to remain the only school in the Caucasus region offering the Award – a globally recognised programme that supports young people in developing independence, perseverance, and life skills, while also strengthening their CVs for the future.



HOUSE UPDATE

This week saw the showpiece event of our House competition calendar – the Secondary Sports Day – where the Panthers delivered a dominant performance, winning all three tournaments on the day and demonstrating outstanding teamwork and resilience.

Their success has brought the competition to a thrilling climax, with the reigning champions, the Pumas, still holding a narrow lead at the top. Both Houses have now surpassed the impressive 3,000 House Point milestone, setting the stage for a nail-biting finish in the final weeks of term.

We also celebrated a number of individual and group achievements this week: congratulations to Danilo P (8A), Alejandro K (9Z), and Michelle M (9Z) for reaching 50 House Points each. Well done also to Year 10A, who reached 250 HP as a tutor group, and to the Leopards, who crossed the 2,000 HP mark.

Across Primary and Secondary, our students have now earned over 30,000 House Points this year. These points represent far more than just totals – they reflect moments of kindness, hard work, team spirit, and leadership. Our House competition continues to be a meaningful way for students to embody the values we hold dear at BIST and to strengthen the vibrant community of which we are so proud.

HOUSE POINTS



PANTHERS
8907 POINTS



PUMAS
8419 POINTS



LEOPARDS
7190 POINTS



TIGERS
6801 POINTS

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Mr. Adam Whybro
Head of Secondary School

Ms. Katie Karmazyn
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23th May, 2025

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