



10th June 2023

# Secondary News

## A message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who participated in International Day last Friday, it was lovely to meet many of you for the first time and to share in the celebration of our different cultures. Thank you also to Malgosia Paprotny for delivering an informative presentation on the teenage brain to parents on Tuesday and to the Orbital Regional Head of Schools and former BISL Principal, Karl Wilkinson, for visiting the school this week.

I am excited to announce that representatives from our student body are to attend a Model United Nations (MUN) conference held in Tirana in February 2024. Students from Britannica Budapest and World Academy Tirana, both Orbital Schools, will join BISL students from Years 10-12 at this inaugural event. To prepare our students, there will be an MUN after school club starting in September, so if your young person is interested in attending the conference,

please ensure that they sign up to this mandatory club in the new academic year.

Next week, we will be holding our first lockdown practice. This is standard practice in international schools around the world and ensures that we are prepared for the unexpected. We will be speaking to students before the event to explain why we do this so as not to cause alarm and many classes I know will be practicing on Monday.

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 our intrepid Year 9 and 10 students set out on their Adventure Days trip this week and by the looks of the photos they seem to have dodged the rain! An action-packed schedule is already in full-flow, with stand-up paddle and a visit to Postojna Adventure Park on offer. More reports to follow on their return.



BISL teachers have been contemplating the curriculum this week, exploring the potential of the UNESCO Sustainable Development Goals as a prominent thread running through our subject disciplines. Curriculum development is a crucial aspect of what we do at BISL - teacher professional development is centred not just around *how* students learn, but also *what* they learn. While exam results give students the currency of choice, they do not alone guarantee life success. We aim to embed a joy and a love for learning in its own right - it is not simply a preparation for the real world, rather the development of knowledge and a skillset that will equip them for now, as well as the increasingly complex world that awaits. We welcome parent views of the 'what' of our curriculum!

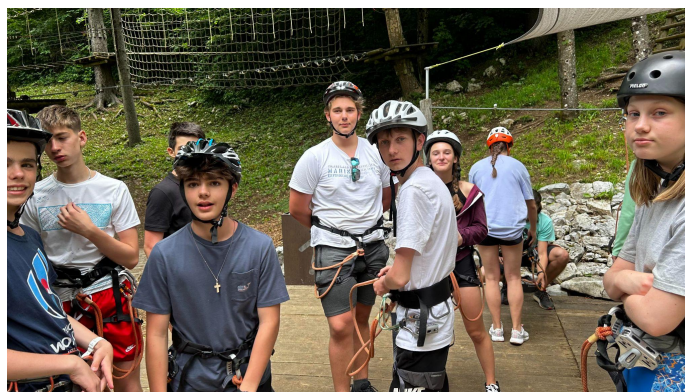
Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are in the final stages of the exam period this week. Almost there! Please try to remain focused until the bitter end and give it your all. A long relaxing summer awaits as your reward. Good luck everybody, one final push.

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

*Jonathan Travis, Head of Secondary*

### Year 9 and 10 Adventure Days.

Here we would like to share a few photos sent to us from the Year 9 and Year 10 Adventure Days that took place from Wednesday to Friday this week.



### BISL Library news

We are thrilled to share the news that the library has been sorted, catalogued and reorganised and will be reopening for students to borrow books again on Wednesday 14th June. Thanks to the enormous success of this week's book fair we have been able to bring a large amount of new exciting books in the library. This photo shows the first of many, many new exciting additions that we cannot wait to share with you.



English Department

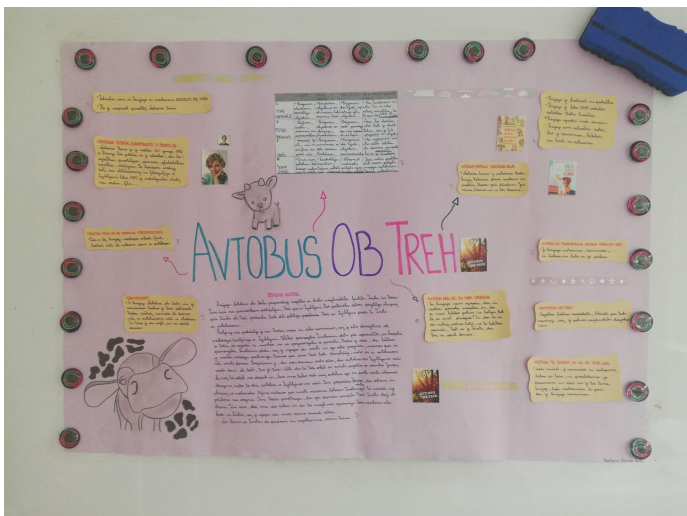
## MFL News

### MFL - Slovene

Year 7 students at Slovene Foundation have been learning about the Four seasons and weather this week. They had to answer questions like "Kaj nosiš spomladi? Kaj oblečeš poleti?" or "Kakšno je danes vreme?". They have practiced clothes vocabulary, colours as well as the 4th case, singular, dual, plural and sentence structure. Odlično, učenci!

*Ms Drogenik, Slovene teacher*

Our Year 8 Slovene Advanced students have been showcasing their dedication and creativity recently, preparing presentations about Slovene literature from their homes. A highlight this week was Nastasia's poster about the book 'Avtobus ob treh' by acclaimed Slovene author, Nataša Konc Lorenzutti. Nastasia demonstrated a deep understanding of the book's plot, characters, and themes, delivering a comprehensive and insightful analysis. Keep an eye out for more updates on our students' journey in the fascinating world of Slovene literature and language!



*Ms Kotnik, MFL Coordinator*

Having finished the assessments, secondary students in Slovene Intermediate group continue to practise their communication skills through different fun activities. In Year 8 they did "lipreading" where one student listened to parts of a Slovene song,

and the other one had to figure what are they were singing, with the help of lip reading.



*--Ms Jakob - Slovene teacher*

### PE news:

## Block 7, Week 1

This week the BISL Olympics events continued and we can see the latest Olympics scores. (02/06/23):

Zircon: 405

Sapphire: 473

Hessonite: 359

Emerald: 481

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

*PE Department*

### Maths news

**Year 7 and 8** students have started to work on their end of year project, where they become teachers for a lesson. The students were split into groups and given instructions to cover a topic that is new to them and create a 30 minute lesson with a starter, main activity and learning summary. They have mostly chosen to use Kahoot and Quizizz for the starter, and have explored fun tasks for their main activity.

**Year 9** students revisited problems involving speed and extended their knowledge to other measurements that involve compound units. From physics, chemistry, and geography, they recognised density, population density and pressure.

**Year 10** students have started to cover the extension topics that will be tested on the IGCSE exam next year. They created comprehensive summaries of core topics in order to recall their basic knowledge. Then they learnt how to use bounds in calculations and how to convert recurring decimals into fractions.

### Maths challenge wall:

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

*Ms Zupanc, Maths Department*

### Science News

**Year 10** students were learning about analog and digital signals as well as their differences and applications to transfer TV, radio and mobile phone signals.

This week the year 9 students and year 10 students performed flower dissections on white lilies. This fun practical helped students to identify the male and female reproductive parts of a flower and how they are involved in pollination and fertilisation as part of the topic on Plant Reproduction. The students really enjoyed this practical because they were able to see parts of a plant they had never seen before. In particular Nikolas from 10B was interested in investigating pollen particles and stem tissue so prepared microscope slides for the class to view under the microscope. Also Ema from 10B was interested in how many ovules were produced in the ovary of a plant which led to some independent research. She found that the Lillie flower typically produces 3-6 ovules (eggs) for pollen to fertilise. This is staggeringly small compared to humans. Did you know that at birth, females have approximately 1 million eggs? This number gradually declines with time, for example, when puberty is reached there is approximately only 300,000 eggs left.





Finally a small group of lucky year 7 and 8 students went to the Marine Biology Station in Piran and attended a lecture about microplastics, a minibar on algae and a workshop on shells. They then enjoyed a paddle in the sea and an ice cream on the beach. Everyone had lots of fun!



## Creative Arts news Art Year 8B

This week **Year 8B** have been working on their artist copies for their project expressive landscapes. We have been exploring Fauvism and the leading artist of the movement. Students chose an artist to explore in depth and produced creative artist research spreads in their sketchbooks. They then learnt about the characteristics of fauvist paintings, such as the bold colours and expressive mark making. Take a look at them working on their painting skills!





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### School Calendars

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

Ms Hawkins, Art Department

## Dates to Note

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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