

*"No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment."*

Carol Dweck

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BIST CALENDAR

#### ● September

17th-Wednesday-Parents Reps Meeting 08:30am  
24th-Wednesday-PCA Meeting 8:30 am  
24th-26th Duke of Edinburgh International Award-Silver Expedition  
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)  
9th-Friday-International Gala (set up from 2pm - event starts 4:30pm)  
10th-Friday-Breakfast with the Principal (EYFS & KS1)  
14th-Tuesday-School Closed-Public Holiday Svetitskhovloba  
15th-Wednesday-Class Rep Meeting 08:30am

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been another busy week in school! I have enjoyed being in the Secondary presentations in which some great discussions about how we can collaboratively support our children have been taking place. Our potential Head students have also been applying, interviewing and talking with students as part of the selection process. We will be sharing information about the different student leadership appointments next week. We begin our cycle of Class Rep meetings next week. Thank you if you have volunteered for being a class representative. If you would like to be involved, please do contact Mr Tom Browning Stamp (email on the footer). We are particularly keen on getting more involvement from our Secondary parents.



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

This week, Year 3W ventured outdoors for their very first learning sessions by Lisi Lake. The students built their own shelters, exploring teamwork and creativity in nature. They also learned how to use a small handsaw safely to cut wood, developing practical skills and confidence. It was an exciting start to hands-on, outdoor learning!



## REPORTING, TESTING & ASSESSMENT DATES 2025-2026



Please find here the full schedule of **Reporting, Testing and Assessments for the Academic Year 2025-2026** We encourage all parents to review the dates carefully and save them for future reference.

## SCHOOL MENU

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



## 131 PARENTS ATTENDED OUR WELCOME PRESENTATIONS!

Over the last couple of weeks, our school was delighted to welcome parents across all Key Stages for a series of engaging and informative presentations.

These sessions provided an excellent opportunity for families to hear directly from our leadership team about the year ahead, key priorities, and the ways in which we will be supporting students academically, socially, and personally.

On September 4th, KS1 parents joined us for a discussion on the importance of strong foundations in early learning, while KS2 families on September 5th explored how we build independence and confidence as pupils move through the Primary years. This week KS3 parents had the chance to learn more about the transition into Secondary, and KS4 and KS5 parents met with staff to focus on exam preparation, pathways, and preparing for life beyond school.

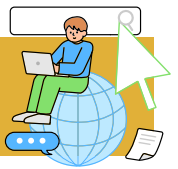
We are grateful to all those who attended and contributed thoughtful questions and feedback. These partnerships are at the heart of our school community, and we look forward to working closely together throughout the year to ensure every child flourishes both in and beyond the classroom.

Please find the attached presentations for your relevant Key Stage if you missed the meetings.

- [Key stage 1 parent Presentation](#)
- [Key stage 2 Parent Presentation](#)
- [Key stage 3 Parent Presentation](#)
- [Key stage 4-5 Parent presentation](#)



## YEAR 6: CRACKING THE CODE OF DATA PACKETS



This week in ICT, Year 6 explored how information travels across the internet. We learned that when you send a message, it doesn't go all at once - it's broken into smaller 'data packets' that travel around different routes before being reassembled at their destination. To bring this to life, students worked in groups to draw, label, send and re-build cut-up images as data packets. They also experienced first-hand what happens when network issues arise, as packets arrived in the wrong order or went missing! Students loved the challenge, and it helped them understand how everyday apps and websites work behind the scenes.



## EXPLORING ART AND DESIGN IN TBILISI

This week, our A-Level Art and Design students explored Tbilisi to support their personal projects, focusing on Georgian religious iconography, jewellery, and mid-century modern design.

They made observational drawings at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, browsed antiques at Dry Bridge Market, and toured the Golden Treasury at the Georgian National Museum.

Also, here's a photo of Art Club students working with clay!



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AT BIST

Last week, Community Connections -BIST's new club for charity, fundraising, and giving back – proudly elected its very first leadership team:

- **Chairperson: Sandro G.**
- **Treasurers: Mariam P. Mariia I.**
- **Fundraising Lead: Ketí G.**
- **Community Liaison: Mariam P.**
- **School Engagement: Sofia I. Alyona E.**
- **Impact & Reflection: Hanna R.**
- **Media & Communications: Nina D.**

The team has already been busy planning their first initiative. On **Wednesday, 17th September**, they will host a **Bake Sale** at lunchtime. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and enjoy a variety of delicious homemade treats (**5 GEL each**). This time, Year 7 students will take the lead in baking – with a little help from their families if they wish – and their creations will be entered into a fun competition for Best Bake (judged by teachers) as well as earn valuable House Points.

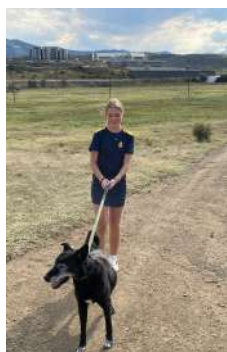


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All funds raised will go to **DOG Organisation Georgia**, supporting the care of dogs at the shelter.

In addition, Community Connections members have already begun weekly dog-walking sessions every Wednesday at the shelter. This has been a heartwarming way for students to connect with and support the wider Lisi community.



## PRIMARY AWARDS

### Reading Superstar Certificates 12.09.25

Foundation 1	Julia, Amaliia	Year 3W	Eden, Andre C
Foundation 2	Emily, David	Year 4B	Gosha, Davide
Year 1S	Nicholas, Emily	Year 4S	Daniil, Youhanna
Year 1T	Lucas, Luca	Year 5P	Nana, Oscar
Year 2C	Nick, Lea	Year 5C	Ravid, Sesili
Year 2L	Olivia, Kira	Year 6K	Daniel, Philippa
Year 3M	Avery, Elizabeth	Year 6P	Maohan, Nicolas

**Congratulations to all our winners!**



## INTERNATIONAL GALA EVENING

Preparations are well underway for our much-anticipated **International Gala Evening** on **Friday, 9th October**, a celebration of the rich cultural tapestry of our school community. With students representing over **40 countries**, the event promises an inspiring opportunity for parents and students alike to discover and appreciate the diversity around them. Guests will enjoy engaging cultural showcases, traditional performances, and the chance to savour exquisite international cuisine. The gala is a true reflection of our global spirit, bringing everyone together to celebrate the uniqueness and vibrancy of our school.



**British International School of Tbilisi**

**9TH OCTOBER, 2025**

**4:30 - 8:00**

## YEAR 8Z'S MAGICAL STAGECRAFT: HOGWARTS COMES ALIVE!

This term, our creative Year 8z Drama students have been busy designing and building imaginative stage sets inspired by Harry Potter. Combining the magic of theatre with the innovation of STEAM, they are learning how storytelling, design, and engineering come together to create unforgettable stage experiences. Their work beautifully showcases creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving in action.



## HOUSE POINTS



**PANTHERS**

147 Points



**PUMAS**

214 Points



**LEOPARDS**

143 Points



**TIGERS**

182 Points

## CLASSLIST-OUR SCHOOL'S PARENT COMMUNITY APP

We are excited to remind you that our school uses Classlist, a secure and user-friendly app for parents to connect, communicate, and build community. Through Classlist, you can:



- Stay informed about school news and events
- Connect with other parents in your child's class
- Organise playdates, parties, and activities
- Buy and sell items within the parent community

### Joining Classlist

You can join Classlist by clicking this [invite link](#). Simply register, add your child's details, and select the correct year group and class.

**Important:** The previous year's class lists have already been updated, so if you are already on the system, you won't need to change your child's class.

We strongly recommend that all parents join Classlist, as we plan to develop communications in this app in order to improve connection and engagement within our parent community. This ensures everyone is connected to the right class community from the start.

## PARKING DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

From Monday, 15th, at 3:30, some BGA primary students will also be collected from the top gate next to BIST. This is a far safer place for younger children to be collected and will help ease congestion around the bottom roundabout. We are asking staff at the school to park in certain zones that will make more space in the car park for parents. Please see the link explaining the zones and procedures [here](#).

Punctuality has been very good this year. Please allow extra time in the mornings as traffic is expected to increase with Georgian schools reopening next week.

September 12th, 2025

**Robert Snowden**  
Principal

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

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

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

**James Parker**  
Head of Sixth Form

**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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