

"There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure."
Paulo Coelho

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIST CALENDAR

● November

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		

● December

1st. Mon.	Breakfast with the Principal (KS4&5 Y10-13)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
2nd. Tue.	Y5C (Group 2) Trip to Modi-Pottery and Ceramic Workshop in Tbilisi		
3rd. Wed.	Breakfast with the Principal (KS3 Y7-9)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
3rd. Wed.	Night at the Theatre (pt1) (Y9-13)	Theatre	4:30-6:30pm
4th Thu.	Y1S Trip to Mziuri Park	Mziuri Park	9:30-12:30
4th Thu.	Breakfast with the Principal (KS2 Y3-6)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
4th. Thu.	Y5P (Group 2) Trip to Modi-Pottery and Ceramic Workshop in Tbilisi		
5th. Fri.	Breakfast with the Principal (EYFS & KS1)	Space Cafe	8:30-10:00am
5th. Fri.	Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness	Whole School	
10th Wed.	Parent Coffee Morning	Primary Canteen	8:30-10:00am
11th. Thu.	5P Class Assembly 5P Parents Invited to attend	Theatre	9:30-10:00am
13th. Sat	BIST Christmas Market		11:00am-3:00pm
19th. Fri.	Christmas Community Sing Along	Sports Hall	
19th. Fri.	Last Day of Term 1		

BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

We warmly invite you to join our Breakfast with Principal sessions. Your participation is incredibly valuable, as it strengthens our school community and supports your child's learning journey.

Please see the schedule and join us for an enjoyable and informative morning with the Principal!

- 1st December, Mon. - KS4&5 (Y10-13) 8:30-10:00am
- 3rd December, Wed. - KS3 (Y7-9) 8:30-10:00am
- 4th December, Thu. - KS2 (Y3-6) 8:30-10:00am
- 5th December, Fri. - EYFS & KS1 8:30-10:00am

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week has been genuinely uplifting, from interactions at the school gate to discussions with our students in the school. I want to thank our community for the continued positivity and support.


Our Class Representatives met with me on Wednesday to share thoughtful feedback on student supervision, clubs, buses, extending the school to parent groups and the BYOD policy in secondary. Their honesty and willingness to help improve school life for everyone is inspiring. Through open feedback, our shared ideas will help us fine-tune our provision to ensure every child feels supported, engaged, and safe. We will share details of the meeting in next week's newsletter.

I was also reminded this week of the power of a 'growth mindset' when speaking with some of our older students in the midst of exams. When students recognise that their abilities develop through effort, practice, and courage, they begin to welcome challenges rather than fear them. Seeing mistakes as stepping stones, not setbacks, helps us grow in confidence as learners and individuals. This is certainly a theme and belief we will be focusing on in the coming term to support positive mental wellbeing as well as academic achievement.



HOUSE POINTS!

Congratulations to our primary students in the Pumas house, who have won the weekly house point totals another four times! Next Friday, all Pumas house students in **Primary are invited to come to school dressed in their house colour: blue.** This is a special house celebration, not a regular non-uniform day, so please ensure outfits are blue-themed.

 PANTHERS 487 Points	 PUMAS 551 Points	 LEOPARDS 370 Points	 TIGERS 438 Points
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SCHOOL MENU

Please find the menu for next week below:

[Foundation](#) / [Y1-13](#)



BECOME A SPONSOR FOR THE BIST CHRISTMAS MARKET 2025!

We are thrilled to invite you to sponsor our Christmas Market on Saturday, 13th December 2025, at the school campus. This festive event attracts up to 700 visitors and supports local charitable organisations.

One of the highlights of the market is our Christmas Raffle, and we would be honoured to have you as a sponsor. Donations - whether products, vouchers, or services - will support local charitable organisations. Please note that 100% of entrance ticket proceeds will go directly to these causes.

If you would like to participate or learn more, please contact Ia - our Communications and Events Manager at i.sisauri@bist.ge for details.



13 DECEMBER

BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE BIST CHRISTMAS MARKET!

JOIN US AND MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!



Leo Kvachadze 17, Lisi Lake Area

PRIMARY AWARDS

Marvellous Mathematicians Certificates 21.11.25

Foundation 1	Ella, Atlas	Year 3W	Ori, Arina
Foundation 2	Shabdan, Andrea	Year 4B	Milana, Karen
Year 1S	Kira, Zoe	Year 4S	Minori, Daniil
Year 1T	Solomon, Ellen	Year 5P	Kuzey, Ravid
Year 2L	Emilia, Nurbol	Year 5C	Ana, Vivian
Year 2C	Ariana, Lucas	Year 6K	Nika, Noah
Year 3M	Ontla, Beyza	Year 6P	Jiarui, Serafina

Congratulations to all our winners!

SHARE YOUR CAREER EXPERTISE AND INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS!

At BIST, we are proud to have such a diverse and talented parent community, representing a wide range of professions, skills, and experiences. Over the coming weeks, we're excited to build a database of parents who would be interested in sharing their professional journey and insights with our students.

Whether you're an entrepreneur, engineer, artist, scientist, or specialist in any field, your knowledge

and experience can make a real difference in inspiring the next generation. Opportunities could include giving a short TED-style talk, leading a workshop, or even supporting our students through work experience or mentoring.

If you'd like to get involved, please take a moment to complete this short questionnaire: [Career Contacts Questionnaire](#)

Thank you in advance for your support and for helping us enrich our students' learning beyond the classroom. Your contribution will help connect education with the real world and show our young people the exciting paths their futures could take!



BLAST OFF INTO SPACE - FOUNDATION 1

During our IPC Foundation 1 Blast Off Space lesson, the children eagerly explored the wonders of space. With curiosity, imagination, and confidence, they learned about planets, stars, and what it means to travel beyond Earth.

Together, they designed and built a vibrant rocket model, decorating it with their own creative ideas. This hands-on activity encouraged teamwork, fine-motor skills, and sparked a genuine sense of awe.

It was a joyful and engaging experience that truly brought our space theme to life!



TASKMASTER FUN IN ACTION!

This week, our Year 4B students took on a hilarious Taskmaster challenge: they had to draw a portrait of the Taskmaster - with one person blindfolded and another not allowed to draw! The activity was full of teamwork, creativity, and plenty of chaos, resulting in some wonderfully funny portraits.

Check out the pictures from this memorable challenge!



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FOUNDATION STAGE OPEN EVENTS

We are excited to announce an opportunity for parents with children from 2-4 years old to come and join us in learning and experiencing early education at BIST. There will be a range of indoor and outdoor activities that will give you an insight into the importance of learning in the Foundation Stage.

We encourage you to bring anyone interested in seeing our wonderful BIST community.

Time: 10 am - Midday

- **Friday 28th November - sign up [here](#).**
- **Friday 5th December - sign up [here](#).**
- **Friday 12th December - sign up [here](#).**

GCSE AND A LEVEL DRAMA SHOWCASE

Dear Parents, we are delighted to invite you to a very special event, Night at the Theatre, where our Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students and Year 12 A Level Drama students will showcase their exam performances. The showcase will take place on Wednesday, 3rd December, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the school theatre at the BIST secondary building.

Please kindly note that these performances involve mature themes and language that are only suitable for Year 9 students and above.

Seats are limited, so please reserve your place by emailing [Stacy Corless](#).

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the creativity and hard work of our drama students!

Weekly Sports Highlights

U18 Girls – 17 November 2025

Our U18 Girls team secured a well-deserved 3-2 victory against BGA. The match was competitive from start to finish, and our players showed excellent resilience and discipline to come out on top. Congratulations to the girls, who will now **play in the final on 28th November at 16:30 at QSI**.

U15 Boys – 18 November 2025

The U15 Boys played two intense matches this week. In the opening game, they narrowly lost 3-6 to Maarif despite a strong offensive effort. In their second fixture, BIST came close to a draw, falling 0-1 to St. George's after a tightly contested match. The boys demonstrated great improvement, teamwork, and fighting spirit throughout both games.

U18 Boys – 20 November 2025

The U18 Boys faced BGA and played with determination. Despite creating several promising opportunities, the match ended in a 2-4 loss. Special congratulations to Demetre E. (Y11), who scored both goals. The team showed strong commitment and continues to build momentum for the upcoming games.

Overall, we are extremely proud of all our athletes for their efforts and for representing BIST with dedication. We look forward to more exciting matches in the coming weeks!



FOOD TASTING OPPORTUNITY

We are pleased to announce that next week we will be offering parents the opportunity to sample a selection of dishes from our school menu.

By opening our kitchen to you, we hope to give parents a clearer understanding of the meals children enjoy each day and to gather valuable feedback that will help us continue improving our catering provision.

We will be hosting three tasting sessions from 3:00–3:25pm on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, and Friday 28th. Each day will feature a different variety of dishes from our weekly menu, and parents are welcome to sign up for one, two, or all three sessions.

Please see the menus [here](#).

Kindly complete the sign-up form [here](#) to confirm your attendance.

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH IN SIXTH FORM

Last week, some of our Sixth Form student leaders delivered a thoughtful and impactful assembly to their peers in Years 12 and 13, focusing on the importance of emotional wellbeing and mental health.

As parents, one of the most valuable ways to support your child is simply to ask how they're feeling - not only about school, but also friendships, pressures, and stress. Listening without judgement builds trust and helps identify early signs of anxiety or low mood.

By working together, we can ensure our young people feel safe, heard, and valued, fostering a supportive school community for all.

For more information please check this [website](#).

Robert Snowden
Principal

Thomas Browning Stamp
Assistant Principal (Co-curricular)

Thomas Thuston
Vice Principal Secondary (Pastoral)

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21st November, 2025

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