



# BCG Newsletter

27 September 2022





I am delighted that we have appointed four more excellent prefects to work alongside Judith (Head Girl) and Yuvgen (Head Boy). Mr Ruddin introduces them later in his newsletter piece. I am sure that the prefect team will help set the high standards we expect from our students.

## **Meet the Teacher**

Last week saw our Early Year & Primary Meet the Teacher events which all seemed to go very well. I hope you find these meetings informative as well as being an ideal opportunity to get to know your child's teacher and other parents in the class. It was wonderful to see so many of you there.

## **Global Goals**

Sustainability remains a very important thread running through our curriculum and we have been celebrating Global Goals Week, a big thank you to the teachers and students for their energy and enthusiasm and a particular thank you to Miss Darby for leading this exciting initiative.

## **Parent Rep Meeting**

I look forward to meeting the Parent Reps on Thursday 29th September. This meeting will give us an opportunity to clarify the role of the reps and further improve the way in which we communicate and share information.

## **International residentials**

A very exciting programme of international trips has been put together and details are shared in this newsletter.

I would like to remind parents that academic trips, annual residentials, weekly swimming lessons in primary etc are all compulsory elements to our curriculum. Other more recreational trips offered, such as the ski trip or surfing trip are not compulsory. During residentials, staffing requirements are such that we cannot provide an alternative programme in school. If, for exceptional reasons, a child does not attend a residential trip then parents should send an email to school explaining the reasons and confirming that they will keep the child at home during the duration of the trip.

## **Lunchtime clubs for secondary**

Please encourage your daughters and sons to sign up for the Y10-13 ECAP lunchtime clubs; otherwise, we will have to cancel them. There were many requests for these clubs and now they have been planned and put in place there are few students opting for them. These are great opportunities for your children to widen their horizons.

***Simon Mower***  
*Principal*

# EYFS & PRIMARY NEWS

There is no such thing as a typical day in school. Each day I visit each class to say hello and get a little glimpse of what they are learning. From counting in Nursery to cooking in Year 5, there is always something exciting going on. Last week I was lucky enough to spend time in a Nursery lesson with the wonderful Miss Raquel. It was so lovely to see all the Nursery children settling well and listening so carefully as they rehearsed the days of the week and greeted each other by name.

I have also been interviewed, or should I say 'interrogated', by the roving reporters in Year 5 who asked me lots of very thoughtful questions about the mysterious metal body parts found on the Primary patio. Somehow they think I am linked to these strange findings and will be spending the next week writing their news reports about this astonishing event. Hopefully I have convinced them I have nothing to do with it... I can't wait to read their work and we may even publish a couple of news reports next time.

Thank you to all of our parents who supported the Meet the Teacher events last week. It really is important for us that our home/school partnership is strong and that you are well informed. Teachers will be sharing the presentation with all parents who were unable to attend the meetings.

A date for your diary, we will be hosting our first Book Fair of the school year on Tuesday 4th October. There promises to be a wide range of books for all pupils in EYFS, Primary and Secondary. We will share more details nearer the time.

Finally, a reminder about birthdays: some parents have asked about bringing in sweets or cakes to celebrate your child's birthday. Sweets are acceptable in sealed packets/wrappers only. Cakes are not permitted at all. Anything edible that is given out can only be consumed off-site. It will not be eaten in school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

I wish the whole of our BCG community a nice day.

Un abrazo

**Miss Wakelin**

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# EYFS & LOWER PRIMARY

It has been a great start to the year down in the EYFS and Year 1 building. The children are all settling in brilliantly and the teachers are extremely pleased with how well they have all started the year. When you go into the classrooms it is so lovely to see the children hard at work and enjoying the tasks that have been set. It may look like play but the learning that is happening is wonderful. These types of activities are such an important part of a child's EYFS and KS1 journey, giving them opportunities for developing both their academic and social skills.

A huge thank you to all the families that attended our Meet the Teacher events that have been held last week. It was a great opportunity for us to welcome back returning faces and meet new ones. The Nursery and Reception children loved having the chance to show their families their classrooms and outdoor space, along with perhaps a croissant treat! It was lovely to speak to so many families who told me that their child was so happy in school and loves their teacher.

Thank you for your support with a great start to the new school year.



**Miss Stevens**  
*EYFS and Lower Primary Coordinator, Year 3 teacher*



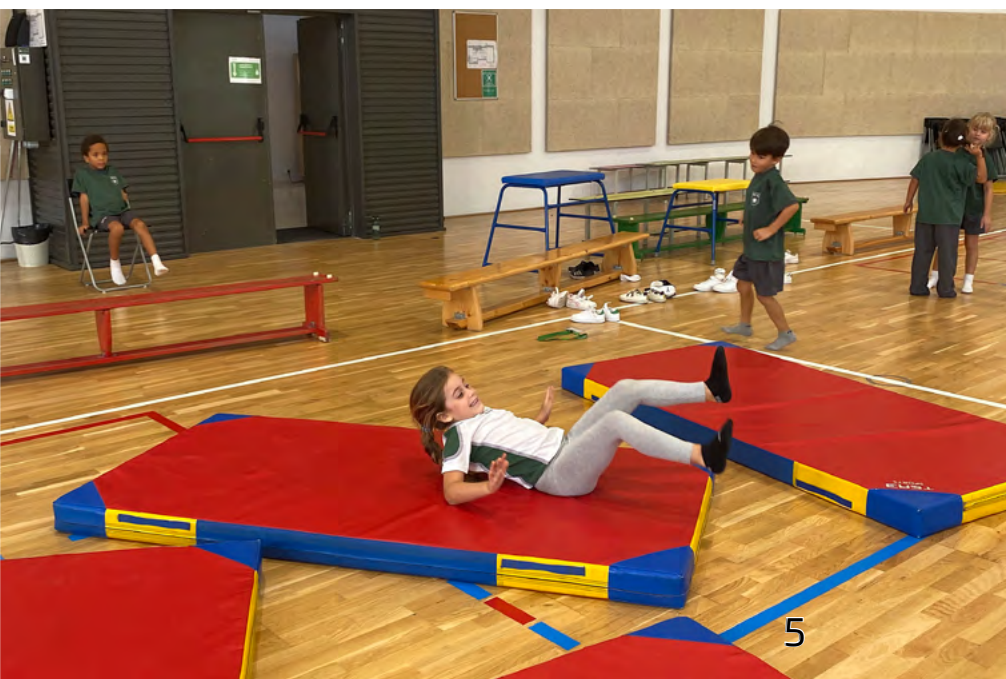
# PRIMARY

## Year 2

Last week in Year 2 we have continued with partitioning numbers in Math and have finished our Topic about Rosie's Walk. Part of Rosie's Walk was trying to answer some of the questions that we had found last week written on her eggs in Forest school. We have also counted doors, windows and trees today and have discovered that our school has over 200 trees in the gardens. Amazing.

We have also been having fun in PE doing gymnastics with Mr Alonso and Mr Pilcher. Each day brings something exciting and new.

**Ms Scott**



# SECONDARY NEWS

We have had an excellent fortnight in the Secondary School. There has been a strident sense of purpose and a real feeling of getting down to business. We are regularly focusing on the goals laid out in the last newsletter, namely: punctuality, Lingua Franca, presentation of work and cross-phase interactions as the main areas that we are looking at.

## Global Goals

This was an excellent cross-phase initiative with assemblies, PSHE, classroom projects, and breaktime activities galore raising the profile of the Sustainable Development Goals amongst students. They are particularly in step with our values and their involvement was admirable. Thanks Miss Darby!

## Language of the Month is... Hebrew

Some of the Hebrew speakers hosted a great assembly, not once but twice in the Auditorium. Looking into Jewish cultures and traditions became a great opportunity to learn some Hebrew. Suf, Liam, Gaya, and Eyal excelled themselves with the guidance of Mr. Fassam.

## Prefects

We have appointed a further four Prefects to join Judith (Head Girl) and Yuvgen (Head Boy). Ekaterina, Maraike, Luka, and Lily joined the Head Boy and Head Girl for our inaugural regular Monday Prefect meeting where the hot topics of the day were discussed. You may have noticed the Prefects on their car door duties in the mornings. They were also a big hit at the Primary phase's 'Meet the Parents' events last week. Thanks go to the Prefects for their contributions so far and I do hope that you will all have the opportunity to meet them.

I look forward to meeting all the parent representatives at this week's event.



**Mr Ruddin**  
Head of Secondary

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huge amount of new experiences, but everyone has risen to the challenge of lots of different subjects in lots of different rooms and, for some of us, lots of English for the first time. Everyone has settled in so well, I'm really looking forward to this year as their tutor!

**Mr Fassam**

## Year 7A

What a start to the year! 7A have really adapted to secondary. The first week they impressed their teachers with many staff commenting on their good behaviour. Only three weeks in and many are taking part in extracurricular activities and offering their help and support whenever it is needed. Their biggest achievement has been working as a group to ensure everyone knows what they need to do and where to be. Well done to 7A! Keep up the fantastic work and being such lovely members of the secondary community. I am excited to see what you will accomplish this year.

**Ms Darby**



## Year 8A

8A (the A stands for "awesome", so I'm told) have had a brilliant start to the year. We have very quickly settled in, topping the leaderboards every week for positive points. Our highlight so far was the week when we had 5 different birthdays (4 on the same day!) so we had a wonderful celebration with cake and music. We are excited to see what the rest of the year has in store for us!

**Mr Scheepers**



## Year 7B

7B have had a great first few weeks in secondary school, it has been a big change, with lots to remember and a

## Year 8B



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## Year 9A



work the whole group is putting into their learning. It's a real pleasure to be the tutor for such an enthusiastic and diverse group of wonderful young people!

*Mr West*

## Year 9B



We have had a great start to the year welcoming some new members and picking up on old friendships. We are a lovely group with lots of empathy, support and friendship on display every single day. We listen, respect each other and have fun in everything we do!

*Mr Lee*

## Year 10B



It's been a great start to the year getting to know all the students in 10B. Lots of interesting and fun chats but also some fascinating discussions in PSHE. I look forward to getting to know each student better over the next year.

*Ms Fisher*

## Year 10A

Here in 10A we have made a wonderful start to the school year as the pupils begin their journey into GCSEs and beyond. The positive points having been coming through thick and fast already, a strong reflection of the hard

## Year 11A





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## Year 11B

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We are 11B! Gaya, Liam, Anna, Olena, Alena, Vasilissa, Angelina, Sehr, Sawera, Nick, Alex, Artem and Miss Bell. We are looking forward to a successful year ahead. We are mindful that we need to work hard to maximise our potential in the upcoming IGCSEs and we are equally aware that we must also maintain a sense of fun and balance to ensure our mental health and well-being is a priority too. Gaya, Liam, Anna, Olena, Alena, Vasilissa, Angelina, Sehr, Sawera, Nick, Alex, Artem and Miss Bell.

**Ms Bell**



## Year 12A

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The first few weeks for Year 12A have been about as expected, namely: a challenging initiation into the IB Diploma Programme, and new freedoms and responsibilities that come with life in senior school. In this form group we have a range of subjects from

the IB programme on the go. It is so far so good for 12A, with plenty of enthusiasm and diligence in academic work and commitment to school culture and values. What we need is a maintenance of this positive start, and the necessary support from home to make sure the students are working regularly and keeping healthy and happy. Welcome to Year 12 guys!

**Mr Prosser**

## Year 12B

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## Year 12C

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12C has had a brilliant start to the academic year. The students know what is expected of them and strive to achieve their goals in school and outside of school. They are aspiring to start University in two years time and are very eager to do well on their IB courses which will provide them with the opportunity to apply to their University of choice next year. The students are kind and polite and are excellent representatives of our school in class and around the school. Great start Y12 keep it up!

**Mr Hadjipavlou**



# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

## Careers Guidance

We have been talking to our Y13 students about University and Careers options throughout the Diploma Programme and as we approach deadlines for University applications, the students now have designated sessions on their timetables to support them in their next steps.

The Careers team is led by the Principal, Mr Mower and comprised of Ms Pou who will lead on all Spanish University choices and Ms Darby on applications to the UK and other countries. They are supported by the Sixth Form tutors. All students have the opportunity for one to one support from Mr Mower and he has met with many of them already.

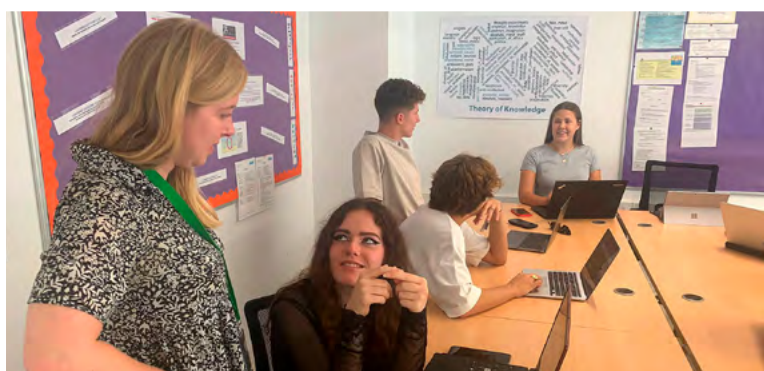
At the moment we are working on applications to Oxford, Cambridge and Universities in the UK, the USA, Holland, Spain and Germany. We are also helping those students who have other plans in mind for their next stage in life such as taking a gap year or moving on to work. This is a very exciting time for Y13 and we can see a sparkle in their eyes as they start to have conversations about their future.

## Lanterna Education

Last week, Lanterna Education returned to school to talk to our IB Diploma Programme students about how to best approach this challenging course. We were happy to see some parents attend and hope that everyone was able to take something from this presentation. Important advice included creating healthy study habits to avoid the accumulation of work and stress around deadlines. Students should talk to their tutor if they need any support in creating a study timetable.

## Important dates

- 30th September - Y13 Global Politics IA full draft deadline
- 10th October - Y13 Spanish A HL Essay full draft deadline
- 14th October - Oxbridge application deadline
- 17th - 21st October - Y13 Assessment week



*Ms Fenton*



# ECAP & TRIPS NEWS

Our clubs are now in full flow and after 2 weeks, the feedback from students and parents is very positive. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the below listed clubs. We will advertise them again for the same day, same time in Term 2 and perhaps we have more success at a later date.

- Monday Football for years 10 - 13, Cancelled.
- Tuesday Cooking for years 7 - 10, Cancelled. Students to join Monday's session.
- Wednesday Tennis for years 7 - 9, Cancelled.
- Wednesday Netball for year 3 -6, Cancelled

Clubs that need students to build prospective tournament teams...

- Monday Volleyball for years 3 to 6
- Wednesday Chess for all years
- Wednesday Football for years 7 - 9

Future sign ups must be made through [ecap@bcgava.com](mailto:ecap@bcgava.com) as the booking system is now closed.

## **An exciting new initiative... Week Without Walls!**

Free from the travel constraints of COVID, the school is delighted to announce that we can now move forward with our **Week Without Walls** as proposed back in April 2021. The aim of this week is to merge cultural with curricular learning objectives in an international setting. This www will replace both the summer residential and the ski trip this year for secondary students. For our year 6's, we travel further afield than normal to be immersed in life skill learning! We expect all students to sign up as the holistic benefits are exceptional. Moreover, all of our staff will be allocated to a trip thus there will be no supervision or lesson provision available in school.

The table below shows the year groups, destinations and costs (fully inclusive of travel). You can open the links to access the information letters and the full itinerary of each trip. Please visit the school booking system to authorise your child before Friday 14th October, 09.00hrs.

Please be reminded that all trips approved by the Principal are deemed mandatory and participation allows us to achieve BCG's holistic learning goals. Full community support is required to avoid cost increases for others.

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## Week Without Walls Tue 23rd - Fri 26th May 2023

City	BCG Price & Payment Plan	BCG Staff (tentative)
Year 6 <a href="#">Madrid</a>	<b>490 euro (4 days, 3 nights)</b> 190 euro deposit No later than Friday 14th October 100 euro End November 2022 100 euro End December 2022 100 euro End January 2023	Gemma O'Connor (lead) Zoe Mellar Isabel Sanchez Hector Alonso Jorge Sales Tracy Scott
Year 7 <a href="#">Normandy</a>	<b>875 (5 days, 4 nights)</b> 185 euro deposit No later than Friday 14th October 138 euro End November 2022 138 euro End December 2022 138 euro End January 2023 138 euro End February 2023 138 euro End March 2023	Matt Prosser (lead) Sarah Darby Stu Fassam Silvia Company
Year 8 <a href="#">Lisbon</a>	<b>875 (5 days, 4 nights)</b> 185 euro deposit No later than Friday 14th October 138 euro End November 2022 138 euro End December 2022 138 euro End January 2023 138 euro End February 2023 138 euro End March 2023	Claire Edwards (lead) Matthew Scheepers (lead) Ben Ruddin Juliet Jensen
Year 9 <a href="#">Rome</a>	<b>890 (5 days, 4 nights)</b> 175 euro deposit No later than Friday 14th October 143 euro End November 2022 143 euro End December 2022 143 euro End January 2023 143 euro End February 2023 143 euro End March 2023	Mattias Lee (lead) Marta Bonito Dylan Perkins Ella Lane
Year 10 <a href="#">Brussels</a>	<b>870 (5 days, 4 nights)</b> 175 euro deposit No later than Friday 14th October 139 euro End November 2022 139 euro End December 2022 139 euro End January 2023 139 euro End February 2023 139 euro End March 2023	Luke Woodcock (lead) Richard West Gwen Fisher Justine Delmet

Year 11 students may be able to take advantage of a ski trip to Andorra in February and year 12 students to London in June if negotiations with the host school's go well in the coming weeks. Watch this space! Year 13 students are not able to participate in WWW due it being their final IBDP exam year. If there are any questions regarding trips, please send them to [trips@bcgava.com](mailto:trips@bcgava.com).

# PE NEWS

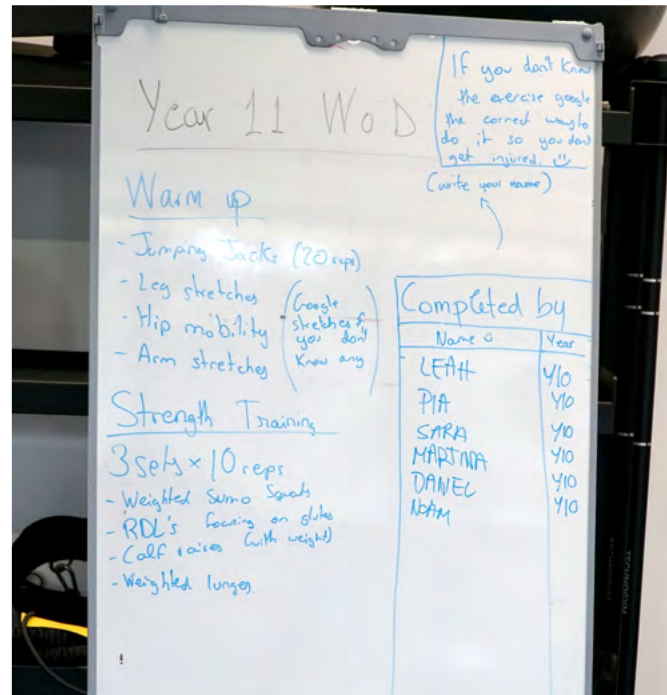
## PE Performers of the Fortnight

The theme in PE this half term is 'fitness in action'. We are investigating and applying aspects of fitness and developing the ATL (approach to learning) skill of self management. In primary these aims are being taught through gymnastics where students adapt routines based on their own selected strengths and weaknesses. In secondary we are using athletics, in preparation for our upcoming sports day, and students are expected to take ownership of their own training targets, plan and set goals for holistic personal improvement. Our star performers have encompassed all these points and have demonstrated the ability to observe and give constructive and accurate feedback to others, helping their peers make progress.

- EYFS & KS1 - **Milo Leisch**
- KS2 - **Charlie Biffani**
- KS3 - **Biel Valle**
- KS4 & KS5 - **Vinicius Todorovich, Sade Maccow, Amelia Dodds**
- E-Athlete - **Ivan Osadchyi**

Well done!

*The PE Department*



# ECAP & TRIPS - LUNCHTIME CLUBS

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS PRIMARY

MONDAYS: Catalan Club for year 5 & 6, 13.00 - 13.30 with Ms. Sadurni in 4A'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

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS KS3 (YR 7 TO Y9)

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)

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS

### KS4 (YR 10 TO Y13)

MONDAYS TUESDAYS & 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 AND 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

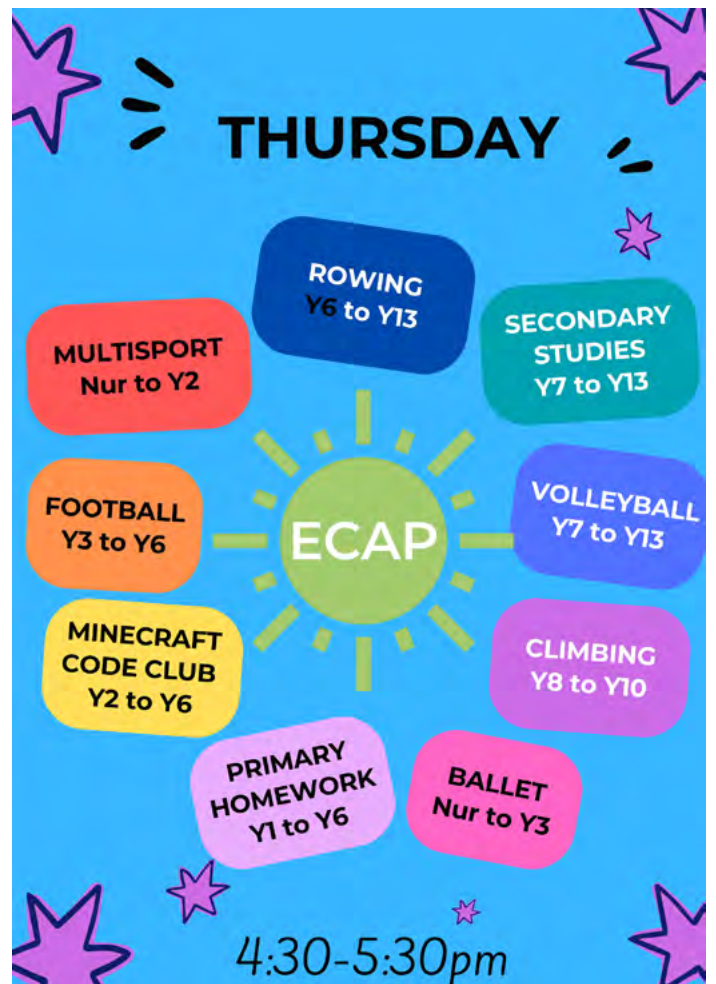
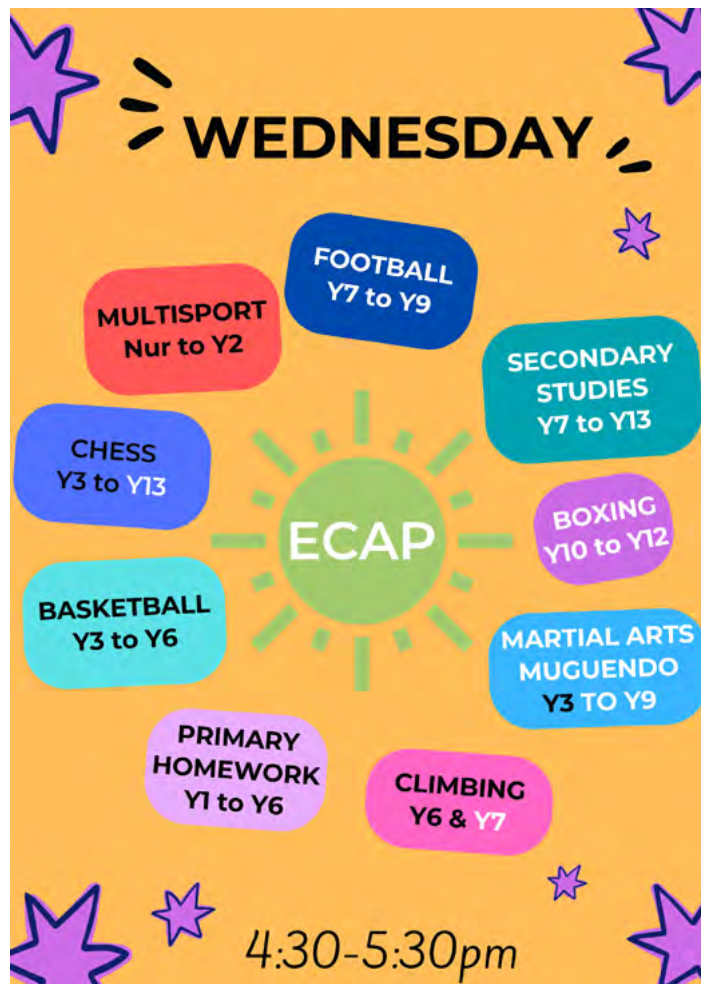
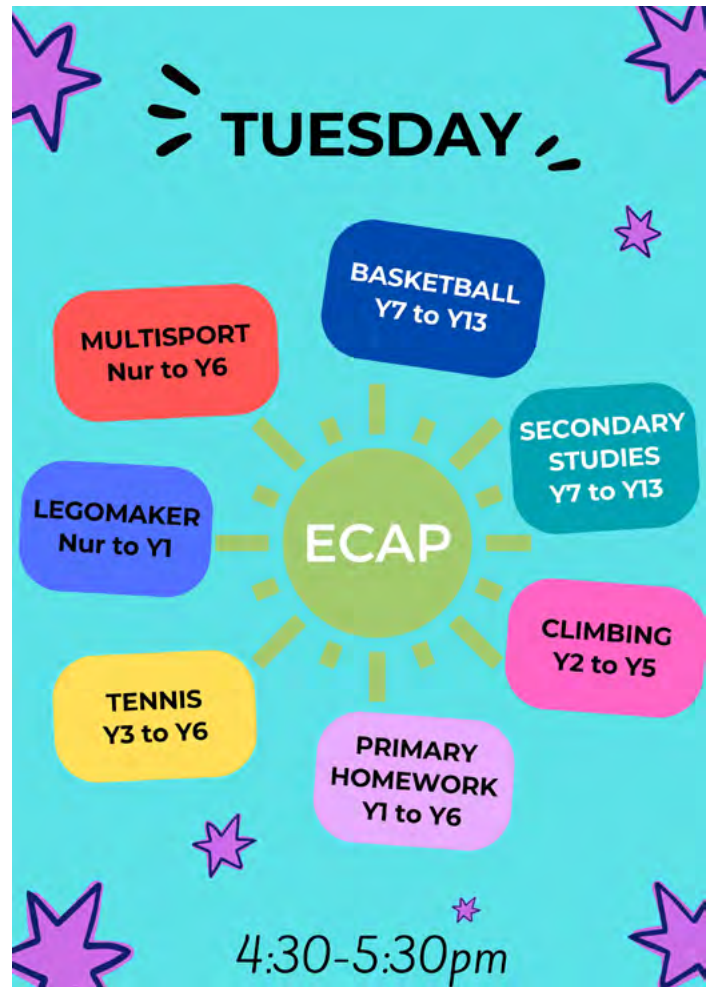
THURSDAYS: Safe Space Club, 10.30 - 11.00, with Ms. Jensen in Ms. Jensen's art room (note this is during break)

FRIDAYS: Senior Band, 13.30 - 14.10 with Ms. McDonald in the secondary Music Room or Auditorium (start date to be confirmed) 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

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# ECAP & TRIPS - CLUBS TERM 1



# LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

## READ, LLEGIR, LIRE, LEER

As we have been doing for years, from the BCG language department we are promoting the reading habit of all our students, since reading has multiple benefits. The importance of literature for the development of the imagination of children is vital and has been widely studied. Although reading feeds the imagination and leads us to ask ourselves questions and question things, it also awakens emotions and teaches us to connect with them, to identify them. In addition, the reader's vocabulary increases in a positive and significant way.

We will introduce reading in Spanish to Year 2 pre-readers, with the little books from the Poquito a poco collection, so that they can also enjoy the magical and endearing stories that the books hide. This collection of texts is designed to work on reading difficulties progressively.

In primary, secondary and high school, our students will continue to enjoy a variety of stories and genres in Catalan, Spanish and French. These are the titles they are going to read this Term 1:

- **Primary**

Year 3: *¿Qué tienes detrás de la oreja?*, Pia Guindulain (Spanish)

Year 4: *Maldito renacuajo*, Maite Carranza (Spanish)

Year 5: *Cómo hablar con tu robot*, Ana Alonso (Spanish)

Year 6: *L'Illa de paidonèsia*, Oriol Canosa (Catalan)

- **Secondary**

Year 7: *De qui és el bosc?*, Mercè Canela (Catalan)

*Manolito Gafotas*, Elvira Lindo (Spanish)

Year 8: *La hija de la noche*, Laura Gallego (Spanish)

*L'assassinat del professor de matemàtiques*, Jordi Sierra i Fabra (Catalan)

Year 9: *Correr para vivir*, Lopez Lomong (Spanish)

*El cavaller de l'armadura rovellada*, Robert Fisher (Catalan)

*Satanée grand-mère*, Anthony Horowitz (French)

Year 10: *Mi hermano persigue dinosaurios*, Giacomo Mazzariol (Spanish)

*Tòquio al cor*, Jordi Gamero (Catalan)

*Virus L.I.V. 3 ou la mort des livres*, Christian Grenier (French)

Year 11: *Marina*, Carlos Ruiz Zafón (Spanish)

*L'home a la recerca de sentit*, Viktor Frankl (Catalan)

*Virus L.I.V. 3 ou la mort des livres*, Christian Grenier (French)

- **Sixth Form**

Year 12: IB Spanish B (HL), *Campos de fresas*, Jordi Sierra

IB Spanish A (SL), *Medea*, Eurípides

IB Spanish A (HL), *Veinte poemas de amor y una canción desesperada*, Pablo Neruda

Year 13: IB Spanish B (HL), *El libro de los rostros*, Ana Isabel Conejo y Javier Pelegrín

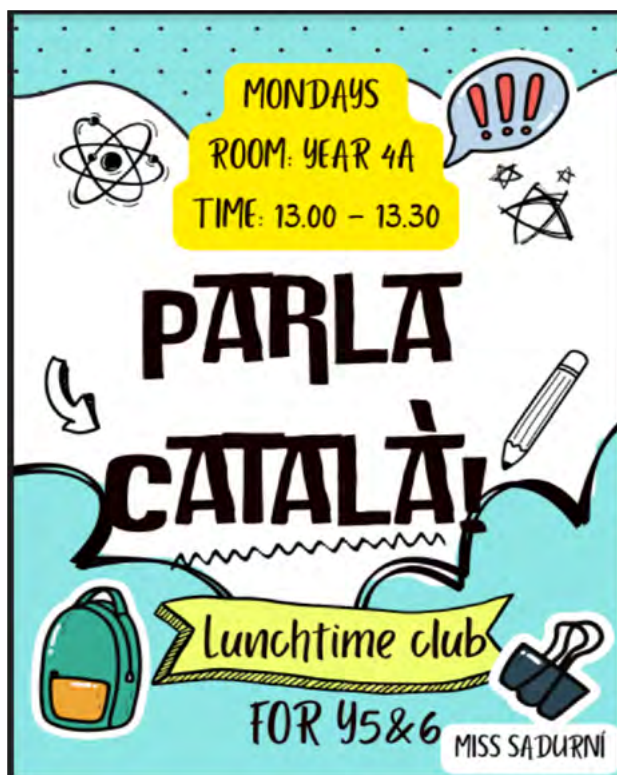
IB Spanish A (SL), free selection



# LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

AFTER LUNCH CLUBS TO REINFORCE LANGUAGE SKILLS (TERM 1)

## PRIMARY



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Ms Pou  
Head of Languages

# GLOBAL GOALS WEEK 2022

This week across the school we have been raising awareness about the Global Goals to celebrate Global Goals Week. The students in ESD planned activities and presentations for the students in primary and in secondary. Well done to the students who presented and helped run the activities. It is never easy to stand in front of a room full of people and present however those students in year 7, 8 and 9 were fantastic and really impressed with their public speaking skills. A special thank you goes to primary for listening so well. During the break times there were fun activities to help raise awareness. Many of the year 7s and 8s helped to run these activities giving up their break times to help motivate and inspire students to learn about the goals. All games were made from recycled and repurposed materials and were planned by the students. This really shows what fantastic imagination and ingenuity our students have. The aim was to raise awareness about the goals just as the United Nations are trying to do this week and BCG definitely achieved their goal. One of the activities was a target poster and it was fantastic to see so many students from all ages writing their ideas on how to help the planet. My favourite part of the week was seeing the students cooperating and teaching each other. The community spirit and leadership our students possess is always something that leaves the BCG teachers feeling proud. The ESD students will use all the information they get to help plan their next projects. The ESD students are just getting started and we cannot wait to see what exciting plans they come up with next to help improve our world.

Best wishes,

*Miss Darby*



# SEND DEPARTMENT

With the aim to promote continuous professional development, all the teachers and teacher assistants in BCG have participated in the workshop of 'High Quality Teaching strategies in the classroom' organised and delivered by the SEND department during the INSET week in August. This was the first of a series of in-house training where we see different pedagogical approaches used to engage, motivate and challenge each learner in the classroom, enabling all of them to develop skills and become active in their learning. The training was very well received and the participation was fantastic!

***Laia Boix and Alba Rosas***

*SENCOs of the Primary and Secondary School, respectively*

## NEW STAFF

### **CLARE EDWARDS** HUMANITIES

I trained as a teacher of History and Citizenship at Sussex University in the UK, after a first career in Advertising (and after two children!). I taught in Brighton, and then for ten years at a Country school in East Sussex, before leaving to support children who were too ill to go to school. I really wanted to return to the classroom, and to live and work in Barcelona, so coming to BCG was everything I wanted. I am really happy to be here!



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