



# BCG Newsletter

18 April 2023



Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely time over the Easter period. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of new families to BCG; for the first time we have reached 500 students which is a wonderful achievement and indication of just how the school's reputation has grown.

### **St Jordi**

I am very much looking forward to seeing all of the St Jordi celebrations and activities next Friday, it is always a very special day in our calendar. We have the summer fair too on the horizon, so start planning those stalls!

### **Arts evening**

Before the holiday we were privileged enough to see the wonderful GCSE and DP Art on display in the Art exhibition. The quality and creativity on display was excellent and everyone that was at the Private View said just what a great event it was. We were also lucky enough to see Music and Drama presentations at the same time which made for a wonderful Arts evening. Huge thanks to Ms Jensen and Year 11-13 art students for the Art Exhibition and Ms McDonald and Ms Fenton and their students for supporting the event with amazing performances.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

On Thursday 30th March, 28 students from Years 11 and 12 took part in their Adventurous Journey as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is an important part of the Award and is where students work together and show their planning, cooking, camp making and leadership skills. A couple of teams however had obviously forgotten the map reading lesson and managed to get lost! This meant they walked a lot further than they needed to, which I guess will be a lesson well learned! My thanks to Miss Lane and her team of teachers who made sure everyone got back safely.

### **Attendance**

In the Upper Secondary school there are far too many children leaving school early for 'important family matters' or appointments which are 'urgent'. These absences are unacceptable and all too often parents are willingly letting their children miss school. Miss school should be a rarity and an exception not commonplace.

We will be adding this term's attendance onto the reports and all formal transcripts and I am afraid that for some students this could affect their transition to university. I expect attendance to increase significantly and if a student's attendance continues to be below expectations then I will be calling parents in to explain.

### **Vision 2023**

We are currently looking at our new vision for BCG. I will be sending parents some questionnaires and also some surveys asking your opinions on some matters that are important to the school. I thank you in advance for your help and support.

*Simon Mower*  
School Principal

# EYFS AND PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents and families.

I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to our final and very exciting Summer Term. Before I dive into the wonder that all the Summer Term will bring I must take a few moments to reflect on the finale of our last week of the Spring Term.

The last week of term was filled to the brim with many exciting activities. We had a visit from the IAB whose students put on a wonderful performance of 'The Wizard of Oz'. We then had Year 3 going back in time to the land of Ancient Egypt with their visit to the museum. We also had our Year 4 and Year 6 classes visit the Gava Mines as part of their local area studies. We even squeezed in a 'Piano Day' which was truly fantastic to see pupils from across the whole school display their phenomenal piano-playing skills. The week ended in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Good fun was had by all, especially the Easter Bunny who had a very busy day that day.

The summer brings not just the warm weather, beach days and good vibes, but in school it brings about lots of wonderful trips that enrich our learning as well as numerous opportunities for outdoor learning. As you will see from our calendar our term is jam-packed!

We have shared with you our confirmed diary dates for the EYFS & Primary School for the remaining term. You will see we have lots going on. Our next big whole school event is our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 20th May (details to follow). I look forward to seeing you all there.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great term ahead and thank you all in advance for your ongoing support.

Un abrazo,

**Miss Wakelin**  
*Head of EYFS & Primary*



## YEAR 3

The second half of the Spring term was a very busy one for the Crustaceans crew but a really fun one. We have continued learning about the Egyptians and all the students have really enjoyed it. They used their knowledge in our English class too, writing about how to make a mummy as part of learning about instructional texts. They wrote some fantastic pieces and now, all know how to make a mummy. The highlight of our recent trip to the Barcelona Egyptian Museum was the chance to see a real mummy which was fascinating. The mummy was over 2500 years old and the students were amazed to see it still had some real hair. The students thoroughly impressed the museum archaeologists who were working with them not only because they were so keen but also with their fantastic subject knowledge. They were able to complete all their workshops and were asking some great questions too.

One of the other highlights of the past weeks has been our Egyptian day in school. The students all looked fantastic in their outfits and loved making their own pharaoh masks and learning about King Tutankhamun.

Well done for a fantastic Spring term, crustaceans crew!

*Ms Stevens & Ms Baker*





## YEAR 5

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It's good to be back! We hope you all had a great Easter break. The children have come back well rested and ready to start our final term together in Year 5.

For 5B, PE days will remain the same this term (Tuesday and Thursday).

We will be going on some exciting trips in the next few weeks too, including a Languages trip and a Music trip. We're really looking forward to getting out in the community and taking our learning outside of the classroom!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your ongoing support - let's finish the year strong!

*Mr Ball*



# SECONDARY NEWS

Dear parents,

So, here comes the summer and all the promise that it brings. Our Summer Term is packed full of activities, residential trips and, of course, assessments and exams. On Tuesday, seeing all the students again after the Easter Break was great.

## **IB and GCSE Arts Showcase**

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At the end of last term, students, teachers and parents were treated to a feast for the senses - an evening of art, music and drama. Barcelona-based artist Chelsea Davine stepped in to curate the exhibition in Ms Jensen's absence. We wish Ms Jensen all the best for a full and speedy recovery.

## **Key Stage 3 Assessments**

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Key Stage 3 (Y7-9) end-of-year assessments start on the 2nd of May and will run through to May 12th. Timetables will be released shortly. After the assessments, we'll have a Results Day for the students. The full reports will be released in early June for KS3.

## **Years 10 and 12**

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Years 10 and 12 exams will be conducted in as close a way as the real thing as possible. The exam weeks for these year groups start on 29th May. The students will have a special timetable so they will have an experience of formal exam settings before they enter the final year of their course.

## **IB and IGCSE**

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The two external exam year groups (Years 11 and 13) are currently gearing up for their imminent exams. They must get the most out of their teachers in the run-up to the exam period. IB students are on exam leave from the end of this week. GCSE students will be on exam leave from 15th May. Subject teachers continue to be available during the exam period.

## **All the fun of the Summer Fair**

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The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 20th of May. It will be a vibrant, fun-filled afternoon with music, art, food, a bouncy castle, and much more. We want to get the whole school community involved; each form group will have a stall. Supporting your child's endeavours in person would be fantastic, and we would like as many of the parent community as possible to attend.

## **End of Term**

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The last couple of weeks of term are important in the BCG calendar. We will have a programme of 'can't miss' events... which your children really can't miss! We start the year together, and we end the year together.



## Secondary Dates

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- 18th April - Y7 and Y9 Vaccinations
- 18th April - 9 - 10 am - Y11 Police Talk
- 21st April - Sant Jordi and Secondhand Book Stall
- 21st April - Y13 IBDP Study Leave
- 24th April - International Day of Multilateralism and Peace - Everyone in white
- 24th April - International Day of Multilateralism and Peace - Lunchtime Concert (In-House)
- 27th April - 9.30 - 11.30 am - Open Day
- 28th April - Y13 IB Exams Start
- 2-12th May - KS3 (Y7-9) Assessments

*Mr Ruddin*

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### Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Thursday 30th March, 28 students from across Years 11 and 12 took part in their Adventurous Journey as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. For 24 of these students, this was the qualifying journey - a vital component of their Award. Thursday morning, four groups set off on a thrilling hike from Garraf to Sitges, through the beautiful scenery of the Garraf Parc. The hike took them up hills and past churches, and finally along the coastline to the campsite. Meanwhile two groups took part in a project based journey: exploring the picturesque surroundings of Sitges and completing a detailed report of their findings.

Everyone arrived at the campsite in Sitges in good spirits, and enjoyed an evening relaxing with the friends, preparing their own meals and recounting the adventures of the day before while preparing for the next day. On Friday morning, participants ate breakfast and then packed up camp, and then set off on day two of their adventure - for most, this was a second hike up to St Ribes before returning back to Sitges through the stunning terrain around the Cova Negra.

Throughout the two days participants were challenged to navigate new terrain as a team and work together to succeed in their journey. Teams arrived at the finish





point exhausted but happy, with obvious pride for everything they accomplished. Everyone should feel very proud of themselves and the challenges they worked together to overcome. For most this was the final step of their journey along the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award!

From myself, and from the entire team behind the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at BCG, I would like to congratulate everyone who took part in their fantastic attitudes and their achievements. Well done!

*Ms Lane*

## **GREEN WEEK**

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Wow what an amazing week the school had during green week. Students from all year groups got involved and showed their commitment and passion to being more sustainable. Students from all ages took part in cleaning the school site, creating wonderful pieces of art from trash, making pledges to be more sustainable, creating posters and many many more activities. The students really showed their talents and some beautiful pieces were created including the winning flower made from old plastic bottles and cork. Well done Kalina and Amelia (year 7).

One of my favourite moments was when students from all secondary year groups created individual presentations on an environmental issue dear to them and presented it to primary and KS3. The students had worked hard on their presentations. It was great to see them increase in confidence as well as improving their communication skills through volunteering to do this. Well done to all who took part!

Green week is not just for one week though. It has inspired our recycling student team and a gardening team. It is wonderful to see students wanting to get involved and use their skills to improve our surroundings. We now have a dedicated green team who will continue to keep the spirit of green week alive in the school all year round..





I shall now leave you with the winning poem (only one of the contests we held) from Zakaria (year 8):

**Title: Arctic Woe**

Amidst the icy breezes and snow,  
Lies the Arctic, a world of woe.  
Its pristine beauty once did reign,  
But right now, climate change inflicts pain.

The icebergs shrink, the ice caps melt,  
Water rises, the pain is felt.  
Polar bears and seals struggle,  
As their homes disappear, they have to huddle.

The Arctic contains the key to our fate,  
It's up to us to change this state.  
Reducing emissions, we can try,  
And give the Arctic a chance to thrive.

Let's unite, and make a stand,  
To fortify this delicate land.  
For if we fail to act with haste,  
The Arctic will become a desolate place.

We hope you enjoyed the poem as we did. Our amazing students created so many wonderful pieces of writing and art that it was really hard to decide.

Well done again to all who got involved!

*Miss Darby, Mr Scheepers and Miss Wakelin*

# ECAP NEWS | AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**MONDAY**  
4:30-5:30pm

**ECAP 3rd term**

- MULTISPORT Nur to Y2 60€/term
- COOKING Y3 to Y9 165€/term
- SECONDARY STUDIES Y7 to Y13 Free
- PRIMARY HOMEWORK Y1 to Y6 Free
- RYTHMIC GYMNASTICS Y3 to Y6 95€/term
- ROWING Y6 to Y13 Special conditions

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**TUESDAY**  
4:30-5:30pm

**ECAP 3rd term**

- MULTISPORT Nur to Y2 60€/term
- LEGOMAKER Nur to Y1 175€/term
- SECONDARY STUDIES Y7 to Y13 Free
- TENNIS Y3 to Y6 80€/term
- CLIMBING BEGINNERS Y2 to Y5 110€/term
- PRIMARY HOMEWORK Y1 to Y6 Free
- ROWING Y6 to Y13 Special conditions

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**WEDNESDAY**  
4:30-5:30pm

**ECAP 3rd term**

- MULTISPORT Nur to Y2 60€/term
- BASKETBALL Y3 to Y6 80€/term
- SECONDARY STUDIES Y7 to Y13 Free
- CHESS Y3 to Y13 60€/term
- ROWING Y6 to Y13 Special conditions
- PRIMARY HOMEWORK Y1 to Y6 Free
- MARTIAL ARTS MUGUENDO Y3 to Y9 120€/term
- CLIMBING INTERMEDIATE Y5 to Y9 110€/term

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**THURSDAY**  
4:30-5:30pm

**ECAP 3rd term**

- MULTISPORT Nur to Y2 60€/term
- ROWING Y6 to Y13 Special conditions
- SECONDARY STUDIES Y7 to Y13 Free
- FOOTBALL Y3 to Y6 80€/term
- CLIMBING ADVANCED Y7 to Y10 110€/term
- MINECRAFT CODE CLUB Y2 to Y6 175€/term
- PRIMARY HOMEWORK Y1 to Y6 Free
- BALLET Nur to Y3 120€/term
- PUBLIC SPEAKING Y6 to Y9 60€/term

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**FUNDAMENTALES MULTISPORT**  
¡DISCOUNT!

NURSERY TO YEAR 2  
1 day per week: 60€ /term  
2 days per week: 10% discount: 108€ /term  
3 days per week: 15% discount: 153€ /term  
4 days per week: 20% discount: 192€ /term

**ECAP 3rd term**

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# ECAP NEWS | LUNCH CLUBS

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS PRIMARY

MONDAYS: EYFS Yoga session with Miss Bifani in her classroom (12:15-12:45)

MONDAYS: Y3 to Y6 Century Tech Club with Miss Stevens in the ICT suite (13-13:30h)

MONDAYS: Y5 & Y6 Irish Dance with Ms. O'Connor in the Drama room (mirrored)

TUESDAYS: EYFS Dance & Music Club with Miss Raquel in her classroom (12:15-12:45)

TUESDAYS: Y3 to Y6 Rubick's Cube Club with Miss Ford in her classroom (13-13:30h)

TUESDAYS: Y4 to Y6 Advanced Orchestra with Ms. Montse in the Primary Music room (12.30 - 13.00)

TUESDAYS: Y2 to Y6 Beginner Orchestra with Ms. Montse in the Primary Music room (13.00 - 13.30)

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## LUNCH TIME CLUBS PRIMARY

WEDNESDAYS: Y2 to 6 Lego Club with Miss Taylor in her classroom (13-13:30h)

WEDNESDAYS: Y4 to Y6 Netball Club with Miss Pilcher in the courts (13-13:30h)

THURSDAYS: Y3 to Y6 Etiquette and good manners with Miss Sandra in the Primary Library (13-13:30h)

THURSDAYS: Y4 to Y6 Creative Collage Club with Miss Kovalenko in the Primary Art room (13-13:30h)

FRIDAYS: EYFS Dance Club with Miss Kempner in her classroom (12:15 to 12:45)

FRIDAYS: Forest School Club with Miss Baker (13:00 to 13:30)

FRIDAYS: Y3 & Y4 Irish Dance with Ms. O'Connor in the Primary Music room

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS Y7 TO Y9

MONDAYS: Cricket/Rounders with Mr Fassam and Mr Prosser

MONDAYS: Dance club with Ms. McDonald in Performance room 1

TUESDAYS: Social Media with Miss Paulina in the Seminar room (13:40-14:10)

WEDNESDAYS: Senior Pop/Rock Band "The Wednesdays" with Ms. McDonald and Mr Scheepers (13.30 - 14.10)

WEDNESDAYS: Table Tennis Knock Out with Mr Boden

WEDNESDAYS: KS3 Maths Support Club with Mr Hadjipavlou in room S3.22

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## LUNCH TIME CLUBS Y7 TO Y9

THURSDAYS: Drama Club with Miss Darby in the Performance 1 room (13:45)

THURSDAYS: "La Grammaire c'est super!" with Mme Kruse in room S2.15 (10:30am)

FRIDAYS: Film Club with Miss O'Grady in room S3.21 (13:45)

FRIDAYS: Y8 & Y9 Reading Club with Miss Benito in room S2.13 (13:45-14:15)

FRIDAYS: Choir with Ms. McDonald

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS Y10 TO Y13

MONDAYS: IBDP students Citing and referencing (English/Spanish) with Miss Delmet in room S2.15 (13:45-14:15)

MONDAYS: Cricket/Rounders with Mr Fassam and Mr Prosser

TUESDAYS: The Outcasts Pop Band with Miss McDonald

TUESDAYS: Spanish Book Club with Ms. Company in S2.14 (13:45 - 14:15)

TUESDAYS: Social Media with Miss Paulina in the Seminar room (13:40-14:10)

TUESDAYS: KS4 & 5 Maths Support Club with Mr Lester in room 3.22 or 3.23 (13:15 - 13:45)

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## LUNCH TIME CLUBS Y10 TO Y13

WEDNESDAYS: Senior Pop/Rock Band "The Wednesdays" with Ms. McDonald and Mr Scheepers (13.30 - 14.10)

WEDNESDAYS: Table Tennis Knock Out with Mr Boden

THURSDAYS: "La Grammaire c'est super!" with Mme Kruse in room S2.15 (10:30am)

THURSDAYS: KS4 Maths Support Club with Mr Perkins in room 3.22 or 3.23 (13:15 - 13:45)

FRIDAYS: Choir with Ms. McDonald

# SEND NEWS

On 29th March, BCG hosted a learning support networking event to promote creating links with other local international schools as well as sharing good practices. We had attendees from Oak House, British School of Barcelona, Saint Peters and Benjamin Franklin School.

It was a great and enjoyable experience where special needs coordinators from all school phases (Primary and Secondary) participated in group discussions to continue improving the practices in supporting students through their learning journey.

*Ms Boix and Ms Alba*





# MUSIC NEWS

World Piano Day is celebrated on the 88th day of the year, which is the same as the number of keys on the piano. This year, it took place on March 29. World Piano Day was founded by a group of like-minded people who aimed to create a platform for piano-related projects to promote the development of music and to share the joy of playing the piano. Here at BCG, we wanted to mark this important event and share our love for the piano across the school. We set up 2 public pianos, one at the reception area and another outside, many of our students had the chance to share their talents by performing during break or lunch time. Thank you to everyone who performed, you brought such happiness to so many people, pupils, staff and visitors. *'The important thing is to feel your music, really feel it and believe it.'* Ray Charles.

## **Green Week**

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During Green week, we decided to take our learning outside and create music in the beautiful areas surrounding our school. Pupils were introduced to the difference between electric and acoustic instruments and to mark green week, we chose to only use acoustic instruments. Our music lesson was themed around Samba music, pupils played as a band and explored the use of call and response and polyrhythmic texture.

Thanks,

***Ms McDonald***

# LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

## April 21: We celebrate Sant Jordi

On April 21st we will celebrate Sant Jordi, the Catalan festival of the rose and the book, by offering workshops, readings and various literary events to all our students.

During the previous week, from April 11 to 14, our students have participated in the literary contest, **Jocs Florals**, and have written texts (poetry and narration) of free theme, but that had to respond to the sub-theme Emotions (primary students) and Identity (secondary students). On Friday, April 21, prizes will be awarded to the finalists and winners in each category.

Throughout the day there will be sale of roses and second-hand books, various workshops (creation of a dragon mask in EYFS, solidarity bookmarks in primary school, or TikTokers workshop in KS3). In addition, we have prepared a nice and comfortable reading space outside and in the school tent to share stories and do readings in different languages. At 11 am, we will be visited by the Colla Castellera de Gavà, who will offer a workshop to learn how to make “castells”, a tradition of Catalan origin, which consists in the construction of human towers, and promotes teamwork and solidarity. To end the day, EYFS and primary students will parade with their costumes of the characteristic characters of Sant Jordi.

Molt bon Sant Jordi to tothom!



*Language Department*

[Rules of the Jocs Florals](#)



## **Year 13 sale of roses and second hand books**

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As many of you know, Sant Jordi is a traditional Catalan festival celebrated on April 23rd. It is a tradition to give books and roses to our loved ones and, therefore, Year 13 students are going to organize a sale of second hand books and roses. As every year, the money raised will go to the YearBook and to our End of Year and End of School Ceremony.

Here is the information about the sale of roses and books:

### **Schedule April 21**

- 8:30-9:00 → Door 1
- Breaktime (10:30-11:00) → Reception
- Lunchtime (13:30-14:15) → Reception
- 16:00-16:45 → Gate 1

### **Prices**

- 1 rose = 3.00€
- Books = 2.00-7.00€
- Solidarity book points\* = 1.00€

\*The money will be donated to Save the Children.

All students will be able to leave the donated books at the school reception, separating them by age (early years, primary and secondary).

We thank you for your collaboration.

**Judith Rey**  
Year 13 student

## **Year 4 visit the Gavà Mines**

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Last Tuesday the Year 4 students went to visit the Gavà Mines and the Gavà History Museum, as part of the educational project we are carrying out about our town in the Social Studies subject. In the mines, besides checking what we had learned about the Neolithic and Prehistory, in general, we discovered very interesting aspects of those human beings who lived in Gavà: how they lived, what they ate, what traditions they had, what tools they used... To finish the excursion, we had a lot of fun in the Lluch park, next to the Museum.

**Mr Sales and Ms Sadurní**



## LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

From the Language Department we congratulate the students who have excelled in any of the 3 languages (Spanish, French and Catalan) as the best linguists of the week.



### EYFS and Primary

- Reception: Aurore B. and Nora G. (SPANISH)
- Y1: Amaia R. (SPANISH)
- Y2: Melissa R. and Lana K. (SPANISH)
- Y3: Gabriela W. and Sofia Z. (CATALAN)
- Y4: Alexandr M. and Ava S. (FRENCH)
- Y5: Soomin K. and Coco S. (FRENCH)
- Y6: Alejandro F. (CATALAN)

### Secondary and Sixth Form

- KS3: Biel V. Y8 (CATALAN)
- KS4: Alina de S. Y10 (SPANISH)
- KS5: Lily T. Y12 (SPANISH)

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## LA JOURNÉE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

On Monday 20 March, to celebrate the 250 million French speakers in the world and our French community, secondary students learnt more about the French-speaking world in class, could enjoy a croissant at break time and were invited to join us for a very special dictation competition at break and lunch times. All participants were awarded a positive point and tried their hardest to take the podium. The winners received special prizes. Here are the results:

### Category KS3 Foreign Language

- First - Noa C. Y7
- Second - Sofia R. Y8

### Category KS4 Foreign Language

- First - Alina de S. Y10
- Second - Sehr H. Y11

### Catégorie francophone

- Première - Carolina D. Y11
- Seconde - Julia R. Y10



Un grand bravo à eux!  
*The French Department*



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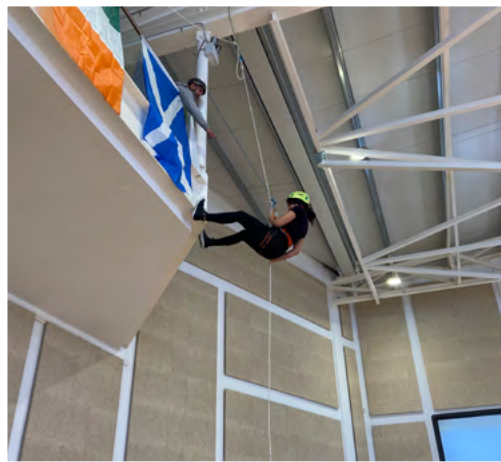


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