



BCG Newsletter

14 September 2022



Welcome to the new school year at BCG!

It was wonderful to see all of the children back in school as well as welcoming so many new ones. The campus is full of excited children and there is a lively purposeful feel around school.

Of course, the new year also brings new teachers and we are extremely fortunate to have been joined by a whole host of excellent staff. We spend a lot of time recruiting the very best teachers and support staff and I am delighted with the way in which they have settled in so quickly. Feedback from children has already been extremely positive.

Senior Leaders

Mr Ben Ruddin joins our Senior Leadership Team as Head of Secondary. Mr Ruddin has many years of leadership experience, in particular in his previous school in South West London. He arrived well before the start of term and has been so busy he is probably already looking forward to half term! Mr Ruddin's family will be joining our community in October and we look forward to welcoming them.

Ms Ester Pou has also joined the Senior Leadership Team and has been appointed Senior Teacher, a very important role in any British School. As you know, Ms Pou is also Directora Tecnica and Head of Languages.

Other new staff will be introduced later in the newsletter.

Senior Prefects

I am delighted to announce that Judith Rey Moreno and Yuvgen Zinchenko have been appointed Head Girl and Head Boy respectively. This is a great honour and they deserve all our congratulations. They will be helping Mr Ruddin and I, select a prefect team over the coming weeks.

Start of Term

Actually it has been an extremely positive and relatively easy start to the term. There are so many aspects to getting a school ready for the new year and I would like to thank the support teams, admin staff and teaching staff for all the hard work already done.

I would also like to thank those parents that have shared with us their positive thoughts and told us how happy their children are to be back in class - the summer holiday is certainly long for many of them. These messages are appreciated.

I know that there are a few of you that feel we could have done some things differently and I respect those views. We have a well established line of communication in place with our excellent Parent Reps and we look forward to those regular meetings where we can discuss any concerns or suggestions parents may have.

I would ask that you remember that we are always working hard to do the very best for the children. Some things take a little longer to get right with new staff, new students etc.

If in doubt, assume the best.

Morning Drop Off & Pick Up

Please can all parents follow [the guidelines for Drop Off & Pick Up](#).

Essentially, all Secondary students should be dropped off just outside of school grounds before school and they are to walk to the school from there. This is to reduce the number of cars in Carrer de Josep Lluís Sert. All Primary students should be dropped off inside school using the one way system we have in place. The safety of the children is our priority.

At Pick Up all Early Years children will be released to parents at Gate 2 (EYFS door).

Primary children will be released to parents at Gate 1 (main door). At 4.30pm Secondary students leave through Gate 2.

Please [refer to the Parents Handbook](#) for more information

Enrichment

Our great Enrichment Team have been working hard on the after school activities programme as well as the Trips programme for the year. Activities start this week.

Chromebooks

These have been issued to all students in Year 7-Year11 who have returned their signed form. If you have not completed the form please do so.

Mobile Phones

We have reminded all students that they should not use their phones at any point during the school day. They have no need to. Any phone that is being used will be confiscated and taken to reception for collection at the end of the day. If a phone is confiscated 3 times then it will need to be collected by a parent.

Century Tech

This is an exciting new addition to BCGs academic provision. All students from Year 3 to Year 12 have access to this excellent online tool to support their learning in Mathematics, Science and English. More details of Century Tech can be seen [on their website here](#).

In the memory of Queen Elizabeth II

The British College of Gava was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and we pass our condolences to her family at this very difficult time.

Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was a remarkable lady who served our country with dignity, loyalty and grace. Growing up in central London the pageantry and history of the realm was part of my childhood. Clearly, everyone knew that Her Majesty was getting frailer but it was still an incredible shock and will take us all a very long time to get used to.

On Friday, a lovely Primary assembly looked at the Queen's extraordinary life as did our Year 7, 8 and 9 Assembly. The Senior students gathered with members of staff to pay their respects in a short assembly. All the gatherings ended with a minute's silence and I was proud of the respect that all of our students showed at this very sad time.

God Save the King

Simon Mower

EYFS - PRIMARY

HEAD OF PRIMARY

There are so many exciting things I want to share after our first full week back to school, I really do not know where to begin. This new school year we welcome many new families to our BCG community. Our families come from far and wide and continue to enhance our ever growing, diverse school. I have been very impressed with the polite introductions to our new pupils and exceptional manners. Exactly what we like in our Early Years & Primary school and it has given me a wonderful positive feeling about the year ahead.



Not only do we welcome new families but also a couple of new members of staff to our fantastic team of teachers and support staff. Mr Liam Ball, our new Year 5 Teacher, has very quickly become popular with his pupils and our staff alike. Miss Claire Macdonald, our new 'Music Extraordinaire' promises to deliver some exciting performances for the Primary children this year. She and I have even joined the Sitges Choir so we are ready to support the children in our Christmas and Summer shows. We are also proud to announce Miss Raquel Pena, our Nursery Teacher. She has worked in the school already last year so is known by all the EYFS pupils and staff. She has a brilliant year planned for



her Nursery pupils as do all of our staff.

On Friday, we had our first Celebration Assembly. This is a new addition to our timetable and one Miss Stevens and I really value. Today we celebrated the life of HRH Queen Elizabeth II who sadly passed away on 8th September. The children listened carefully and were very respectful during our minute's silence. They have asked lots of interesting questions and proved they can talk about a sensitive topic in a really mature way.

We also announced the winners of the much coveted and prestigious role of Year 6 House Captains. The children were given the opportunity to apply by letter to Miss Stevens and I. We had many entries and it really was difficult to decide but we were won over by some beautifully written, very convincing letters. The Year 6 House Captains this term are:



- Red - Nina K.
- Yellow - Jorge E.
- Blue - Luke J.
- Green - Lola R.



You will be very pleased to hear that we have the key academic calendar dates for the term to share with you. We have been very busy planning ahead and will strive to keep you better informed this year. We always welcome feedback, especially positive and you can make an appointment to see me should you wish to discuss any queries or concerns. You can find them in our Parent Handbook.

I wish all of our EYFS and Primary families a lovely week ahead. I am sure there will be some very tired children after a few days of hard work and settling into school life again. It truly is great to be back.

Best wishes,

Miss Wakelin
kelly.wakelin@bcgava.com



NURSERY - TURTLES

The Nursery Turtles class has had a fantastic week. We are getting to know each other better and we are becoming more and more settled and happy.

We have had a great time playing, dancing, singing and discovering the different educational materials.

We also have begun to get to know the different spaces of the school and during the next few days we will learn more about the turtles.

Ms Raquel



RECEPTION

We have had a fabulous first week in Little Fishes Class (Reception). We have spent time getting to know each other, settling in and getting to know the rules and routines of our class! We have already celebrated two special birthdays in our class - so lots of cake and dancing has been done as well as starting our phonics, playdough making and

enjoying forest school! I am so excited to be working with this class and am very much looking forward to the great year ahead! Welcome Little Fishes!

Ms Bifani

YEAR 1 - DOLPHINS

“Dolphin, dolphin, dolphin!” “Splash, splash splash!”



Our dolphin class chant gets the day off to a splashing start! We have had fun this week getting to know our new teacher, classroom and classmates. We are earning lots of housemates by being extra helpful dolphins, caring for our class friends and property and listening to each other's ideas and stories.

Ms Kempner

YEAR 2A - JELLYFISH

Year 2 Jellyfish have settled very well into their new class as well as the main building, a big change for them. We are learning about our school this term in Topic and had a crazy walk with Rosie the chicken.

We also made play dough this week which I have to admit, went spectacularly wrong at first and we ended up covered in green slime. Thank goodness we had extra flour and all was salvaged by the end of the day.

We have shared stories, things from the holidays and played with friends we have not seen for a while. It has been a lovely start to the new school year.

Mrs Scott

YEAR 2B - OCTOPUS

Year 2 have had a lovely start to the year, Jellyfish and Octopus classes have worked hard to learn the new routines of the primary building and year 2 expectations. We have loved playing on the big patio and making new friends. This week in topic lessons we have started learning about our local environment. We are first learning about our school, then our homes and then local parks. We have read the story Rosie's walk and been on a chicken walk around school exploring some new places. We even went in Miss Wakelin's office! We can't wait for the rest of Year 2.



Ms Ford

YEAR 3A - LOBSTERS

It has been a wonderful first full week back with lots of fun, laughter and work in the Lobster classroom. We have all been getting to know each other and learning lots of Lobster facts. We have kick started our Light topic in Science and our Romans topic in History. It has been great to spend time with Crabs too and Year 3 are now known as 'The Crustaceans'.

Ms Stevens



YEAR 3B - CRABS

Crab Class has had a great start to the year. We have been getting to know new students and our new classmates and learning lots of new routines in the new building and Upper Primary. The children were very excited to start French lessons and have enjoyed several already.

We have been working a lot with Year 3A, going to Forest school, music lessons and starting our new topics together.

We will be learning so much this year and having a lot of fun along the way!

Miss Baker



YEAR 4A - NARWHALS

Narwhals have had a really wonderful start to the year and the children are adjusting and settling well into Year 4. We are lucky to welcome four new children into the class, and the current students have made them all feel extremely welcome. We have been doing lots of getting to know you activities, recount writing and maths games to get us back into the swing of school after our holidays and have had some lovely times in the Forest area plus art activities for our displays.

Ms Carter



YEAR 4B - ORCAS

Welcome to Orca Class! We have had a super first week back to school where we have enjoyed starting our new topics in science and history. The children completed mind maps of what they already know about electricity and the Vikings, before writing questions about what they want to learn and find out. We have lots of interesting ideas to explore! Our class Pupil Promise has been generated and signed by everyone, including me, for all the things we agree to do everyday to ensure we have the best days possible. I look forward to more busy and productive weeks in Orca class!

Ms Pilcher



YEAR 5A - DUDONGS

Dear Parents of Year 5A,

It has been a real pleasure getting to know all of your children over the past week and I am excited to be the one to support them this year.

Already we are reconnecting with old friends and making lots of new ones. We are beginning to discover interesting facts about The Ancient Mayan Civilisation and beginning to talk

about Space and a new artist called Jackson Pollock. This week we have also started to programme our own computer game and we are very excited to show our finished games off to the class ...it's been a very exciting first week back in the classroom!

I look forward to meeting you all in due course but in the meantime, I remain at your disposal.

Mrs Baron



YEAR 5B - SHARKS

It has been a busy first week in Year 5B Sharks! We have been refreshing our memories of some of the spellings and Maths that the children learnt last year in Year 4. We have also started our exciting new topic of the Maya Civilisation, as well as our Science unit about Space! The children have settled into the new school year well and it has been lovely getting to know them all this week. Keep it up, Sharks!

Mr Ball



YEAR 6A - STINGGRAYS

The Stingrays have had a marvellous first few days in Year 6. We have been completing team building activities, producing Stingray inspired artwork and getting to know each other. We have already written some fantastic scuba-diving diary entries too. The children have started their projects on Light and WW2 and are already impressing me with their thoughtful questions. They have been quick to learn the new routines and we already have our first House Captains in place.

Lots more fun and lots more learning to come this term!

Ms Mellar



Y6B - SEAHORSES

Y6B has had a fabulous first week at school. We had a lot of fun during our team building activities. It was a great way for the new members of the class to integrate and for everyone to reconnect after the summer holidays.

As we are Seahorses this year, we learnt facts about seahorses and did an art project which involved creating seahorses using a mosaic effect. It's been a great start to the term!

Ms O'Connor



SECONDARY

I grew up in West London and have recently relocated to beautiful Catalunya with my family joining me shortly. I am delighted to have received such a warm welcome from the BCG community.



Ben Ruddin
Head of Secondary

I greatly look forward to getting to know the students, staff and parents over the coming months. I have taught geography for fifteen years, the last seven of those being in senior leadership. My Master's degree took me to live in Peru, studying the societal and environmental impacts of tourism around Cuzco and the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu. My research there culminated in a report that influenced inter-agency policy.

Welcome from Mr Ruddin

Firstly, I would like to echo Mr. Mower's words and warmly welcome all our families both old and new back to school after the summer break. I would also like to introduce myself to you as Mr. Ruddin, the new Head of Secondary who will lead the secondary school in academic and pastoral matters. I come to BCG with a background in teaching Geography for fifteen years, with seven of those years spent in senior leadership as the Deputy Head of an all-through school in southwest London. My family's arrival in the coming weeks will complete our relocation from the UK. It is exciting to come to BCG and be part of a growing, thriving school community. My intention is to help continue to grow the prestige of BCG while maintaining its close-knit, family-oriented community.

This term, we initiate a program to consolidate the advances we have made since Mr. Mower joined the school, by enhancing further the academic rigour and the academic culture so that expectations are clear and consistent in every class. This will be achieved through assemblies, PSHE and in-class application with your ongoing support being crucial. We look forward to moving on from the NABSS report and building on the sterling work of Mr. Steadman and Mr. Hooley.

Mobile phones

I would like to reiterate that school policy is that, in all years aside from Sixth Form, mobile phones should not be in school - if they are brought to school they should be left in lockers for the entire school day. Mobiles will be confiscated and placed with Reception if seen during the school day and we will require parents to come and pick them up.

Important areas of focus

Key areas on which we are focusing this term in secondary school include punctuality (both to school and class) and the use of English in the classroom so that we have shared Lingua Franca with which to raise attainment. The general presentation of work and dress code/uniform will also be a focus. Additionally, I will be working with Ms Wakelin to make the transition between primary and secondary more seamless.

On a final note, it is my great pleasure to be here with you all and I look forward to getting to know the students, staff, and parents over the coming weeks and months.

Mr Ruddin

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

On 31st August we were delighted to receive our new IB students in school for an induction morning. Both Diploma and Career-related Programme students participated in team building activities, explored the IB Learner Profile attributes and what they mean in practice, met their form tutors and were taken through general expectations for behaviour and academic standards.



The Y12 students have made a brilliant start to the year, both socially and academically. They are engaged in their subjects and already challenging their teachers! This term, all students will learn about academic integrity, citing and referencing with Ms Delmet and Mrs Mason in order to prepare them for the challenge of the Extended Essay or the Reflective Project. They have started Duke of Edinburgh sessions which they will be able to use as part of their ongoing CAS projects and are questioning their perception of knowledge with Mr Prosser and Mr Boden in TOK.

The EU Business school visited our Y12 IBCP students to talk them through their exciting new Business course. The students will visit the EU Barcelona campus very soon.

Our Upper Sixth form students have come back ready to tackle this most important year. They are finalising their Extended Essays and getting ready to complete the various IB Internal Assessments coming up over the next months. On Monday we will issue students with a clear deadlines calendar to help them manage their time. We have introduced an extra assessment week starting on October 17th to check progress and support with the issue of predicted grades.

Our IB students now have a wonderful, new space for quiet study and relaxation and are using it wisely.

Important dates

On 23rd September Lanterna Education will visit BCG to talk to all Sixth Form students and their parents about the IBDP. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

We will invite Y12 and Y13 parents to come in and talk to subject teachers on 2nd November.

Ms Fenton



INTRODUCTION TO NEW STAFF



***Georgios
Hadjipavlou***

Economics
teacher

My name is Georgios Hadjipavlou and I am delighted to be introducing Economics at our school for the first time. I was born on a small Mediterranean island called Cyprus, where I lived until I finished Secondary School. In 2011, I moved to Manchester to read for my Undergraduate degree in Economics. I then completed my teacher training and PGCE in Secondary Mathematics in June 2016. I taught in a Secondary School in Manchester until July 2022. I am very excited to have moved to Spain and started work at BCG. Everyone at BCG has been very helpful and I feel privileged to be a part of this school and to be working together with everyone else here to offer students the best education and learning experience they can have. I am a believer of continuous improvement and development and therefore pursued a Masters degree in Behavioural and Economic Science which I completed whilst working, during the pandemic. It was not easy but I believe through difficult times, if we persevere we can only learn and get better at anything we do. I like to promote classroom discussions as much as possible as in this way we can have a deeper understanding of what we learn in class. In my lessons you will be working independently but also in groups when appropriate and contribute to each other's learning. There is no such thing as a silly answer and don't be afraid to make mistakes because this is how we learn, we try, we might fail the first time but we try again and then we will succeed. In my free time, I enjoy listening to music and going on long walks as this is very relaxing. I also love learning new languages, I speak Greek, English, French, a bit of German and also learning Spanish!



***Lewis
Broomfield***

Chemistry
teacher

I studied chemistry in the UK, completing a degree and then a PhD in this subject. I have worked in chemical research and secondary education since completing my studies. Indeed, I have 10 years experience as a chemistry teacher having taught in schools in the UK and international schools in Spain.

I enjoy developing students' practical skills in chemistry and encouraging a collaborative approach to learning science. Moreover, I encourage students to become inquisitive learners with an open-minded approach to their learning.



Dylan Perkins

Secondary Maths
teacher

My name is Mr Perkins originally from Pembrokeshire, Wales, I have taught mathematics for 25 years throughout the world in Wales, England, New Zealand, Qatar, Myanmar, Thailand and now Spain. Einstein famously quoted "Genius is 1% talent and 99% hard work" and I believe all students have the ability to succeed when taught the right skills. My passions include rugby, scuba diving and travelling. I look forward to this new experience, working with pupils, staff and parents in order to achieve their potential.

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Liam Ball

Year 5 Class
teacher

I have lived overseas for many years in Australia, New Zealand and now Spain. I studied and trained in the UK and then I moved to Spain 2 years ago. I have lived and worked in Madrid and Marbella.

I like to maintain a calm atmosphere in the classroom where the children know my expectations and are inspired to thrive!



Gwen Fisher

Languages
Secondary
teacher

My name is Gwen, I'm really excited to be working at BCG. I trained as a teacher in the UK after having my daughter and have worked as a language teacher for 6 years. Before that, I lived in Argentina for 8 years where I taught English, had a market stall and looked after monkeys and pumas in an animal reserve. I love teaching languages and feel really fortunate to be able to do so in such a beautiful place. I look forward to getting to know the students and their families!



**Luke
Woodcock**

IB Business
Management
and iGCSE
Business Studies
teacher

I have been living and teaching in Catalonia for almost 10 years, after training and getting my degree in Business in the UK. I have experience of teaching the British, American and IB curriculums in various academic institutions in Girona, Terrassa and Barcelona, as well as spending some time in Palma, Mallorca.

I see my role as that of a facilitator and guide rather than a leader, and try to give as much responsibility to the students as possible, as I believe this leads to a more flexible, student-oriented approach to learning, and promotes key skills like independence, organisation and initiative. I also believe in transparency with students, making sure they understand the value and reasons behind study, as often if the tangible, real-world benefits of theory are made clear, it develops an intrinsic motivation to learn. I am an advocate of technology use, project work and collaborative tasks, as I think these help to create dynamism and engagement, and build the connection between theory and application.



Laura Oliva

Admin

My name is Laura Oliva, I'm from Gavà and I'm super excited to become part of the Administration Department at BCG. After

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living and studying in the US, I studied Tourism and Business Administration at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. I'm also a certified ESL English Teacher from the Escola d'Idiomes Moderns de Barcelona.

During the last 20 years, I've been able to develop my skills in the tourism industry from which I have gained invaluable knowledge and experience. I am a team-oriented person and like to contribute to the group with the best of my skills and knowledge. I enjoy creating a positive, constructive, and pleasant working environment that fosters communication and understanding.

I like travelling, gardening, spoiling my Yorkie, playing the piano, and spending quality time with friends and family.

I feel honoured to become part of this excellent teaching community and want to thank you all for such a warm welcome.



**Claire
McDonald**

Head of Music

My name is Claire and I am delighted to be the new Head of Music at BCG. My first love of music started as a kid when my father taught me how to play the flute, in fact, all of my family members are flautists. I decided to study music at university level at The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and began my teaching career in Scotland. After living in Scotland for 10 years, I decided to chase the sun and began working in The British School in Gran Canaria however after 8 years of island life, I wanted to change direction again and I feel privileged to find myself now living in

Barcelona. My first few days at BCG have been amazing, staff and pupils have been so welcoming and helpful and I can't wait to further develop music within the school.



**Caroline
Wickham**

Finance & ECAP

My name is Caroline, I was born in Oxford but have lived in Spain since I was little. I just moved to Barcelona with my husband and children. We have strong links with this city, and are thrilled with this new adventure we've just started!

I am a Primary teacher and Psychopedagogue, with experience working in Spanish and British Schools. A few years ago, I decided I wanted to take on a different role in school and have been part of the Admin team in two schools in Madrid, and now here!

I love to spend time with my family, walking up the mountains, dancing with my kids and I really enjoy visiting new places.

My first weeks at BCG have been great, the team has been very welcoming, and I look forward to what I believe is going to be a great year!

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**Sarah
Pinkerton**

Psychology,
PSHE & English
teacher

My name is Miss Pinkerton and I was born in Toronto, Canada. I am a Psychology and English teacher here at BCG. After graduating from studying Psychology and History at the University of Guelph, I moved to Barcelona in 2012 to start my teaching career. In 2019 I completed a Master's of Applied Linguistics and Language Acquisition from the University of Barcelona, and in 2021 another Master's in Clinical Sexology and Sex Education from the University of Valencia. I also have a PGCE from the University of Nottingham. I enjoy reading and listening to podcasts, running, cycling, and talking about all things psychology.

As a teacher, I believe it is essential to create a space where each student feels that they can express their ideas, collaborate with others, and feel a sense of passion towards their own learning. I always try to instill a growth mindset in my students, which is the idea that intelligence is not fixed and can be developed over time through hard work and practicing critical thinking skills. Classrooms should be a collaborative space where both the students and the teachers are fully engaged in the learning process.



Richard West

ICT Teacher

Hi I'm Mr West, the new Computing teacher. I have been teaching Computing for 8 years and I first started coding 30 years ago when my brothers and I were gifted an old Amstrad PC and a dusty 500 page BASIC programming book. I have lived and worked in a number of countries, including 3 years in Thailand and 2 years in Japan.

My teaching style centers around delivering the support, guidance and encouragement pupils need in order to develop the independent learning skills that are critical to success in the field of Computer Science. I focus on highly challenging, creative and engaging lessons where curiosity and perseverance are key.



Matthias Lee

English
Secondary
teacher

I am from Buckinghamshire in the UK and completed a degree in English Literature at the University of Buckingham. I then completed my teaching PGCE at Oxford Brookes. My first teaching position was at Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School in Aylesbury and I taught here for 3 years. In 2019 I led a World Challenge expedition with 16 of my Y13 students to Nepal for a month. Following this experience I moved to Ecuador where I taught at the British School Quito. I climbed 11 mountains including the highest active volcano in the world and visited the Galapagos and the Amazon.

ENRICHMENT ECAP

Dear parents / guardians,

Enrichment ECAP, After School

Our Extra-curricular activities programme is up and running! Climbing club is FULL and if any new places become available over the term, we will email these out to be filled on a first come, first served basis. Our primary football club also reached full capacity but in order to accommodate everyone we have recruited a second coach for this session.

We have only 3 clubs in danger of being cancelled due to low numbers. We will continue to offer these until the end of the month in the hope that additional students sign up over the next 2 weeks. These are:

Primary:

- Year 3 - 6 [Volleyball](#) on Mondays

Secondary:

- Year 10 - 13 [Football](#) on Mondays
- Year 7 - 13 [Basketball](#) on Tuesdays

All of the BCG sports clubs are open to boys and girls of **all levels and abilities**. All sports sessions are led by specialist [World Sport Academy](#) (WOSPAC) coaches and it is hoped that all football, basketball and volleyball teams will participate in at least one competitive tournament/event per term as the team spirit and momentum builds.

New clubs added this week are:

- Year 7 - 13 Boxing on Wednesdays
- Year 3 - 13 Chess on Wednesdays

Our school booking system is now closed. Should you wish to add your child to any of our [Term 1 ECAP activities](#), please email ecap@bcgava.com. Prior sign up is mandatory. If your child is sick or leaves at 16.30 on a day they would normally have a club, please also let the team know using the ecap email address.

Enrichment ECAP, During School Hours

Our day time clubs do not require additional sign up. Students join on the days shown below. As with after school clubs, we encourage commitment and good communication with the club's teacher. Please inform the club teacher, if for some reason, you cannot join on a particular day.

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Primary:

- Mondays, **Catalan Club** for year 5 & 6, 13.00 - 13.30 with Ms. Sadurni in 5A's classroom
- Tuesdays, **Advanced Orchestra** for years 4, 5 & 6 (last year's beginners also graduate to this section!), 12.30 - 13.00 with Ms. Montse in the primary music room
- Tuesdays, **Beginner Orchestra** for all primary aged year 2 to year 6, 13.00 - 13.00 with Ms. Montse in the primary music room

*** All primary students should meet Ms. Montse at 12.30 for session 1 so that she can double check the levels of each child and ensure they are placed in the most appropriate practice session for the remainder of the term.

For KS3 (years 7 to 9):

- Tuesdays, **Secondary String Ensemble**, 13.30 - 14.10 with Ms. Montse in the primary music room
- Thursdays, **Safe Space** Club, 10.30 - 11.00 in Ms. Jensen's art room
- Fridays, **Junior Band**, 13.30 - 14.10 with Ms. McDonald in the secondary Music Room or Auditorium (start date to be confirmed)

For KS4 and KS5 (years 10 to 13):

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, **Fitness Training**, 13.15 - 13.45 in the fitness Suite with Mr. Fassam, Ms. Bell and Mr. Alonso (must have full PE kit and sports shoes)
- Mondays, **Catalan Speaking** Club, 13.45 - 14.15 with Ms. Pau in S2.14
- Mondays & Fridays, **Boxing**, 13.15 - 13.45 with Mr. Russell & Mr. Lee in the sports hall (must have sports shoes)
- Tuesdays, **Secondary String Ensemble**, 13.30 - 14.10 with Ms. Montse in the primary music room
- Tuesdays, **Spanish Speaking** Club, 13.45 - 14.15, with Ms. Company in S2.14
- Thursdays, **Safe Space** Club, 10.30 - 11.00, with Ms. Jensen in Ms. Jensen's art room (note this is during break)
- Fridays, **Senior Band**, 13.30 - 14.10 with Ms. McDonald in the secondary Music Room or Auditorium (start date to be confirmed)

ECAP Team

ENRICHMENT ECAP

Enrichment Trips and Visits

The table below shows the trips and visits currently in the process of being booked. Parents will receive a letter detailing the trip itinerary and the costs as soon as all details are finalised and the trip is ready to be authorised on the school booking system. **Please be reminded that trips approved by the Principal are deemed educationally valuable and are mandatory. Students not attending the trips are expected to stay at home.** No cover work or supervision will be provided. Any questions or queries regarding school trips and visits should be made to trips@bcgava.com.

Year Group / s	Destination
Nursery	Gava Mar Beach Family Morning
Reception	Gava Mar Team Building Morning Bee Farm (rescheduled from last year)
1	Gava Mar Beach Team Building Morning Bordas Garden Centre Bee Farm (rescheduled from last year)
2	Barcelona Zoo Exploring Gava Mar
3	Tarragona Roman Experience
4	Cosmocaixa, Electricity
5	Cosmocaixa, Space
6	Sitges Ocio Adventure Park
7 - 9	Performing Arts Visit
10 - 13 IGCSE & IDBP Art Students Only	Barcelona Art Galleries Tour
10 & 11 IGCSE Geography Students	City Analysis, Course Work
10 & 11 IGCSE PE Students	Performance Analysis, Course Work
13 IDBP Spanish A Students	Theatre Visit
13 IDBP Theatre Students	IAB Performance Viewing

Trips Team

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PE Department News

To allow year 11 and 13 students to participate, we are changing the date of the annual secondary school sports day to Friday 14th October. We have started this half term on a mission to get fit in lessons! After 2 weeks of training and testing the primary will investigate fitness through gymnastics and the secondary will be working on applied fitness for their sports day.

Post COVID, we look forward to full participation in the BISA Sports league with BSB, ASB, SEK and BFIS elite performer team in football, basketball and volleyball all excited to compete. For players who are new to the above sports across primary and secondary, we have also reached out to Oak House, Richmond and the Olive Tree to establish a sports league centred more around active participation and the development of team and social skills. We hope the schools respond to our request for collaboration on this project and to open more opportunities for players of all levels and abilities to enjoy PE and Sport this year.

This term we also hope to re-introduce the performer of the fortnight across EYFS/KS1, Primary and Secondary. Look out for the first awardees in our next newsletter!

Ms Bell
Head of Sports

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

Hello everyone, I am Alba Rosas, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the College. I have been given the opportunity to talk with you about just what my role entails and what we do in the Safeguarding department. First let me explain what Safeguarding means:

Safeguarding is a term used in the United Kingdom to denote measures to protect the health, well-being and human rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

It is my part of my role as DSL, working with Jorge Sales, the deputy DSL, Mr Mower, the Principal, and Ester Pou, directora tècnica, to ensure all staff have induction training covering child protection, an understanding and awareness of safeguarding issues including the signs of abuse and neglect. Over the last two weeks all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, have received this training and as a team we feel well-prepared to deal confidently with any issues that may arise. I co-ordinate any actions that may be required when an issue is referred to the safeguarding department.



At BCG, we are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our young people and this requires all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment and maintain a vigilant and safe environment.

We recognise that all members of the school community including volunteers and governors will at all times play a full and active part in protecting our children from harm.

All staff at school are trained on safeguarding and learn the signs of all forms of abuse and neglect. Also, the school has a designated safeguarding Lead (DSL) Alba Rosas, as well as a Deputy designated Safeguarding officer (DDSO), Jorge Sales.



Alba Rosas
Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Jorge Sales
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

The main principles by which we at BCG work are:

- Prevention - it is better recognise a potential issue and to take action before harm occurs
- Proportionality – the least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented
- Protection- support and representation for those in need
- Partnership – we must all work together as a school community in preventing, detecting and addressing any potential abuse or neglect

The health and safety of the students is of paramount importance for all of us in our community of BCG and we embed this in our policies and daily practices.

If you would like to learn more about my role and what we do in the Safeguarding department, do, please, make an appointment so we can chat over a coffee and share thoughts.

Alba Rosas
Designated Safeguarding Lead
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SAFE SPACE CLUB

The Safe Space club is a space to talk about all the difficult things about being human, with no judgement. It is a teacher guided and student lead club where students can be themselves, ask questions, talk and learn about important things - big or small. It is a space to support students, build community and to educate through listening to other opinions, watching TED talks and having discussions. We will be talking about many topics such as mental health, bullying, race, gender, puberty, emotions, eating, religion, sexual identity, war and disabilities. We recognise that every person is an individual with their own beautiful and complex identity and we welcome everyone to share their experiences with us and be heard.

Thursdays, break time 10.30-11am.

Ms Jensen

RACE GENDER RELIGION IDENTITY

BULLYING LGBTQ+ PAIN CULTURE

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SEXUAL IDENTITY FOOD EMOTIONS

STEREOTYPES WAR DISABILITIES

RELATIONSHIPS MENTAL HEALTH

Talk, listen, watch TED talks, share. Thursdays, 10.30-11am in the art room.

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Does your child want to sign up for instrumental lessons?

We have professional, highly qualified teachers offering lessons during the school day at BCG. Any pupil has the opportunity to sign up for lessons on guitar, violin, cello, flute, drums, voice and piano. We particularly want to encourage instrumentalists to join our orchestra which is free of charge, please contact claire.mcdonald@bcgava.com for further information.

Ms McDonald

MENTIONS



Congratulations Michael!

For our eAthletes Summer tends to be a busy and competitive time to focus on their sport and in particular, matches and tournaments.

None more so than WOSPAC player Michael Burcher.

Michael was selected to play for the Bermuda national team at the Caribbean Football Challenge Series, Under 14 group. The team that included former eAthlete, Cavin White, performed well in, what was for most, their debut tournament. Michael performed well particularly against Barbados where he was named MVP.

Well done Michael!

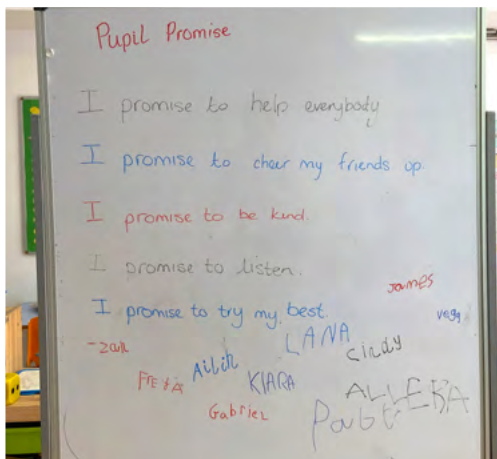
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