



3rd June 2023

Secondary News

A message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Preparations are currently underway for the next academic year and I was able to share some of these with parents who attended *Coffee with the Principal* on Thursday:

Playground: The ground survey is complete and we are waiting for the architects to provide us with plans for the new playground. As soon as I have confirmed plans, I will share these with you.

After-School Clubs: Last week I met with the Student Council to learn about their wishes for the next academic year. One of the issues raised was for students to have more say in what after school clubs are provided. As a result, this week students have been encouraged to tell us what after-school clubs they would like to see. The ideas they have come up with will be presented to staff in August and will form the basis of our after school provision next year.

High School Musical Performance: We are looking at ways to ensure that more of you can attend the parent performance and we will be in touch once details are finalised.

There will be more news to share with you over the remaining few weeks of the term. In the meantime, enjoy the weekend.

Mel Hitchcocks, Principal

A word from Mr Travis

Block 7 Week 2

The first Adventure Day trip was a huge success, with Year 7 and 8 students enjoying a myriad of seaside activities, including stand-up paddle boarding and paddle boating, alongside plenty of sporting activities. It was great to see students forging new bonds with their peers and pushing themselves to try something new. That is what these trips are all about and what makes BISL such a special place. Many thanks to Ms Fairchild for organising the trip and to the staff who went along. Year 9 and 10 up next!



Final preparations for International Day have been taking place this week. We have the opening flag ceremony in the morning - an event the students are very excited about - followed by the International Fair in the afternoon, where I imagine there will be lots of delicious treats on offer! International Day gives everyone a chance to come together and learn about the different cultures that are represented at BISL. We are a true melting pot and respect for each other is a founding value of BISL.

Well done to Mr Hayes for energising so many of our students in the BISL Olympics! There have been competitions and activities galore this week and the contest between the houses is hotting up. Finally, amidst all the end of year challenges and celebratory events, Ms Štok has managed to deliver the PTE/PTM exams to targeted year groups. This will give us specific data that will enable our teachers to plan lessons with the appropriate level of challenge. Thank you Ms Štok!

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

Jonathan Travis
Head of Secondary

MFL News

MFL - Slovene

In our Slovene Advanced and Foundation lessons for Key Stage 3 and 4, this week was dedicated to speaking and writing assessments. The students showcased their progress and received valuable feedback on how to further improve. During the assessments, we focused on developing speaking and writing skills in Slovene. The students demonstrated growth and mastery of key language elements. In addition to the assessments, we provided constructive feedback, highlighting their strengths and offering guidance for enhancing their speaking and writing abilities.



Ms Drofenik and Ms Kotnik

PE news:

Block 7, Week 1

Secondary PE had a very exciting week two of the BISL Olympics. Year seven and eight students had vigorous football and beach volleyball tournaments. While our year nine and ten students had compelling beach volleyball and Danish longball tournaments. Throughout all events our students have continued to show excellent sportsmanship and fair play. Currently, the BISL Olympics have a tie between Sapphire and Emerald followed by Zircon in third place and Hessonite in fourth. The PE team wishes all houses the best as we greatly look forward to another week of fantastic sporting events and fair play in week three.

Here are the current BISL Olympics scores. (02/06/23):

Zircon: 250
Sapphire: 278
Hessonite: 219
Emerald: 278

The BISL Olympics will continue throughout the whole school, across Block 7.

Ms Fairchild, PE Department

Maths news

Key stage 3 and **Year 10** students continued to solve examination-style questions as part of their preparations for the final assessment and subsequently took the exam. They were tested on all topics covered this year and their initial reactions were satisfactory.



After their test, **Year 10** students began to summarise the first few core chapters in order to be ready to tackle the extended content next week.

Year 7 and 8 students were split into groups and given instructions and criteria for the upcoming project called students as teachers.

Year 9 students solved problems involving speed and travel graphs, as well as compound measures.

Maths challenge wall:

Check out new challenges published on Monday next to room 316.

Ms Zupanc, Maths Department

Science News

Year 7:

Year 7 continued to revise for their end of year assessment next week and focused their efforts on fossil formation, soil properties and space. One of the unusual facts they covered as part of their space

revision, of which there are many, is the fact Uranus is the coldest planet within our solar system. This is strange as Neptune is actually further from the sun, astronomers aren't sure why this is the case but one theory is the internal heat within is unable to escape at all; unlike other planets within our solar system.

Year 8:

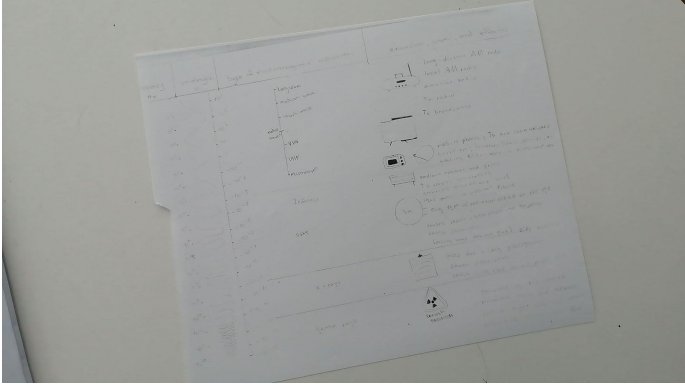
This week **Year 8** students started revising for their end of year assessment. It can feel overwhelming, thinking about all the topics we have covered this year, but the students realised they actually remember a lot. Perhaps this is because of spaced learning and including previous block topic on all assessments. **Year 8** students worked on their revision by diving into biology topics such as Plants, Diet, Digestion and Respiration and Breathing.

Year 9:

In all three sciences **Year 9** students are currently preparing for their end of KS3 assessment.

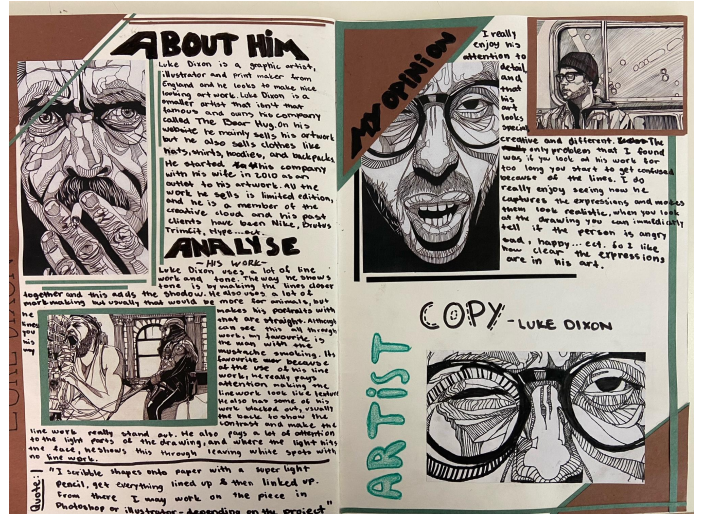
Year 10:

The **Year 10's** created and presented their presentations on Electromagnetic spectrum and the practical uses of X-Rays, IR light, Radio waves and Gamma rays. They were also very creative in creating the revision materials displaying the range of EM waves and their visual applications.



Creative Arts news
Art Year 9

For their creative portraiture project, this week Year 9 have been focusing on their Luke Dixon personal responses. In previous lessons they researched the artist and produced fantastic artist research spreads in their sketchbook. These included artist copies to gain an understanding of Luke Dixon's technique. They worked directly from their own image to produce a self portrait applying mark making techniques like Dixon. I think you will agree that they produced some amazing outcomes!



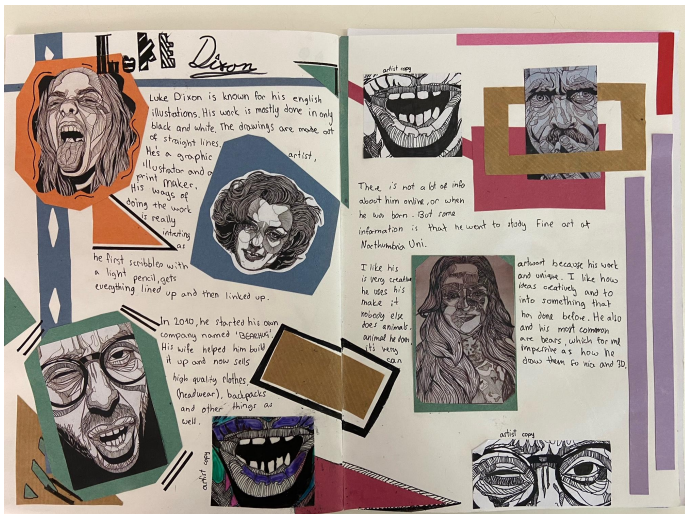
Year 10 Art

This week Year 10 have been planning for their personal response. Based on their selected artists they have been testing and trialling the best bits with a range of materials. They have analysed their own studies, reflecting on what worked and what didn't and have been working directly from their own photos and compositions. Next week they will start their personal response at A2 size! We look forward to the outcomes.

Ms Hawkins, Art Department

Dates to Note

- Tues June 6th Seminar for parents - Inside the Teen Brain
- Wed- Fri June 7th - 9th Adventure Days Year 9 and Year 10
- Thurs- Fri June 8th-9th Book Fair (New Building 14:00 to 15:30)
- Weds June 14th Transition morning



Thurs	June 22nd	Secondary Sports Day		
Fri	June 23	BISL	High	School Musical
Mon- Tues	June 26th - 27th	BISL	High	School Musical
Fri	June 30th	Final day of Term - End of the Academic Year		

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

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School Calendars

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