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BCG Newsletter

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Never a dull day!

Well no one can say life at BCG is ever boring! After months of careful preparation, we have finally joined the wonderful Inspired Education Group. We will have plenty of time to talk about the details of this over the coming weeks but the main 'takeaway' at this stage is that we are now part of a 111 school family spread out across 24 countries. The opportunities for the students will now be endless. It really is very exciting.

One aspect that I have been asked about numerous times over the last ten days is 'will we be able to maintain our wonderful community feel that makes our school so special'. There will be changes, inevitably, but I will be working hard to maintain the unique elements of the school whilst happily supporting the improvement of our facilities.

It would be remiss of me not to thank Señor Rafael Valverde for his vision, dedication and commitment to BCG over the past 10 years or so. If it was not for him we would not have this fantastic opportunity to take the school into the next phase of its development. Rafael will still play an important role but may now, at last be able to slow down a little, perhaps enjoying a few more holidays on his beloved motorbike!

Inspired Global summer camps and exchanges

Soon we will be sending more details and an invitation to a webinar, so you can have more information about these wonderful opportunities.

Parents Tea Afternoon February 2nd

This Friday I will present a summary of my thoughts on joining Inspired Education. I won't have all the answers but I hope I will be able to answer many of your questions. I look forward to seeing you there.

Movie nights

A huge congratulations to our Sixth Form CAS students for organising another wonderful Film Night. Last Friday the BCG cinema (popcorn included) showed Jumanji, a family classic from 1995. These film nights have become very popular and I am sure they will be with us for a long time yet!

Simon Mower
School Principal

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 Study Skills

During Spring term Tutor sessions, Year 12 students will focus on study skills.

This bespoke programme addresses our PSHE Outcome number 1 - 'Students who complete their chosen academic pathway successfully' - and aims to:

- help students evaluate their own progress and set themselves smart targets for improvement in each subject
- support students in designing a smart, coherent independent study plan that they can stick to
- teach students how to use AI technology efficiently, effectively and ethically
- expose students to a range of note taking strategies that they can use effectively in lessons
- support students in researching, citing & referencing
- teach students organisational strategies that are easily implemented, saving them time and relieving stress



These skills will support students in each of their subjects, the Extended Essay and Internal Assessments.



Year 13 Getting exam ready

Year 13 students have only 9 weeks in school until their official study leave starts on 15th April. Over the last week, using their report from the Mock exams, they have worked with their Tutors and teachers to establish SMART targets to help ensure that their revision strategies are efficient and focused. Students have allocated independent study periods to specific subjects and tutors will support them in designing a strategic and focused revision plan for home.

Many subject teachers have started extra revision sessions during lunch times and all students are encouraged to attend. During study leave and once official exams start, a quiet study area will be provided for students and a subject-specific revision session schedule implemented. This timetable will be issued over the coming weeks.

Full attendance at this stage in the IB programmes is imperative for students to reach their potential. Interaction with teachers and peers; sharing and discussing concepts, theories and opinions is the best way to consolidate learning, check understanding and refine the way we communicate our ideas. Students should be at school each and every day.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES FOR SIXTH FORM

- 31st January (am) - Y12/Y13 - Using AI effectively, efficiently and ethically - Workshop with Mr West
- 31st January (pm) - Y13 Pamoja Mock exams
- 1st February (am) - Y13 Pamoja Mock exams
- 5th February (am) - Y13 Pamoja Mock exams
- 5th - 9th February - Y13 official Spanish A oral examinations
- 11th - 15th March - Y12 term 2 assessments
- 18th - 22nd March - Y13 official Language B oral examinations
- 2nd April - Y13 final report
- 15th April - Y13 Study Leave
- 25th April - Official IB exam start date

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



News about the Gavà Children's Council (Y6 and Y7)

On January 22nd our councillors met with the other representatives of the schools of Gavà to work on the objectives of the day: to evaluate the Sant Nicasi and Christmas festivities, to recognise and select activities in the Sant Nicasi and Sant Pere programmes, and finally, to create a work dynamic to collect proposals for activities for the festivities.

In the Year 7 group, it was highlighted that it is important that there is greater participation in the Sant Nicasi and Christmas festivities, especially in the market and various festive events, on specific dates. They shared with Year 6 pupils the perception that children's programming is not adequately represented for their age group. In addition, they agreed on the experience of participating with the real postmen and suggested reconsidering this dynamic. On the other hand, they positively highlighted activities such as biscuit workshops, the parade, the festive atmosphere and the spaces for socialising, including the Bosc Encantat. They also appreciate the music at the concerts, although they suggest improvements to the fair to include more activities appropriate to their age group.

*Mr Sales & Ms Paulina
Primary Spanish and Catalan Teachers*

Theatre trip with Y10

Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes in the Auditori Barradas

On Wednesday 24th January, Year 10 students went to see the adaptation of this outstanding work of Spanish and universal literature, starring two theatre technicians with the vocation of actors who put themselves in the shoes of Quixote and Sancho as they unravel Cervantes' text. A funny, ingenious and faithful proposal, which shows the clash between idealism and reality, as well as the most



important themes of the work. Interesting also because students following the national curriculum of Spanish language and literature are reading and working on this Cervantes classic in class.

Ms Benito
Secondary Spanish and Catalan Teacher

Theatre trip with Y12 and Y13

House of Bernarda Alba by Federico García Lorca

On the 16th of January, Year 12 and Year 13 students who follow the IB Spanish A: Language and Literature curriculum, attended, at the Auditori Barradas in l'Hospitalet de Llobregat, the theatrical adaptation of the “drama of women in the villages of Spain”, The House of Bernarda Alba by Federico García Lorca, an obligatory reference in 20th century Spanish theatre. The students had already read and analysed this play in class. At the end of the show, there was a colloquium with the theatre company, and the students had the possibility to talk with the actresses.

Ms Pou
Head of Languages - IBDP Spanish Teacher



Year 12 CAS Babysitting

Gaya and Samanta are both offering babysitting duties to make some extra money in the evenings and weekends and to gain credit towards their learning outcomes for CAS. They are both 16 (almost 17 years old!) and have experience with their own siblings and external children. Both girls live in the Gava Mar area and can work together or separately depending on the needs of your family. Please let me know if you would be interested and I will pass on details to the students. carolynne.bell@bcgava.com

Collaborative lesson of computing Y4 Y9

This week, Year 4 Pegasus class had a very exciting computing lesson as we paired up with Miss Benito and her Year 9 students for a collaboration of learning. The older students had prepared instructions to guide their partner through the program Scratch. It was an opportunity for all students to get to see and hear what learning across the school looks like, and for our Year 9 buddies to become the 'expert'.

Nina Pilcher





Y7 Sea Life Sculpture Project

Y7 students have been learning about ceramics in Art and how to create their own beautiful sea urchin sculptures.

They had the opportunity to use stoneware clay and special ceramic glazes. Each sculpture was fired in a kiln to 1060 degrees centigrade for 10 hours!

The students have learned how to plan, design and create their own ceramic sculptures, using a variety of tools to create texture and interest.

Each piece of artwork is unique, inspired by nature and influenced by both their own wonderful creative ideas and by researching ceramic artists.

Ali Dodds

Class Assembly 4A

Year 4A Phoenix class performed the first Primary Class Assembly of the year to their parents and the other year 4 class last Friday. It was a big undertaking, involving songs, dances, live music and fantastic acting, sharing their knowledge all about their science topic the States of Matter. The children were amazing,





and left their parents and teachers feeling very, very proud. To have the courage to stand in front of lots of people and perform as well as they did was impressive. They all worked really hard, practising in their playtimes, learning their lines and rehearsing with their instruments at home. These class assemblies are memories to be treasured and I'm sure that the children will remember this experience fondly for a long time. Well done Phoenix class, you were awesome!

Abi Carter

Year 4 Class Teacher / PSHE Coordinator

Day trip - Cosmo Caixa

Year 2 visited CosmoCaixa for an amazing day where they explored the rainforest and space as well as discovering some giant dinosaurs! The trip linked to both our Science and Geography topics and the children had so much fun and learnt a lot of new facts. The staff at CosmoCaixa were very impressed with the amazing facts the children already knew and the fantastic questions they asked.

Claire Baker
Year 2 Teacher



Day trip - Picasso

It was a fantastic concert experience at the Auditori of Barcelona! Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a diverse program featuring musicians playing clarinet bass, violin, singing, piano, accordion, and guitar. The performance also incorporated a dancer, exploring the music that inspired Picasso during his creative years.

Eva Beaune



EYFS

Dear families,

Due to professional circumstances we announce that Miss Jade will be leaving school on the last day before we take the half term holiday. Miss Jade is a great professional and we wish her the best of luck in her new adventure in the city! We in the unicorn class will miss her greatly. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your help and love. We will never forget you!

The unicorn class

We have had a busy few weeks in Reception full of learning and fun! As part of our new topic we have been learning about countries around the world. We jumped in our imaginary airplane with our passports in hand and flew all the way to Kenya the first week, we made African style necklaces, tried some African fruits, made an African house using bamboo and even got to see what Kenya looked like through pictures Miss Bifani shared from her trip to Kenya last summer. This week the children travelled to India, we learned about the festival of colours, visited the Taj Mahal, painted Rangolis and Mandalas, used our senses to describe Indian spices and painted an Indian sunset. We also learned a little bit about Poland when one of our lovely parents came in to share with the children what life is like in Poland. We can't wait to visit our next country and to dress up on the 2nd of February in clothes representing our native countries!

Fairy and Pixie Class



PILOTS VISIT

Last week we had a really exciting visit from not one, not two but three of the parent pilots of the children in our class! Our topic this term is 'All around the world' and our lovely dad's volunteered their time to come into our class to give the children a little insight on their role in travel. They showed us what it's like to be inside the cockpit, explained the different ways to become a pilot and of course, just how the uniform fits! We ended with a paper plane workshop and competition! A HUGE thank you to Nacho, Javier and Enrique for this experience!

Jessica Bifani



FUNDamentales

Multisport Camp is Back

This February Half Term our extracurricular partner, FUNdamentales, is back with another multisport camp. These camps are so much more than sport. Not only do they experience a number of different sports each day but get the chance to take part in archery, art, dance and even a talent show! Open to ages 4 to 12 with half day places available.

Please contact them directly at info.fundamentales@gmail.com




**FEBRUARY
CAMP**

**Multisport
Program**

At The British College of Gava

OUR ACTIVITIES
Favourite Sports – Football, Basketball, Tennis
International Sports – Cricket, Kabaddi, Archery
and many more

Also included – Art and creative activities, plus the
bouncy castle

**14,15,16
FEBRUARY**

08:30 to 16:30 €40 per day
08:30 to 12:30 €20 per day

Snack/lunch not provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT US ON
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BCG TALENT SHOW

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION:

BCG Talent Show Auditions Open for Primary and Secondary Students!



Get ready to showcase your hidden talents, because the spotlight is about to shine on the budding stars of BCG! The highly anticipated BCG Talent Show is back, and auditions are set to kick off the week of January 29th, lasting for an entire week.

Open to both primary and secondary students, this is your chance to dazzle the audience with your unique skills, whether it's singing, dancing, magic tricks, or any other form of entertainment you're passionate about. The audition week will be a platform for students to unveil their talents, with the best performances earning a well-deserved spot in round 2 for the BCG final.

The stakes get even higher as the final winners will have the opportunity to represent BCG at the grand citywide Talent Show Final at ACB on March 16th, in the evening. This prestigious event will bring together the crème de la crème from schools across Barcelona, making it a night to remember for participants and spectators alike.

Auditions will be conducted in a supportive and encouraging environment, with the goal of bringing out the best in every student. Whether you're a seasoned

performer or stepping onto the stage for the first time, the BCG Talent Show is the perfect platform to let your talents shine.

To audition, simply sign up at the designated locations in the school starting January 29th. Round 2 participants for the BCG final will be announced shortly after auditions conclude, and the journey to the grand finale at ACB will begin.

Don't miss your chance to be part of the BCG Talent Show extravaganza. Start rehearsing, gather your courage, and prepare to leave the audience in awe! This is your time to shine under the bright lights of BCG!

Claire McDonald
Head of Performing and Creative Arts



BCG
ANNUAL TALENT SHOW!

1st round :
From the 29th of January to the
2nd of February
Every school day from 10.45

LIVE
MUSIC

EVERY STUDENT IS INVITED TO PREPARE TWO PIECES SOLO OR IN A BAND (NO MORE THAN 1 MINUTE LONG). IT CAN BE DANCING, SINGING, PLAYING INSTRUMENTS... ANYTHING AROUND ARTS IN GENERAL TO PERFORM ON THE BREAK TIMES IN THE MORNING ON THE STAGE.

BACKING TRACKS TO BE SENT BEFORE 22ND OF JANUARY TO : EVA.BEAUNE@BCGAVA.COM
FROM 5TH OF FEBRUARY TO 9TH OF FEBRUARY, 2ND ROUND FULL PERFORMANCE

4TH OF MARCH LUNCHTIME FINAL (6 LAST ONES)
FINALIST TO BE PERFORMING IN ASB FOR THE 3RD ROUND
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO VOTE FOR THE WINNERS OF THIS TALENT SHOW!!!

ST PATRICKS

A ShamROCKIN Celebration

Following the success of last year's debut performance, the students of BCG are set to entertain audiences once again with their rhythmic footwork, melodious voices, and captivating chamber music. The St. Patrick's Music and Dance Celebration is back, promising an afternoon of Irish charm and cultural festivities for all.

Scheduled for March 18th at 15:00, the event will unfold at BCG, welcoming parents of the talented performers and promising an unforgettable celebration for St. Patrick's Day. This year's showcase will feature a delightful mix of primary and





secondary Irish dance performances, singing renditions, and a musical display by the school chamber group.

Among the musical highlights will be the enchanting Irish polka, transporting the audience to the heart of Ireland with its lively and traditional tune. The students have been diligently rehearsing under the guidance of dedicated instructors, ensuring a performance that not only entertains but also pays homage to the rich cultural heritage of Ireland.

For students eager to showcase their talents in the celebration, lunchtime clubs are conducted by Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Beaune, and Miss McDonald. These clubs serve as the perfect platform for budding performers to refine their skills and become an integral part of the upcoming extravaganza.

Parents and friends will be invited nearer the time to witness the culmination of weeks of hard work and dedication as the students take center stage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a truly spectacular manner. Look out your green attire, mark your calendars and embrace the spirit of the Irish, and join us on March 18th at 15:00 for a shamrockin' good time at the BCG St. Patrick's Music and Dance Celebration!

Claire McDonald
Head of Performing and Creative Arts

ARTS EVENING PLUG

Brace yourselves for an unforgettable evening of artistic brilliance as BCG proudly presents the GCSE and IB Arts Evening on Thursday, March 14th. This event will be a celebration of the remarkable talents and achievements of our dedicated exam students.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the exhibition of outstanding Art coursework, featuring an array of visual masterpieces that reflect the creativity and artistic talents of our students. This will be the final exhibition for the IB Visual Arts course, the culmination of two years of work and a showcase of the IGCSE Component 1 personal projects. This Art gallery promises to be a visual treat, offering a glimpse into the minds of these young artists who have poured their passion into their pieces.

Drama enthusiasts will be treated to gripping monologues and captivating performances that showcase the depth of talent within our student body. From intense character portrayals to thought-provoking narratives, the Drama segment of the evening is sure to leave the audience enthralled.

Adding a symphony of sounds to the evening, GCSE Music students will take the stage with solo and ensemble performances that highlight their musical abilities. The harmonious melodies and captivating compositions will echo through the auditorium, leaving a lasting impression on all in attendance.

This spectacular Arts Evening is not just a showcase; it's an invitation for parents of the exam students involved to witness and applaud the dedication and hard work that has gone into creating these exceptional pieces of art, drama, and music.

So, mark your calendars for Thursday, March 14th, and join us at BCG for an evening filled with creativity, inspiration, and the celebration of artistic achievement. Let the talents of our students paint, act, and play their way into your hearts! We look forward to sharing this remarkable journey with you.

Claire McDonald
Head of Performing and Creative Arts



GLIMPSE OF THE WEEKS

