



*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"*

*Helen Keller*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BIST CALENDAR

#### ● September

8th-Monday Key Stage 3 Parent Meeting - Theatre at 08:45am  
10th-Wednesday Key Stage 4 & 5 Parent Meeting-Theatre at 08:45am  
17th-Wednesday-Parents Reps Meeting 08:30am  
24th-Wednesday-PCA Meeting  
30th-Tuesday-Primary Parents Meetings 'settling in'

#### ● October

1st-Wednesday-Primary Parents Meetings 'settling in'  
1st-Wednesday-Parent Coffee Morning  
6th-10th International Week  
6th-Monday-Breakfast with the Principal (KS4&5 Y10-13)  
8th-Wednesday-Breakfast with the Principal (KS3 Y7-9)  
9th-Thursday-Breakfast with the Principal (KS2 Y3-6)  
10th-Friday-Breakfast with the Principal (EYFS & KS1)  
10th-Friday-International Gala (set up from 2pm - event starts 4:30pm)  
14th-Tuesday-School Closed-Public Holiday Svetitskhovloba  
15th-Wednesday-Class Rep Meeting 08:30am

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been great to see so many parents attending the presentations this week for Primary.



As well as being able to pass on some key information about the organisation of the school, there have been lots of questions and opportunities for suggestions. You will see this week the addition of the Coffee Mornings, Class representative and PCA meetings to the calendar.

## YEAR 5-IPC ENTRY POINT: MAKING NEW MATERIALS

As part of the Entry Point for our new IPC unit, Making New Materials, Year 5 explored frozen hands. Pupils worked in groups, using their inquiry skills to ask questions and share ideas.

Some of their fantastic questions included:

- Why are some parts of the hand cloudy and white?
- How long do you think it took to freeze the hand?
- What will happen if we soak it in water?

We are excited to continue this unit with hands-on experiments and plenty of opportunities for discovery!



## PRIMARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rainy Days

As the weather begins to change, please ensure your child comes to school with a rain jacket and suitable footwear. We will continue to play and work outside when there is light rain, so being prepared is important.



### Late Entry to Primary School

If your child arrives after 8:40, please remind them to check in with Mr. Simon in the Primary building. He will update the register, helping us avoid any mistakes in recording attendance.

## SCHOOL MENU

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



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW UNIVERSITY COUNSELLOR

### Dr. Caradoc Peters – University and Careers Guidance

We are delighted to introduce Dr. Caradoc Peters as our dedicated University and Careers Guidance Counsellor. Dr. Peters brings a wealth of expertise from both sides of the admissions process, having worked as a



university admissions officer as well as advising students directly on applications to universities, scholarships, and future employers.

His track record speaks for itself: he has guided students to secure places at world-leading institutions such as Oxford and Stanford, while also supporting others to successfully access colleges and universities that best fit their individual needs and aspirations.

Crucially, Dr. Peters' work begins well before the final year of school. He supports younger students in building a rich portfolio of skills, experiences, and achievements that create a compelling personal story—one that strengthens future applications and opens doors to a wide range of opportunities. For students who are still uncertain about their next steps, Dr Peters can recommend activities and pathways that keep options open while nurturing confidence, ambition, and direction.

This personalised, future-focused guidance ensures that every student, whatever their aspirations, has the tools, knowledge, and support to make the strongest possible transition from school to the next stage of their educational or professional journey.

## SECONDARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The VI Form leadership positions will be decided over the next week, and we're looking forward to interviewing a wide range of strong applicants. The VI Form team are excited to see the passion and ideas students will bring to these important roles. We will have chosen our Head Students by this time next week!

## AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM-PRIMARY



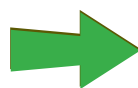
This week we launched our afterschool sports program for Primary. We now have dedicated training sessions for both boys and girls from Year 3.

This term's focus is on basketball, and we hope to organise some friendly fixtures for the students in the coming weeks.



## NEW SPACES

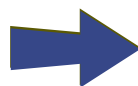
As you know, several important location changes have recently taken place. To avoid any confusion, you will now see color-coded signs starting from the old Administration building:



**Green-BIST administration**



**Red-Head of Primary Simon Rooney**



**Blue-Doctor's office**



**Yellow-Sport's Cafe**

You will also notice a banner with **QR codes**, designed to make navigation easier for parents and visitors. By scanning the codes, you will be guided directly to your desired destination.





## AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Activities have made a fantastic addition to our second week of school. It is a real treat to see our students enjoying life outside of the classroom.

As we move forward with activities and look forward to developing this programme, now is the time to ask for feedback. Please send any comments, suggestions and solutions to Mr. Browning-Stamp. [t.browningstamp@bist.ge](mailto:t.browningstamp@bist.ge)  
Mr. Browning-Stamp is currently working on the following points:

- How to ensure popular activities which become over-subscribed are fairly distributed.
- Waiting lists have been started in Primary School for oversubscribed activities. We would encourage families to make sure they have a number of choices for each activity in case one of their options is full.
- For Term 2, we will liaise even more closely with Lions Academy to share our activity offerings at the same time in December.
- Increasing sporting opportunities for students.

If your child has not yet signed up for activities, please do encourage them to come and see me in Office 201. Students are very welcome to drop in during breaktimes or lunchtimes (Primary pupils will need to ask for permission from their teacher). Activities have already made a fantastic contribution to our second week of school, and it is a real privilege to see our students embracing life outside the classroom with such energy and enthusiasm.



## PRIMARY AWARDS



### Fantastic Friend Certificates 05.09.2025

Foundation 1	Bar, Dion	Year 3W	Liya, Vavara
Foundation 2	Gawargios, Lea	Year 4B	Karen, Keto
Year 1S	Aleksandr, Zoe	Year 4S	Mark C, Zlata
Year 1T	Isak, Maria	Year 5P	Elene, Vika
Year 2C	Matvey, Erhan	Year 5C	Emili, Noah
Year 2L	Elias, Emilia	Year 6K	Ava, Kiasha
Year 3M	Alexander, Mark	Year 6P	Charbel, Serafina

***Congratulations to all our winners!***



HOUSE POINTS	 <b>PUMAS</b> 98 Points	 <b>TIGERS</b> 85 Points
	 <b>LEOPARDS</b> 75 Points	 <b>PANTHERS</b> 75 Points

**Robert Snowden**  
Principal

**Tom Browning Stamp**  
Assistant Principal (Co-curricular)

**Thomas Thuston**  
Vice Principal Secondary (Pastoral)

**Joe Daly**  
Vice Principal Secondary (Academic)

**James Parker**  
Head of Sixth Form

5<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

**Simon Rooney**  
Head of Primary

**Katie Karmazyn**  
Assistant Head of Primary

**Sophie Kasrashvili**  
Head of Administration

**Nina Rusishvili**  
Attendance and Data Manager

**Ia Sisauri**  
Communications and  
Events Manager

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