



11 September 2020

Secondary News

A word from Ms Andronikos

Block 1 Week 3

The week started with a virtual assembly celebrating the Mathematics block. Every week, students are vying for house points and the Mathematics award up for grabs at the end of the block as they solve the problem of the week in every assembly. There will also be a Pi reciting competition at the end of the block; the world record holder recited Pi to 70 000 place values and it took 10 hours! Always setting the bar high, Mr. Batson, Head of Mathematics is keen to see what BISL students of all ages can do!

Another important aspect of the week, was the invitation for any student who feel that they display the qualities of a leader, live by the values of the school and are a good role model for other students to look up to, to apply for the roles of Student Council member, House Captain, Prefect or Head boy and Head girl. In these roles, students will be responsible and involved in various aspects of school life, be confident and respectful with very good communication skills. Students who are keen for these roles need to register their interest and will be decided before the end of the block. Good luck to all students applying for these leadership positions.

Additionally, this week, the Year 7 & 8 students went to the seaside. It was a great trip, challenging students in their physical and lifestyle skills. Thank you to the teachers who cared for our students. Next week the Year 9 and 10 students are going on their Adventure Trip. The teachers attending are Mr Damjan, Mr Irving, Ms Clayton and Mr Kirwan. I wish those teachers and students the very best for a safe trip.

I wish all families a wonderful and safe weekend.

Stephanie Andronikos,
Head of Secondary

Enrichment Saturday 5th September

Here are some photos taken from the final of our three [Enrichment Days](#). Both students and teachers enjoyed these days very much with the final event focusing on the Arts and the sciences.



PE News - Adventure Days for Year 7 and Year 8

Dear Parents and Students,

I am pleased to announce our Autumn adventure Trip for Year 9 and Year 10 will take place from Thursday 17 - Friday 18 September 2020.

The adventure trip will last 2 days, so students will need to arrive at school by 07:45 on Thursday morning and will return around 17:00 on Friday. Please make arrangements for their collection from the school around that time.

- Please [CLICK HERE](#) or open the **attached file** with the **Trip presentation** where you will find all the important information.
- Please note that due to the logistics I would kindly ask you to [CLICK HERE](#) and fill out the following **Mandatory form**. By completing the form you are also confirming your child's attendance on the trip (**due date of application is next Monday 14 September 2020**).
- The students should have with them an ID document and health insurance card.
- **Hiking shoes/boots are mandatory.**

Adventure trips build self-confidence, team spirit, cooperation among peers and independence as well as serving to provide the physical exercise in the great outdoors that students do not often get in the city. As a school we strive for academic excellence, however, nurturing the emotional, spiritual, and physical growth of all our students is equally important.

The students will be accompanied by four members of staff:

- Mr Anže Damjan (Trip Leader)
- Mr Simon Irving
- Mrs Fushia Clayton
- Mr Kieran Kirwan

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Trip Leader, Anže Damjan

Here are some photos that have just arrived from the current Year 7 and Year 8 trip.

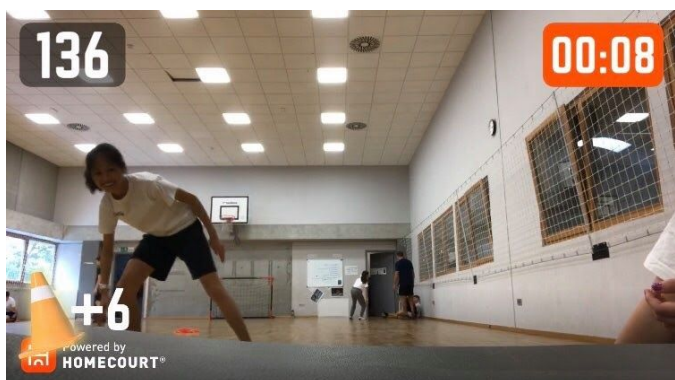


PE NEWS

This week in PE pupils have been exploring the use of technology in sport. They have evaluated the use of technology in a range of sports and thought about the advantages and disadvantages of using sport technology to test their own levels of fitness. Pupils specifically used an App called HomeCourt where they tested their lateral quickness, reaction time, and cross court fitness. Pupils worked fantastically within teams to achieve the highest team score possible.

Please be reminded that all pupils should now be wearing the BSL PE uniform. This is mandatory in all PE lessons. Our Year 9 pupil, Nanoko, shows perfectly how the PE uniform should be worn and

has even created her own creative way to store her school uniform during PE lessons.



Ms Sharpe - PE Teacher

MFL News

Slovene

This week we have been discussing ourselves and our families in Year 10 and Year 11. The students did an excellent job with their work. They presented their family through diverse activities such as a comic book, song, story, Instagram page, interview ... There were so many ways to show their potential and creativity. Super!

Miss Košec, MFL Department

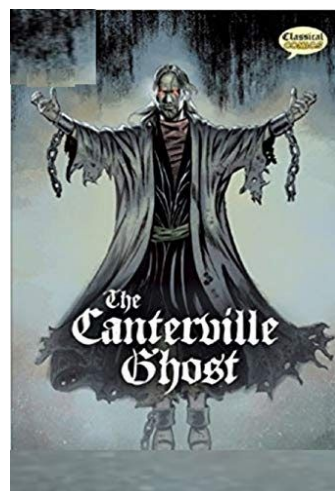
Performing Arts News

Year 7A have worked really hard on their keyboard skills/keyboard duets this week. They have learnt how to play with correct technique and have developed their ability to play in time with another person. They are a model class.

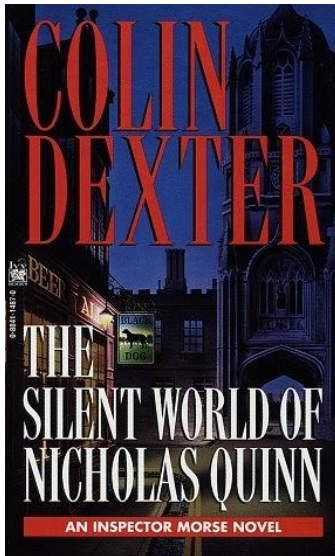
Performing Arts Department

English News

This week Year 7 continued their work on the Oscar Wilde story "The Canterville Ghost" and looked at the power of description with adjectives through the five senses



Year 8 worked on a unit about a story of the famous Detective - Inspector Morse



Year 9B - They have learnt all about accent and dialect, and did a small performance in front of Mr Walton, and they all got a prize for embracing their inner Geordie. Maria also shared with the class some of her wonderful poetry

Year 10 took an in depth look into the skill of descriptive writing.

Year 11 continued exploring a variety of unseen poetry.

Year 13 English Literature have been wading our way through 32 Emily Dickinson Poems.

Miss O'Regan, Mr Eve. Mr Kirwan English Department

Update from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week at school as we have continued to plan online lessons alongside following a normal timetable. I would like to recognise this hard work from the staff across the school who are currently preparing, organising and thinking ahead. In the last week, we have seen the number of COVID-19 cases in the '[second wave](#)' rise in Slovenia ([over 70 new cases in each of the last two days](#)), we've had nearly 190,000 students across the country return to school this month and the recommendations from the ministry of health have

remained at a very high level.

Due to this information, we have maintained our guidance in place for everyone to follow. It is tempting to reduce areas and offer more quickly, but with safety the priority, it is imperative that we think of everyone in the community. I can appreciate that we will have differing opinions on safety measures such as masks, hygiene, and even handshaking, through to social distancing, but we have to make a decision that is in the best interests of everyone in our community.

Please continue reading my [full update here](#) with further details about safety measures, drop off and pick up procedure reminders, Adventure Days, Learning Walks and more.

Kind regards,

Paul Walton
Principal

Dates to Note

September

Weds	16th September	E-Safety at BISL Presentation
Thurs - Fri	17th - 18th September	Year 9 and Year 10 Adventure Days
Thurs - Fri	23rd - 24th September	Year 11, 12 and 13 Adventure Days
Fri	24th September	House Colours Dress Down Day / Last day of Block 1

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