



## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

### ● 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

## SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:  
[Foundation](#)  
[Y1-Y13](#)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With just 4 weeks remaining until the end of this Academic year, there is no let up in the learning and experiences taking place across the school - as this Newsletter shows! It was great to see the Y12 students returning to lessons this week with just a few of their examinations remaining. I spoke this week about the importance of attendance during the Parent Coffee Morning. A recent government study in the UK has shown that students with 95-100% attendance were 1.9 times more likely to achieve good GCSEs in Maths and English than students with 90-95% attendance. They were 3 times more likely to achieve this result than students with 85-90% attendance. This really reinforces how important every day at school is for our children's future success.

In addition to this, I also believe in the power of memorable learning experiences and how they form a strong character and shape our older selves. Our ongoing commitment to making these a central part of life at BIST, whether it be trips, events, sports, performances, volunteering or leadership opportunities; are all so important for the personal growth of our students. I am looking forward to the final month of term and having the opportunity to celebrate this year's successes together.

## PARENT COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday we welcomed parents to a presentation about our Secondary School, explaining the changes from Primary and the opportunities for personal and academic growth and development. Please find here a link to the presentation for those parents unable to make the [presentation](#).

## PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL COMMUNITY CLEANUP

This week, our Student Council led a litter pick at Lisi Lake to help keep the area a safe, clean and serene environment. Armed with gloves, bin bags and a great attitude, the students worked hard to collect as much litter as they could. They set themselves the ambitious goal of filling five bags and came impressively close! Their teamwork, determination and commitment to making a difference were truly inspiring. Well done to everyone who took part!



## MUSIC EXAM SUCCESS

Olga (Year 7) has achieved a Distinction pass in Grade 2 Acoustic Guitar with the London College of Music. Congratulations to her on this fantastic accomplishment — an inspiring result that reflects her dedication and talent!



## SUMMER CAMP 2025

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for our Summer Camp 2025, open to children aged 4 to 14 years. The camp will run from June 30 to August 1, Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm. The programme includes a wide range of engaging activities such as Robotics, Cooking, Swimming, STEM, Karate, Wall Climbing, Music, Art, Sports, Lego, and Field Trips. To make it even more accessible for families, we are happy to offer a 10% discount for siblings and for bookings of two or more weeks. For more information and to register, please visit the BIST [website](#).

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**JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>**



## Y10 IGCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

The Year10 IGCSE Geography students visited the River Dighmistaskli on Thursday 22nd May to conduct a series of tests along the river. Tests included the depth, width and velocity of the river. The students will then compare their results to the theoretical model of Bradshaw and write up their IGCSE coursework.



## MATILDA JR PERFORMANCE AT JUNIOR THEATRE FESTIVAL

The combined BIST and BGA theatre troupe recently earned Best Choreographic Work at the Junior Theatre Festival 2025 in Birmingham, impressing judges with their performance from Matilda among 64 international groups.

Beyond the competition, students enjoyed a rich theatrical experience in London, including a West End workshop focused on Matilda and attending performances of Matilda the Musical and Wicked. They also explored various London attractions like Madame Tussauds and Regent's Park. The troupe is now set to perform Matilda the Musical Jr. locally at Theater Factory 42 on June 11 and 12.





## KS1 SLEEPOVER

On Thursday evening, the children and staff from the Year 1 and 2 classes took part in the much-anticipated KS1 Sleepover. After the school day ended, pupils enjoyed a rotation of activities, including a quiz, crafts, yoga, and creative art sessions. The evening continued with a celebratory pizza party and a movie. Later, the classrooms were transformed into cosy campsites, where the children settled down and enjoyed a peaceful night's sleep before sharing breakfast together the following morning.



## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 6 students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Lagodekhi, filled with adventure, learning and fun. A particular highlight was an educational nature walk through the Lagodekhi Protected Areas, where students observed local wildlife and learned about the region's unique ecosystems. The group also enjoyed an exciting hike through the forest, challenging themselves while appreciating the stunning scenery. After a day of exploration, the students had a well-deserved break with games and laughter by the pool. It was a wonderful balance of education and enjoyment, leaving everyone with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for nature.



## HOUSE UPDATE

This week, in Primary, Y5-6 ducked and weaved their way through a dodgeball tournament, with the Pumas coming out on top. Well done to the Y3-4 students who showed up for their House and took part in a geography quiz on Friday, and especially to Mattia R (4D) for getting the top score! Both the Primary Leopards and Pumas have now passed the 5000 HP mark, a real reflection of the hard work and positivity of so many students. It's been a quieter week in Secondary, while students are focusing on their assessments, although a special mention goes to Sara N (7A) for racking up a century of House Points!



## HOUSE POINTS



**PANTHERS**  
**8881 POINTS**



**PUMAS**  
**8595 POINTS**



**LEOPARDS**  
**7244 POINTS**



**TIGERS**  
**6842 POINTS**



## LIONS ACADEMY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Ana T (Y3), Elle G (Y2), Emil Z (Y5), Iren E (Y6), Luca (Y4), and Amirkhan G (Y4) participated in the Primary Friendly LIONS Tennis Tournament, where BIST and BGA students competed against the European School.

Several exciting matches took place, with our students showcasing their skills, determination, and hard work. Elle narrowly missed out on a spot in the finals, losing a close deciding match in the semi-finals. Emil, on the other hand, remained undefeated throughout the tournament and confidently claimed the championship title. He was the only student undefeated during the tournament.

Thank you to all the participants, and we look forward to many more achievements in the future.



## SPORTS RESULTS

On Tuesday, May 27th, our LIONS Volleyball team hosted Green School and secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory (25-23, 25-27, 15-12). The girls demonstrated exceptional dedication and teamwork throughout the match. Benita was one of the top-scorers of the game.

On Wednesday afternoon the U9s and U10 football teams had games against Marby.

The U9s went down narrowly 4-3 to Marby which is a significant improvement on the previous game against the same opposition. The team has really grown throughout the season, special mention to Gustas who created two great chances from some excellent play.

The U10s had a tough frustrating game where they went down 3-1 despite having hit the post 4 times and registered 20 shots in the second half. The team showed their resilience continuing to play and create goal scoring opportunities right up until the end of the game. Constantine impressed in the game creating a number of chances for his team in the second half through excellent hold up play.



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**30<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**

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