



BCG Newsletter

12 September 2023





IB results

After months of waiting our IB students finally got their results and we are very happy to announce that our class average score was 31 points, above the IB global average DP score of 30.24 points.

Congratulations to our first International Baccalaureate cohort. They did an amazing job over the past two years. They are a unique group of believers, dreamers, and doers. We look forward to following their progress at university.

GCSE results

This was the first year since the COVID-19 epidemic that the students took the full examinations and we were so proud of their achievements. 88% of results scored were above a 4, 64% above a 6 and over half scored an impressive 7, 8 or 9. Many students did very well but Zoe Marchant scored an amazing six 9s and two 8s!

School Roll

More than 100 new students joined us for the start of this new school year. We now have waiting lists in many year groups.

New Leadership Structure

With the increase in students I have improved our leadership structure to enable us to better care for the children and students at BCG.

In the UK the term 'Key Stage' is used to describe a certain part of a child's education. We have now created Key Stage Coordinators (reporting to Miss Wakelin) and Heads of Key Stage (reporting to me). These are:

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| • Miss Laura Franckeiss | Early Years Coordinator | (Nursery and Reception) |
| • Miss Kerry Ford | Key Stage 1 Coordinator | (Years 1 and 2) |
| • Mrs Helen Stevens | Key Stage 2 Coordinator | (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
| • Ms Clare Edwards | Key Stage 3 Coordinator | (Years 7, 8 and 9) |
| • Mr Ben Ruddin | Keys Stage 4 Coordinator | (Years 10 and 11) |
| • Ms Rachel Fenton | Head of Sixth Form | (Years 12 and 13) |

These school leaders are responsible for the children within their phase. Class Teachers and Form Tutors should always be your first point of contact for any questions or concerns you may have.

Attendance and Start of Day

We will now be reporting attendance on all official documents and transcripts. Please can I remind all parents of the following:

- Children should NOT miss school unless it is absolutely necessary (ie sickness)
- Any absence from school should be requested in advance, in writing to Class Teachers and Form Tutors.
- All late students will be required to sign into school at reception. Primary children must be signed in by parents (or secondary siblings if appropriate)
- Lessons start at 8:45am

Wishing you all the very best for this new academic year.



Mr Mower
School Principal

EYFS NEWS

NURSERY

On behalf of Miss Raquel, Miss Jess and Miss Jade we would like to thank you for the great effort you are making in the adaptation period. We are aware that the beginnings are hard but we must mention that as the days go by the children are feeling more comfortable and confident.



During these first weeks we are offering lots of love to the little ones at school and above all we are enjoying their company. We are identifying their likes and interests and playing lots of fun activities. Little by little the children are interacting more with each other and we are focusing on routines, autonomy and experiential learning.

That said, I just want to welcome you to our little family, the unicorn adventure has just begun!

Miss Raquel, Miss Jess and Miss Jade

RECEPTION



SECONDARY NEWS

YEAR 9

After a rejuvenating summer break, our students have returned, invigorated and ready to embark on their Year 9 journey at BCG. We happily welcome back many familiar faces and several new students this year as well, all of whom have integrated into the school and academic life during the past week.

Year 9 students have embraced the goals of punctuality and attendance, and display their eagerness to create a classroom environment that is both engaging and respectful, allowing each individual to shine.

Change is an inevitable part of life, and the Year 9 class's enthusiastic embrace of the new academic year underscores their resilience as a community of individuals. Indeed, such a strong start to the term augurs well for the year ahead. Watch this space!

Ms Olnick & Ms Tonner



YEAR 10 & YEAR 11

Over the past week, we wholeheartedly welcomed back our students, and it's evident that they are well-rested and poised for a season of academic and educational accomplishments in the Autumn Term. Personally, I find immense joy in the prospect of truly connecting with the students now that I oversee four form groups. As I emphasised in the recent Key Stage 4 (GCSE) introductory assembly, these years are formative, leading up to their first experience of public exams and paving the way for the IB years. It's crucial for them to manage their schedules wisely, being kind to themselves in the process.

The Year 10 students have embarked on their Key Stage 4 journey, with some eagerly embracing the challenge while others may require a bit more time to find their comfort zone. We've stressed to them the importance of not only academic progress but also their emotional well-being and overall health. They should seek healthy outlets, whether it's through sports, socialising with friends, in the pleasure of reading, or immersing themselves in the great outdoors. It's a holistic approach to nurturing their growth during these crucial years.

Kind Regards,

Mr Ben Ruddin
Head of Key Stage 4 (GCSE)

NEW STAFF



Louise Tonner

Psychology Teacher

I am Louise Tonner, new teacher of Psychology.

I have been dedicated to the world of psychology for the majority of my working life! After leaving university, I worked in Scotland's largest psychiatric in-patient unit for children and adolescents. This is where my love of education grew, I was lucky enough to support adolescents with their education, as well as helping to treat their illnesses. I saw first hand the invaluable

support health care professionals and teachers can give to someone experiencing a very tough time. I am currently continuing my psychological education by engaging in a Masters of Science, MSc in Psychology with Health. I truly believe in lifelong learning, we are never done!



Dan Sumner

Year 6A Teacher

I am from Liverpool, U.K. and I live in Gelida with my wife, Gabriela and our two children, Mateo and Lù. I've worked in the U.K., Japan and various international schools in Spain.

I love the outdoors, art, music and reading; elements that I try to incorporate into my teaching as much as possible.



Dana Pavisich

History & Politics Teacher

Hello! My name is Dana Pavisich. I'm originally from the United States. I love cycling, hiking, cooking, and reality TV.

This is my 11th year as a humanities teacher and I can't wait to get started!



Mireia Moncayo Bou

Spanish and Catalan Teacher

Ever since I was a little kid, I have always wanted to be a teacher, this is why I decided to study a Bachelor's degree in Primary education at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

During my previous studies, I had the opportunity to participate in different exchange programs around England and the USA to learn English. Moreover, while I was in college I worked as an English teacher at a language school and also as a dance instructor. Then, I studied one semester at the University of Jyväskylä in Finland, which was an amazing experience that provided me with valuable teaching experience in Finnish schools. Having the opportunity to study abroad helped me discover the different educational systems and reinforced my belief in the importance of learning foreign languages. Consequently, I decided to specialise as a TEFL teacher. Apart from this, during many years I have been involved in different performing arts activities. I dance Ballet, Jazz and Contemporary and I also love drama.



Susie Campbell

PE Teacher

I was born in the Highlands of Scotland, and attended The University of Edinburgh completing a BEd Physical Education. I also hold an MSc in Applied Sport and Exercise Science from Staffordshire University which I completed during my first maternity leave. I have spent the last five years living in Glasgow, however prior to this I spent four years teaching in Texas. Whilst in the USA I taught at a British school and a local American school and loved the attention and priority they gave to their school ethos through sport.

I am enthusiastic about my role as a PE teacher and enjoy the opportunity to create a lifelong love of being active, and developing important characteristics such as teamwork, communication skills, and leadership.

NEW EAL ACADEMY

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 10

Our new EAL Academy lessons are offered to help boost the English levels of students working towards a curriculum level of English, through focusing on communicative skills and key grammar and vocabulary areas. Students who join the after school EAL Academy programme will study 2 additional hours of non-curriculum English as an Additional Language per week at these times:

- Tuesday 16:30 - 17:30
- Thursday 16:30 - 17:30

These lessons are a paid extra, with a fee of 115 euros per month, paid termly. Materials for the classes will be taken from the Cambridge University Press 'Life Adventures' series for primary and 'Thinking Space' for secondary students, at the appropriate CEFR level.

Mr Fassam

ECAP NEWS

ECAP TERM 1

Our ECAPs are up and running! This year we continue to run a variety of extracurricular activities in the afternoons, Monday to Thursday, from 4:30 to 5:30pm, trying to accommodate the student and family interests. We are quite full already, and some clubs have run out of space! If you would like more information on these activities, please write to ecap@bcgava.com and we will be more than happy to help. Please see the posters attached with info for each day.

**FUNDAMENTALES
MULTISPORT**

¡DISCOUNT!

NURSERY TO YEAR 2

1 day per week: 80€ /term
2 days per week: 10%discount: 144€ /term
3 days per week: 15% discount: 204€ / term
4 days per week: 20% discount: 256€ / term

**ECAP
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MONDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
80€/term

**SECONDARY
STUDIES**
Y7 to Y13
Free

COOKING
Y3 to Y9
190€/term

FOOTBALL
Y7 to Y9
100€/term

CHESS
Y2 to Y13
130€/term

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ROWING
Y6 to Y13
Special
conditions

**PRIMARY
HOMEWORK**
Y1 to Y6
Free

**RYTHMIC
GYMNASTICS**
Y1 to Y6
130€/term



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TUESDAY

4:30-5:30pm

LEGOMAKER
Nur to Y2
190€/term

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y6
80€/term

SEC. STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

TENNIS
Y3 to Y6
80€/term

YOGA
Y7 to Y13
80€/term

DANCE FUSION
Y4 to Y9
130€/term

ROWING
Y6 to Y13
Special
conditions

**PRIMARY
HOMEWORK**
Y1 to Y6
Free

**CLIMBING
BEGINNERS**
Y2 to Y6
130€/term

BASKETBALL
Y7 to Y13
100€/term

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WEDNESDAY

4:30-5:30pm

BASKETBALL
Y3 to Y6
100€/term

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
80€/term

SECONDARY STUDIES
Y7 to Y13
Free

SCIENCE CLUB
Y3 to Y6
100€/term

ROWING
Y6 to Y13

PRIMARY HOMEWORK
Y1 to Y6
Free

ECAP
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FOOTBALL
Y10 to Y13
100€/term

MARTIAL ARTS MUGUENDO
Y3 TO Y9
130€/term

CLIMBING INTERMEDIATE
Y5 to Y9
130€/term

VOLLEYBALL
Y5 to Y9
80€/term



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THURSDAY

4:30-5:30pm

MULTISPORT
Nur to Y2
80€/term

ROWING
Y6 to Y13
Special
conditions

**SECONDARY
STUDIES**
Y7 to Y13
Free

FOOTBALL
Y3 to Y6
100€/term

**MINECRAFT
CODE CLUB**
Y2 to Y6
190€/term

**CLIMBING
ADVANCED**
Y5 to Y13
130€/term

ECAP
2023-24

**JUDO/SELF
DEFENCE**
Y7 TO Y13
130€/term

**PRIMARY
HOMEWORK**
Y1 to Y6
Free

BALLET
Nur to Y4
130€/term

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Y6 to Y9
80€/term



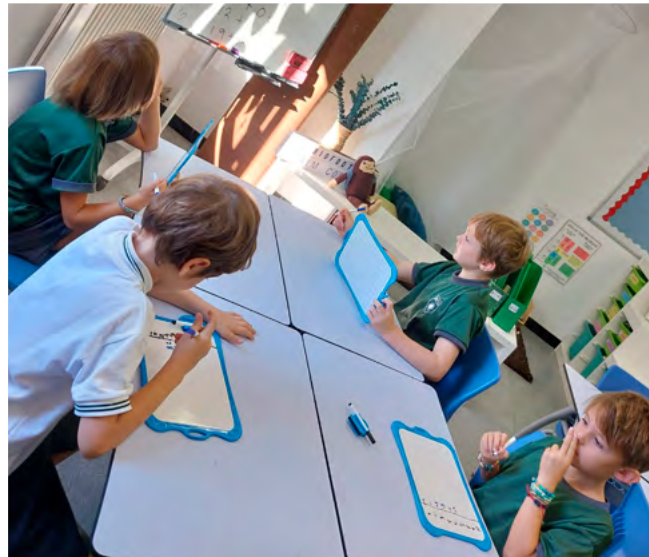
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