



22nd April 2023

# Secondary News

## A message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

It has been a real pleasure to pop into lessons this week and see the learning taking place around school. In Year 9 Geography, students produced their own board games on development, Year 2 were learning about the Water Cycle through keywords, visuals and a song and dance and in **Year 7A** English, students were encouraged to use the persuasive techniques they had learnt in a piece of writing. I was very impressed to see how engaged students were in their learning and how happy they were to talk about what they were doing.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the notebook appeal for *Karitas* to raise money for disadvantaged children. We will be collecting the notebooks (new, large and lined) until June. Finally, a reminder that the school is closed from Thursday 27th April and reopens again on Wednesday 3rd May. As a result, there will not be a newsletter next week. Enjoy the holiday!

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Mel Hitchcocks  
Principal

## A word from Mr Travis

### Block 6 Week 3

It was a pleasure to escort Year 12 to the wonderful city of Trieste on Monday, together with Mr Batson. Year 12 students began the day with a visit to the Slovenian Secondary School "France Prešeren" to learn more about the culture and traditions of Trieste vis a vis the Slovenian population in Trieste. Students also got to mingle with students of their own age to compare experiences. Following lunch, students attended a very informative university fair at the International School of Trieste, learning about various courses and places of study around the world. A great day had by all.





Year 11, 12 and 13 students leave us on Friday, as study leave begins. We wish them all the best with their ongoing revision and upcoming exams. Study hard but remember your mental health! Please parents, do check in with your children and ensure those healthy learning habits are in place. With grit and determination I am certain that every single one of you can achieve your potential.

For the rest of us left behind at school, we have an action-packed couple of months ahead! Please remember that the upcoming Adventure Days are a true privilege and opportunity to take your learning beyond the walls of BISL. Superb in-school behaviour and attendance between now and then is a prerequisite to be included on this trip. Thank you to Ms Fairchild for putting together such a mouth-watering array of activities for our students.

Significant academic and curriculum planning is now underway for next academic year. How time flies!

Please be sure to read the latest Update from the Principal and I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Head of Secondary  
*Mr Jonathan Travis, Head of Secondary*

## Science block

This week in science experiments club students set

fire to powdered sugar (icing sugar) by blowing it into the path of a lit piece of wood, with some very dramatic results!



## Second hand clothes drive

A reminder that Science block will see us organising a second hand clothing drive to promote sustainability. This is particularly important for the clothing sector as fast fashion has a significant negative environmental impact. There will be an empty plastic box located within the entrance of the school with a clear sign showing where to donate. The second hand clothes will be donated to the charity "Društvo verjamem vate", a charity that sells second hand goods to help people with disabilities become more included into society. Please donate any unwanted good quality second hand clothes, jewellery, books and shoes by the 5th May.

## MFL News

### **MFL - Slovene Advanced**

Congratulations to Year 11 Slovene Advanced students, Taja, Mia, Andraž, and Andreas, for their hard work and dedication in completing their internal examination for Slovene language.

We wish them all the best as they await their examination results and continue on their academic journeys.

*Ms Kotnik*

### **MFL - Slovene Foundation**

With the assessments just around the corner, it is time for our secondary students to start revising and preparing for the challenges ahead. However, revision doesn't have to be a boring task. Year 8 students have taken a creative approach to revision by creating their own board games as tools for studying.

The concept is simple: students design board games that cover topics they need to revise. The games are then played in groups, with players taking turns to answer questions or perform tasks related to the topics covered on the board.

We wish our students the best of luck and hope that the creative revision techniques will inspire others to take a similar approach to their learning.

*Ms Jakup, MFL department*

### **PE news:**

Throughout our PE lessons this week, we continued to explore and develop our striking and fielding skills,

across a range of sports. **Year 7** continued to work on their kickball skills, focusing on the importance of finding space and running the bases effectively when part of the kicking team. **Year 8** developed their ground fielding and catching skills when playing baseball, whilst **Year 9 & 10** were exposed to competitive cricket, understanding the importance of building partnerships when batting.

In addition, **Years 7, 8 & 9** visited Atlantis, where they took part in a range of swimming activities. A huge thank you to Mr Černi for organising the swimming days.

*Mr Hayes, PE Department*

## Maths news

**Key Stage 3** and **Year 10** students sat in their Block 6 quiz this week. They were tested on their knowledge of current and past topics. Additionally, they were able to take part in a brief peer improvement exercise, allowing them to learn from each other and enhance their knowledge further.

As **Year 8** students explored the field of statistics, they uncovered the intricate process of collecting, interpreting, and analysing data. From setting hypothesis, developing research questions to choosing the appropriate statistical methods, they gained a deeper understanding of how data can be used to draw meaningful insights and conclusions.





**Year 10** students recalled how to use Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometric ratios to solve problems in right-angle triangles. Then they learnt the terminology and notation of simple vectors.

**Year 11 and 13** students discussed the examination criteria and noted the materials they must bring. They consolidated their learning on various topics and set a rigorous study plan in order to be well prepared for the upcoming exam.

**Maths challenge wall:**

Check out new challenges posted next to the room 316.

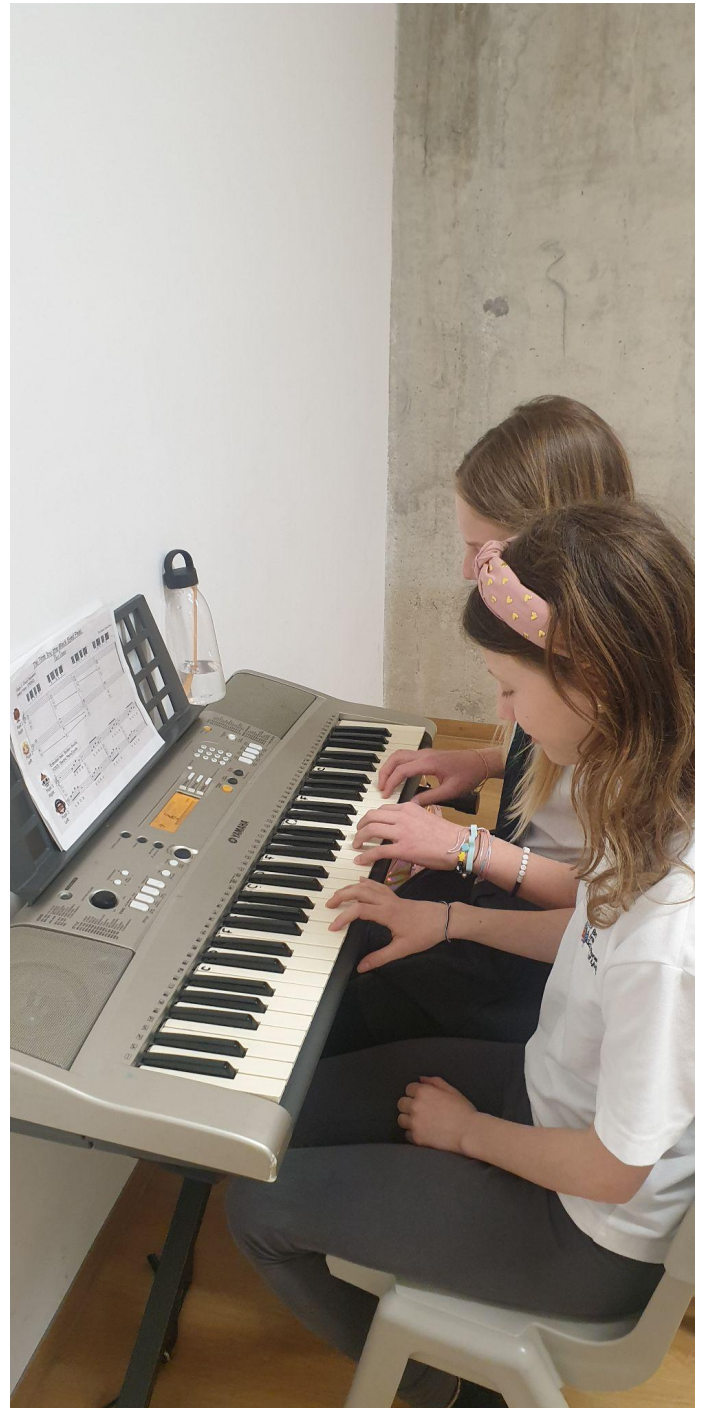
*Ms Zupanc, Maths Department*

**Performing arts news**

**Year 7B** have been working on their freeze frames around the stimuli 'refugee'. They had to put themselves in the shoes of a refugee and include a thought tracker to make the freeze frame come to life.



**Year 8** are currently doing keyboard skills in this block, learning how to play with two hands and in time with another person or a backing beat.



**Year 9** performed their own drama's using a chosen stimulus. They had to think about transitions from one scene to the next, include cross cutting and a monologue.



## Dates to Note

Weds	April 26th	Exotic animals visit	
Weds	April 26th	UKMT Maths competition	
Thurs	April 27th	Public Holiday - School closed	
Fri	April 28th	School closed	
Mon	May 1st	Public Holiday - School closed	
Tues	May 2nd	Public Holiday - School closed	
Fri	May 5th	Coffee with the Principal	

All upcoming events and details are available on our [website](#).

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## School Calendars

For Term dates and school holidays, [click here](#).

