

"The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them."

Czesław Miłosz

UPCOMING EVENTS

● November

10th Mon. -14th Fri.		Anti-Bullying Week This years theme 'Power for Good'			
10th Mon.		UK London PA Trip Departs (Y7-13)		TBS International Airport	
10th Mon.		Whole School Odd Socks Day			
11th Tue.		Remembrance Day			
11th Tue.		Year 6P Visit to Museum of Illusions		Museum of Illusions, Tbilisi 8:30 - 12:30am	
12th Wed.		PCA Meeting Christmas Planning		Secondary Building Room 203/1 8:30am	
12th Wed.		Year 6K Visit to Museum of Illusions		Museum of Illusions, Tbilisi 8:30 - 12:30am	
13th Thu.		Secondary Portrait Day			
14th Fri.		UK London PA Trip Returns (Y7-13)		TBS International Airport	
17th Thu.		Primary Portrait Day			
19th Wed.		Parent Rep Meeting		Primary Canteen 8:30- 10:00am	
26th Wed.		PCA Meeting		Secondary Building Room 203/1 8:30am	
27th Thu.		6P Class Assembly 6P Parents Invited to attend		Theatre 9:30- 10:00am	
27th Thu.		Sixth Form A Level Presentation			

PORTRAIT DAY REMINDER



We are excited to capture our students' portraits soon!

- **Secondary: Thursday, 13th November**
- **Primary: Monday, 17th November**

If your child is unable to attend on these dates, a make-up day will be scheduled in Term 2.

Please take a moment to review the [Uniform Policy](#) and ensure your child arrives dressed appropriately for their portrait. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to shine and be part of our school memories!

Thank you for your support in helping us make Portrait Day run smoothly.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been another week at BIST full of exciting events and activities. It was great to see parents in school watching our Primary students performing. This approach of class assemblies really allows every student to grow in confidence.



I am proud of our Sixth Form students who have completed a phone amnesty and they have been reflecting on how this changes the social interactions within school. (The Sixth Form are the only section of the school that are allowed phones in their designated area).

Thank you as well to our parents that attended the Online Safety Coffee Morning. Raising awareness of the reality of a digital age and the potential for harm that can come from that is part of our duty towards Safeguarding. Please do look at the presentation if you were not able to attend. There are also links to other websites with lots of information for you.

Finally, please can I ask you to take some time to complete our Annual Parent Survey. It is so important that we are listening to all parents and using feedback constructively to focus on the right areas to support our school community development. This survey will be done at this time every year, so thank you in advance for your time in completing it.

UNIVERSITY & CAREERS

Each week, Dr Caradoc Peters provides advance notice of upcoming university visits and events via [this link](#). Students are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions, as they offer



valuable insights into different types of institutions, destination countries, and the wide range of programmes available - not just the familiar ones.

SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation / Y1-13](#)



Year 4B Bring Ancient Egypt to Life!



Year 4B have been exploring the fascinating world of Egyptian gods in their English lessons. They showcased their learning in the first assembly of the year, performing a lively and dramatic piece that delighted the audience. Judging by all the smiles and applause, it was a great success! To make the experience even more memorable, Mr Matthew transformed the students into Egyptian gods themselves, a truly divine performance!



PRIMARY AWARDS



Reading Superstar Certificates 07.11.25

Foundation 1	Cooper, Bar	Year 3W	Herkus, Yuan
Foundation 2	Andrew, Alexandre	Year 4B	Kopala, Amelia
Year 1S	Emily, Nicholas	Year 4S	Leyi, Jan
Year 1T	Yusi, Isak	Year 5P	Hanna, Mizuki
Year 2L	Jules-Eren, Malgorzata	Year 5c	Platon, Lih
Year 2C	Vova, Vytis	Year 6K	Emma, Aruuke
Year 3M	Alejandra, Nina	Year 6P	Ashinsana, Aleqsandre

Congratulations to all our winners!

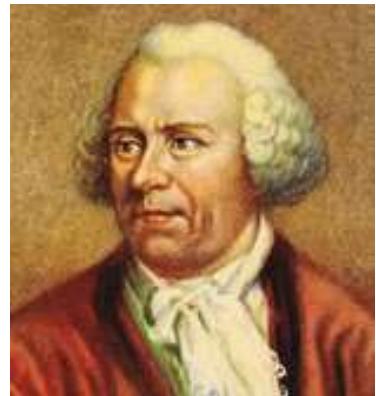
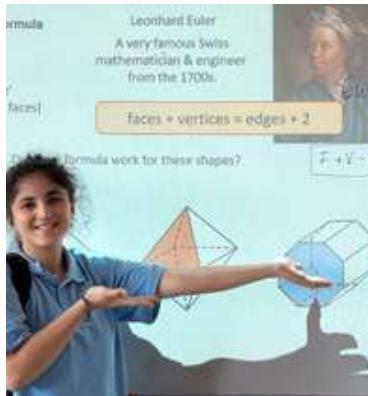
HOUSE POINTS

PANTHERS 177 Points	PUMAS 225 Points
LEOPARDS 238 Points	TIGERS 238 Points

A Journey Back to the 18th Century in Mathematics!

This week, our Year 8 students embarked on a creative journey into the world of 18th-century mathematics. They stepped into the shoes of the legendary mathematician Leonhard Euler, exploring the fascinating realm of geometry.

We are thrilled to highlight the achievement of Mia M., who made an impressive discovery mirroring Euler's own work in 1750 - uncovering the relationship between the Faces, Vertices, and Edges of polyhedrons. A wonderful example of curiosity and mathematical thinking in action!

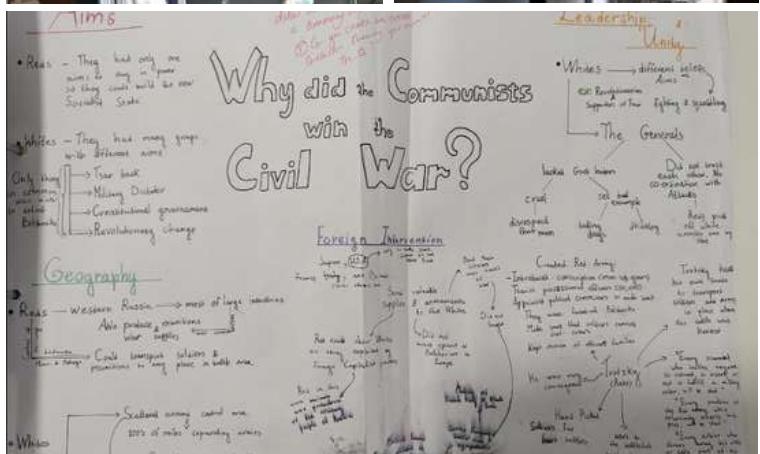


Effective Note-Taking Workshop

This week, our secondary students took part in an engaging presentation by Mr Parker and Ms Abbott on effective note-taking, focusing on the highly regarded Cornell Method. This structured system helps students go beyond simply recording information encouraging them to think, summarise, and question as they learn.

As part of our school-wide focus on Scholarship, this initiative equips students with essential skills for independent learning and future success at IGCSE, A-level, and beyond. We encourage you to ask your child to show you their notes using this new method!

Please see the presentation [here](#).



Anti-Bullying Week Starts Next Week

Next week, our school will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2025, running from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November. This campaign, coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, aims to raise awareness of bullying and promoting kindness, respect, and inclusion in schools. This year's theme is "Power for Good", encouraging everyone to use their influence to support others and stand up to bullying. Throughout the week, students will take part in PSHE lessons focused on empathy, friendship, and standing up to bullying, as well as assemblies exploring the theme of "Power for Good." We also encourage all students to speak to a trusted adult if they witness bullying or unkind behaviour - together, we can make our school a safer and more respectful place.

Odd Socks Day Launches the Week on Monday!

We'll be kicking off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November. Students are invited to wear odd socks with their normal school uniform to celebrate individuality and remind us all that it's okay to be different. It's a fun and simple way to start important conversations about acceptance and respect.



The Safeguarding Column: Online Safety Basics

children are spending more time online, so it's vital to understand the platforms they use. Talk about privacy settings, appropriate content, and how to report concerns. A simple rule: if they wouldn't say it face-to-face; they shouldn't post it online.

Please check the [website](#) regarding the online safety guidelines.



Parent Coffee Morning: Online Safety Discussion



On Wednesday, 5th November, our school was delighted to host a Parent Coffee Morning, where we engaged in a very insightful and meaningful discussion on Online Safety.

We would like to thank all the parents who joined us and contributed their thoughts and questions. Your active participation and collaboration help us continue building a safe and supportive learning environment for our students both on and offline.

Please see the presentation [here](#).



Community Connections Update

This week, Community Connections held another successful bake sale, raising an impressive 230.70 GEL in support of Dog Organisation Georgia. A big thank you to Hanna, Masho, and Ishi for their wonderful efforts and creativity in the kitchen. Congratulations to this week's winner, Ishi, whose delectable apple pie stole the show! We are also delighted to announce the four finalists for the upcoming Great BIST Bake Off Final: Kiko (Year 7), Mariia (Year 8), Nadia (Year 9), and Ishi (Year 11). The final will take place in the coming weeks, and we can't wait to see their showstopping creations.

Beyond the kitchen, our volunteers have been busy with their latest project - litter-picking around Lisi.

This initiative will continue until the Christmas break, offering offering students a meaningful way to care for and take pride in the environment surrounding our school. Many thanks, as always, for your support!



Our Students in the COBIS Art Competition



Best of luck to our talented secondary students, Dasha S. (Year 10A) and Kristina S. (Year 13Z), who have entered this year's COBIS Art

Art Competition

Competition with their creative and thoughtful pieces inspired by the theme "Through Another's Eyes."

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Day is a time when people across the world pause to remember those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts, and to reflect on the importance of peace. It began after the First World War and is marked each year on the 11th of November, when the fighting came to an end in 1918. At BIST, our diverse community comes together to honour this tradition, showing respect for those who have made sacrifices for others and recognising the shared hope for a more peaceful and compassionate world.

On Tuesday, 11th November at 11:00 a.m., BIST will pause for one minute of silence to reflect and remember all those who have lost their lives in conflicts around the world. This moment of quiet remembrance allows our whole community to come together in respect and gratitude - to honour the bravery, sacrifice, and resilience of people and nations affected by war, and to reflect on the importance of peace and unity in our world today.

Mr. Parker led the school's Remembrance Sunday assemblies, reflecting on the significance of the day and encouraging students to consider the sacrifices made by ordinary people during times of conflict. Through thoughtful discussion and moments of quiet reflection, the assemblies provided an opportunity for the school community to remember and pay their respects.



BIST U13 Football Team Advances to Semi-Finals!

Our U13 football team delivered an outstanding performance in the recent Tbilisi Independent School Sports League, showing determination, teamwork, and true BIST spirit in every match.

Match Highlights:

- BIST 0-2 European School – Despite a tough start, the team fought hard, with Alexander U making over ten superb saves and showing great composure in goal.
- St. George's 0-3 BIST – A dominant display with solid defence and confident attacks. Sandro's two penalty saves and excellent play from Nicolas and Francois (Year 6) secured the win.



- QSI 0-2 BIST – Another strong performance, with Dorian and Jakob both scoring powerful headers to seal the victory.

With three wins from three matches, the team has shown remarkable growth and sportsmanship, earning a well-deserved place in the Semi-Finals against Newton. Congratulations to all our players and coaches for their fantastic effort and positive attitude good luck in the next round!



Important Update: Upcoming Mock Examinations (Years 11, 12 & 13)

Our first mock exams will run from Wednesday, 19th November, to Thursday, 27th November. They give students valuable practice under real exam conditions and help teachers spot strengths and areas to improve. Year 13 students' results are particularly important, as they contribute to Predicted Grades for university applications. We fully appreciate that this can be a stressful time. The schedule has been designed to be manageable, with a maximum of two exam sessions per day and a long break in between. Additionally, the schedule includes a free weekend in the middle of the exam period for rest and final revision.

We thank you for supporting your child's preparation and wish all our students the very best in these important assessments.

Please see the presentation [here](#) for full guidelines.

Sixth Form took part in a Phone Amnesty

This week, our Sixth Form took part in a Phone Amnesty – a week without mobile phones during the school day. The aim was to help students focus better, step away from constant notifications and social media pressures, and spend more time with each other face-to-face.

Daria in Y13 said: "I enjoyed being less distracted this week. When you have your phone on you, you feel compelled to check it all the time, but I don't really need it during the day as I have my laptop for work. I think it was a positive experience."

This initiative supports our BYOD policy: we value the use of technology for learning, but also want students to develop healthy, balanced digital habits. The week offered a meaningful reset – and a reminder that sometimes, putting the phone away opens up space for better thinking, wellbeing and connection.

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November 7th, 2025

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