

It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.

Audre Lorde

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

● June

23rd June - Awards for Years 7-10

24th June - Primary Move Up Morning

23rd-24th June - Parent-Teacher Conferences
Years 7-10

26th - Year 6 Leavers Picnic

27th - End of Year Ceremony (13:30)

● July

30th June - 25th July - BIST Summer School

● August

12th - Cambridge A Level Results released

18th - New Staff and BIST Leadership return to
school

19th - Cambridge iGCSE Results released

20th-22nd - All Staff Training

24th - 13:00 - 15:50 - Parent's open afternoon

26th - First day of Term 1

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

On Wednesday, our PCA committee and other parent representatives thanked our staff in school with a wonderful cake, home-made treats and wine for staff who are leaving. It was a lovely event and demonstrates the strength of our positive relationship here at BIST. Thank you to every parent involved in this thoughtful and kind event that is greatly appreciated by our staff community.

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation](#)

[Y1-Y13](#)



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we reach the end of our penultimate week of the academic year, the activities and events are not stopping as you can see from this week's edition. I enjoyed meeting with Parents on Wednesday at the coffee morning where I was able to listen to feedback and also talk about developments for the upcoming year. This includes a new leadership structure at the school, a new Information management system (Bromcom) with a parent and pupil app to support better information sharing and curricular changes to support academic and personal development. I will write separately to parents to introduce and explain these changes with greater detail at the start of the next year. We also have a new PE kit for next year that you will receive a letter about next week.

Today we will be recognising the Achievement of our Year 13 students reaching the end of their BIST journey at their Graduation. We have different events to celebrate achievement and milestones, but this one is of particular significance with some students having been at BIST for over 10 years. I hope you will be able to join us at the Final End of Year ceremony next Friday.

NEW TEACHERS AND CLASSES

Primary students will be enjoying our Move Up morning on Tuesday 24th June. During lessons one and two, the children will be visiting the classrooms of their next year group to become familiar with the environment and complete some fun activities. This year we will not be mixing the classes; children will be moving to their next year group in their current class groups. Parents will receive a letter from the school office on Wednesday advising them of their child's next class teacher along with a short biography about them.

COP FOOTBALL

The COP Football Competition, organised through the Community Outreach Programme on Wednesday, was a celebration of unity and respect, featuring teams from BIST, BGA, and our charity partners Lisi Public School and World Vision. From the first whistle to the final moments, all teams displayed outstanding sportsmanship, enthusiasm, determination, and mutual respect. At lunch-time, hotdogs and burgers were served alongside upbeat music, creating a lively, cheerful atmosphere that brought smiles to everyone present.

The day peaked with a thrilling final: BGA edged out World Vision 3-1 in a well-contested, respectful match, full of spirited rivalry, skills and tricks, and wild celebrations from supporters.

After the final, medals and certificates were presented to all teams, honouring their effort on the pitch and the friendships formed. Though we said our goodbyes at the end of an uplifting day, the connections and memories created are sure to remain.

Thank you to all the participants and supporters, to staff who helped throughout the day, and to all of the teams that provided support. Special thanks go to Sophie and Tina. Our community really came together to make this day the success that it was.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Lions Charity Basketball Tournament 2025 took place at BIST on June 14-15 with 8 teams taking part.

Our team secured a victory against the Italian School but faced tough competition in Group A, losing to GAHS and Oakleaf. As a result, they did not qualify for the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals, IB Mthiebi defeated GAHS 67-55, while IGS overcame Oakleaf 66-55.

The 3rd place match saw a dramatic comeback, with Oakleaf overturning a 15-point deficit to defeat GAHS.

In an exciting final, IB Mthiebi won against IGS, claiming a well-deserved trophy—building on their earlier success with a 3rd place finish at the Lions Invitational Basketball Tournament 2025 in February.

The tournament was supported by several notable sponsors, including Aversis, Shoot 360, Zaza Pachelia Academy, and others, contributing to a vibrant and memorable event.



4D MZIURI PARK TRIP

On Wednesday 18th June, Class 4D enjoyed a fantastic outing to Mziuri Park as a reward for being the LKS2 winners for their Book Week video entry. The weather was perfect, and the children had a brilliant day. They explored the park, performed on the amphitheatre stage, and shared a picnic lunch before having fun on the playground. A wonderful day out all round!



SPORTS RESULTS

Handball

On June 13-14, our LIONS U10 handball team participated in the Handball Championship finals. They narrowly lost two closely contested matches—against Okros Verdzi (12-8) and Karishxala (12-9). Despite the results, the team secured an impressive 4th place in the final rankings.

This is a remarkable achievement, especially considering it was their first-ever championship appearance. Well done to our young athletes for their determination and teamwork!

Football

On June 18, our Year 6 & 7 football team played a closely contested match against BGA, finishing in an exciting 2-2 draw.

Our team took an early lead and held it for most of the game, but BGA managed to equalise in the final two minutes.

Petr and Jakob delivered outstanding performances, making a strong impact both in attack and defence.

Our U10 football team had their biggest win of the season against Tam with it finishing 12-1 in the end they have their semi final this evening against Baski.

Our U9 football team had a heavy defeat in their semi Final against Iberia 2017's Elite Tbilisi league squad losing 9-0. Despite the score the players involved gave their all throughout the match and had a number of opportunities to score throughout the match.

The Junior League football teams had their presentation evening on Thursday with all teams being celebrated and awards going to.

U12

Coach's Award: Petr

Players Choice Award: Jakob

Most Improved: Cristian

U10

Coach's Award: Fracios

Most Improved: Kiasha

Players Choice Award: Nicolas

U9

Coach's Award: Mattia

Players Choice Award: Kian

Most Improved: Gustas



DofE SILVER PRACTICE JOURNEY

This week, a group of twenty-one Y10-11 students proved their mettle in a Silver level Duke of Edinburgh's International Award trip. The intrepid explorers took part in three days of hiking, rafting, and camp craft activities. Throughout the experience, they demonstrated resilience and teamwork while building character and skills that will last them a lifetime.

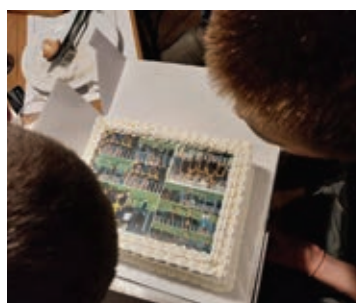
The Award is an internationally recognised and highly formative programme that is valued by universities and employers alike. We look forward to welcoming a new cohort in 2025-26 and encourage students to find out more if they are interested in taking part.

Most of this trip's students will take part in one last expedition in September to complete their Adventurous Journey section of the Award. Join us in wishing them luck!



KS3 - 5 SPORTS AWARDS

On 18th June, footballers from the Key Stage 3 to 5 Boys football teams came together for a Georgian supra to celebrate the season and each other's achievements. There were some fun awards given out to deserving individuals for their questionable kit choices and for losing balls over the main stand, as well as recognising standout performers in different positions, the most improved player and the individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the team.



HOUSE UPDATE

With the end of term comes the end of the 2024-25 House Competition! It's been extremely rewarding to see our students engage in friendly rivalry throughout the year, whether battling it out in sports tournaments, showing up for their team in weekly challenges, or putting in the hard work in and out of class.

With that in mind, we can give a final shout-out to those who managed to make it to some House Point milestones in the last few days: Samantha K (7Z), Sara P (7Z), Ekrem R (8A), Aslan K (9A) and Stefan K (9Z) all hit 50 HP, while Mariia M (7A), Tornike K (8Z) and Nadia R (8Z) reached 100 points – congratulations! Well done also to the Primary Tigers for crossing the 5000 HP mark.

We rounded out this week with the last in our trilogy of student vs staff football games. This time, it was the turn of Y9 and Y10, who impressed on the field and held the teachers to a knife-edge 3-3 draw. An inspiring display from our young (and one or two older) players!

Please note that the winners of this year's House Competition will be announced during a special assembly next week, so we won't give any spoilers here...

YEAR 7-8 RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 7/8 residential to Aragvi Adventure Centre was a fantastic success. From ziplining with Mr Blacksell and Mr Voschenko to water fights and volleyball, the students threw themselves into every activity with real enthusiasm.

Mr Whybro's campfire stories kept everyone entertained at night, while the hiking with Ms Rhodes and Ms Savage offered winding valleys and quaint villages. Mr Murray's 5am patrol on Day 2 to round up early wanderers and get them back to their tents was met with quiet footsteps and guilty grins.

The Georgian food was excellent, the toasted marshmallows a hit, and the atmosphere throughout was relaxed, happy and full of laughter. The students were a credit to the school: well behaved, positive and great company.



HOUSE POINTS



PANTHERS
10023 POINTS



PUMAS
9677 POINTS



LEOPARDS
8443 POINTS



TIGERS
7886 POINTS

PRIMARY AWARDS

Fantastic Friend Certificates 20.06.25

Foundation 1	Gawargios, Victor	Year 3W	Chuxian, Laura
Foundation 2	Isak, Louie	Year 4B	Zaid, Sofya
Year 1S	Sofia, Leia	Year 4D	Noah, Zlata
Year 1T	Asya, Elias	Year 5A	Kiasha, Lekso
Year 2H	Alejandra, Aldric	Year 5H	Erdem, Sebastian
Year 2P	Avishag, Liliana	Year 6K	Andria, Alma
Year 3M	Simon, Davide	Year 6P	Abigail, Anna E

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. Sophie Kasrashvili
Head of Administration
& PA to Principal

20th June, 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
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