



BCG Newsletter

31st January 2023





What a great start to the term we have had! Yes, it has been rather cold, but it has also been beautifully sunny for the most part. The school is looking good and I can already feel spring is just around the corner.

The Year 11 and Year 13 students have been busy with their mock examinations and I was delighted by the way in which they approached these. My thanks to them and all of the staff involved in running them

The Primary students have already been busy with visits ranging from the Chocolate museum to Gaudi's masterpiece the Sagrada Familia, Years 7, 8 and 9 are off to see Animal farm this week and our sports teams are also very busy representing the school.

University Offers

Our Year 13 students are starting to get their university offers through and I am delighted to say they are really good.

Some highlights include:

UK	St Andrews	Mathematics
UK	Bristol	Mathematics
UK	Bristol	Economics and Politics
UK	York	Economics and Politics
UK	Warwick	Economics and International Relations
UK	Coventry	Automotive Engineering
UK	Ravensbourne	Fashion Buying and Brand Management
UK	Stirling	Sport and Exercise Science
USA	Purdue	Aerospace Engineering
Netherlands	Eindhoven IT	Mechanical Engineering
Netherlands	Eindhoven IT	Physics
Netherlands	Groningen	International Studies
Netherlands	Leiden	Psychology
Netherlands	TU Delft	Aerospace Engineering
Netherlands	Twente	Mechanical Engineering
Ireland	Trinity College Dublin	PPE
Australia	University of Melbourne	Commerce
Spain	ESIC	Marketing and Digital Business
Spain	Blanquerna	International Relations
Spain	Blanquerna	Nursing
Spain	UAB	Relaciones Internacionales

Sustainability

We have a Sustainability Special on Feb 23 with some guest speakers and an upcoming Open Day on Feb 24. More details in this newsletter.

New IBCP course launched

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have now officially launched our new partnership with SUMAS to bring an exciting range of Sustainable management courses to our senior students. Please see [our website](#) for more details.

Safety First!

We have always taken safety very seriously and as part of their ongoing training all staff received Health & Safety training. They also did the following courses
First Aid at Work - Secondary and admin
Paediatric First Aid - EYFS and Primary + admin

Parent Handbook

Please remember to check the [Parent Handbook](#) for new dates or latest changes but from now onwards any updates will also be sent to parent reps.

Wonderful coffee!

Our thanks to our great friends at Cafe Finca for the wonderful new coffee machine in reception

Simon Mower
Principal

EYFS & PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are now only 2 weeks away from half term. We are half way through the school year already. This is something I often remind the Year 6 pupils of at this time as they will begin their preparations for their transition to Secondary. We will communicate what this will involve to our Year 6 parents after the half term.

We have all braved the cold this week and really felt the drop in temperature. We have noticed that many children are still coming into school wearing shorts and not wearing an outside jacket. Please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the cold weather.

This week, the school has been busy with an exciting trip to the Cacolat Factory. The children behaved brilliantly. They learned a lot about chocolate and all received a tasty looking gift bag. Thank you Max in 5B for the sweet treat you gave me!

We have begun our Spring Term free lunchtime club program that will run for the whole term (up until the April holiday). New additions to the club program include: Irish Dancing, Lego and Bench Ball. We had a fantastic game of bench ball with children from Year 3 up to Year 6 participating. A special mention to Alba (5B) and Kalyan (3B) for their great team effort and playing so well.

In EYFS, the Nursery children completed some wonderful activities linked to the story of the Three Little Pigs. They even did some Science work looking at different materials. Well done Turtles! Our new Reception Class are settling well and have completed two full weeks with their new teacher, Miss Franckeiss. Miss Franckeiss has been a great addition to our teaching team. We feel very lucky to have her.

Finally, we had the first Parent Rep meeting of 2023. It is really enjoyable to meet with our budding parents to discuss and problem-solve. There were some very interesting points raised which our reps will feed back to our parent community.

I wish every member of our staff team, pupils and their families a great week ahead.

Un abrazo

Miss Wakelin
Head of EYFS & Primary School



Year 5

What a great week we have had in year 5, where we are beginning to master subtraction and addition of fractions, we have carried out scientific experiments into magnetic forces, we are beginning to programme 3d Greek building design in a new computer programme and now we have been able to visit inside the one and only Nocilla/Colacao chocolate factory in the world to see how the product transitions from a cocoa bean to the delicious product we can buy in the supermarket! Not only have we worked hard, but we are having a great time too!



Mrs Baron



SECONDARY NEWS

Dear parents,

The mock exams are now yesterday's news: the subsequent period of reflection for two of our oldest year groups starts now. Students are busy looking at the aftermath of their exams and gleaning what they can improve upon before the real thing in April, May and June. As they continue to set their goals for the exams, Y12 Prefects Ekaterina and Lily held an assembly on goal setting. In a timely fashion they expanded on the idea that if you have lapsed resolutions or your goal has become obscured, then what better time to reaffirm it than the Lunar (Chinese) New Year.

We are giving a big push to areas that have slipped slightly of late. The uniform has become less than meaningful recently. Accepted, the current cold weather blasts have meant the students need to keep warm but once they are in school they should be in their uniform. Please ensure the students have their appropriate uniforms on so that they can change out of their colder-weather clothes.

Mr. Ruddin
Head of Secondary

NABSS photo competition 'a moment of joy'

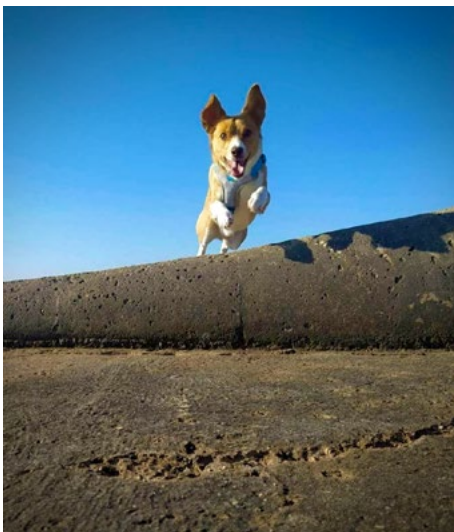
Our school had two categories -

A Moment of Joy

1st Sara Lozano Year 10

2nd Manel Romero Cantero Year 7

3rd Noa Cedillo Aznar Year 7



Best Shot (taking an excellent photo!)

1st Leu Horbach Year 9

2nd Arianne Prado Year 9

3rd Sophia Rodriguez Hock Year 8



Congratulations to everyone! We were so impressed with the entries of beautiful places and joyful moments.

Ms Jensen

Sustainability Special - February 23rd

1) Sustainability For Changemakers - Expert Talks & Career Options

- 14:15 - 15:00 - Year 7 to Year 9 (students only) - Keynote speakers
- 15:00 - 15:45 - Years 10 to 13 (Parents Welcome ([RSVP required](#))) - Keynote speakers
- 15:45 - 16:30 - Years 10 to 11 (Parents Welcome ([RSVP required](#))) - SUMAS

The speakers are:

Soleil Sabalja | New York | Environmental Activist Teacher & Founder of Nasty New Yorkers

Soleil Sabalja is an environmental activism and biology teacher in a public high school in NYC. In her free time she works with the community to bring more awareness to environmental issues such as diverting clothes to the landfill and neighborhood beautification projects.

Lisa Stenvinkel | Sweden | Head of Sustainable Impact at Another Tomorrow

Lisa is an experienced advocate for sustainability from working both with the private sector and within the UN-system. She also spends her time advising companies and teaching sustainability at institutions like MIT.

Sustainability Management School (SUMAS)

SUMAS was the first business school in the world to launch the BBA and MBA in Sustainability Management. SUMAS is a unique business school located between Geneva and Lausanne, Switzerland that offers innovative business programs integrated with state of the art sustainability knowledge. SUMAS combines high level academic education with real life projects in partnership with top companies. A sustainable future is no longer an option or a choice, it is a necessity. Coming generations of managers will have to re-think business practices to allow a sustainable impact on the environment, on economic development, and on society at large.

2) **6:30 to 7:30 pm - GCSE & IB Open Day** - Find the Pathway that's right for your child

BCG Secondary Students & secondary families will be invited & need to register here. Non-BCG families are invited & need to register [here](#).

Speakers - SUMAS & Rachel Fenton

SUSTAINABILITY FOR CHANGEMAKERS

Thursday, February 23rd

14:15 - 15:00 - Year 7 to Year 9 (students only) - Keynote speakers

15:00 - 15:45 - Years 10 to 13 (Parents Welcome - RSVP required) -
Keynote speakers

15:45 - 16:30 - Years 10 to 11 (Parents Welcome - RSVP required) - SUMAS



Lisa Stenvinkel | Sweden

Head of Sustainable Impact
at Another Tomorrow



Soleil Sabalja | New York

Environmental activist teacher
& Founder of Nasty New Yorkers



Ivana Modena | Switzerland

Founder & President
SUMAS Sustainability Management School



Joachim Fendt-Newlin | Switzerland

Administrative Director
SUMAS Sustainability Management School

Location - BCG Auditorium

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

IB Career-related Programme with SUMAS

Education for Sustainable Development is an important thread running through our school and we are excited to be able to bring the concept of responsible management to the upper school with our new IB Career-related Programme pathways in sustainability management in partnership with SUMAS (Sustainability Management School, Switzerland).

These new pathways will give our students more choice as to the kind of educational experience they want in Years 12 & 13 and allow them to focus on areas of global importance in a practical way. We look forward to inviting SUMAS to our GCSE/IB Open Evening on 23rd February and encourage parents from throughout the school who are interested in finding out more about the different options for our students, to come along.

Year 13 Reports

Our Year 13 students have now completed their Mock examinations and are eagerly awaiting results from their teachers as they embark on the final phase of their 2-year Diploma Programme course. Reports will be issued in the last week of term and will include important targets for exam preparation.

DP Theatre

Year 13 Theatre students are finalising their Collaborative Projects and will be performing for their examinations in a couple of weeks time. This component of their IB Diploma Theatre course involves collaboratively creating and performing a piece of theatre and presenting a portfolio of the creative process. As part of the mock examination, they performed their pieces for the GCSE Drama students to exchange ideas and receive some valuable feedback.

Y12 Extended essay

Our Year 12 students are now fully engaged with the Extended Essay process and working with their supervisor on establishing a worthy Research Question. They have been issued with an Extended Essay calendar which will help them to manage their time and we encourage them to set aside time for EE research, planning and writing each week.

IDBP CAS and IBCP Service Learning

Our IDBP and IBCP students are working towards successfully passing the core elements of their respective courses. The students have been writing personal statements with which to identify areas of interest that could potentially develop into worthwhile and enjoyable projects. For CAS, students must be involved in

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multiple initiatives that allow them to reflect and evidence the following learning outcomes:

1. Identify own strengths and develop areas for growth
2. Demonstrate that challenges have been undertaken, developing new skills in the process
3. Demonstrate how to initiate and plan a CAS experience
4. Show commitment to and perseverance in CAS experiences
5. Demonstrate the skills and recognise the benefits of working collaboratively
6. Demonstrate engagement with issues of global significance
7. Recognise and consider the ethics of choices and actions.

Our IBCP student outcomes are:

1. Design, manage and complete a direct service learning project
2. Create an event that works indirectly to benefit a selected cause / charity / issue of global significance
3. Advocate for an issue of public interest or global significance to raise awareness and inspire others to take action
4. Research, using a variety of resources, an area of topical debate that may influence policy or practice.

Our students are at the start of their action phases having brainstormed project ideas and are now ready to unveil their ideas to the community. Our future newsletters will be written by the students themselves who will be getting creative and asking for the support of the community to help them achieve their learning outcomes. Our first initiative is a combined CAS and SL Project that aims to help the students develop Business skills (accounting and finance, marketing and HR) as well as being fully immersed in the ethos of CAS and SL. Watch this space!

IB Core Day

On March 16th, Year 12 students will participate in graded activities relating to the Core subjects including presentations and group work and a practice TOK Exhibition.

Ms Fenton

ENRICHMENT NEWS

Residential Trips

This is just a quick message to say thank you to all parents for sending in their passport copies to the trips team. If you have a child travelling to Madrid, Normandy, Rome or London and have not yet sent a clear passport copy to trips@bcgava.com then we kindly request you do so within the week.

ECAP

If you want your child to join an ECAP activity, please email ecap@bcgava.com. There are still places available in some extracurriculars and although the Booking system is closed we will be happy to help you!

International Mother Language Day - Wear National Dress please!

The United Nations celebrates the above day on Tuesday 21st February. In accordance with that, we invite the BCG community to attend school on that day wearing their national dress or, at least, dressed in their country's national colours. We aim to take a whole school photo and have students record a short 'welcome to BCG!' message in their mother tongue to showcase our linguistic range to potential visitors and newcomers. Across the week, students will be involved in a range of activities during language and PSHE lessons that celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity.

BISA Volleyball

On Wednesday 25th January, the girls squads played in the annual BISA volleyball tournament. All teams were amazing, the team spirit was in full flow and we had a great day playing and developing skills. There was a definite improvement in performance from match 1 to match 4. Our P.E. Stars of the Week also goes to these girls for an amazing display of sportsmanship and self management skills.

Valeria T.
Valeria D.
Sofia N.
Lidia V.
Mariona M.
Judith P.
Elin H.
Ekaterina L.
Ariadna R.
Ines B.

We also want to acknowledge Noelia V., Ariadna R, Sophia B., and Sofia N. who all

played for SEK school who didn't have full squads. Sofia N. helped their team beat our BCG girls and the Noelia, Ariadna and Sophia's performances with the SEK U16 girls helped them jump above BCG in the final standings. I think it says a lot for our girls and team ethos that the focus was participation and enjoyment over victories. Well done ladies!!! The P.E. Department wishes to thank Miss Marta Sierra who coached our U14 girls, taught them chants and cheers and ensured they had an incredibly awesome day.

The boys compete on Wednesday 8th February. We are currently in the process of finalising teams for the tournament.

The Inaugural BCG Cross Country Championships

The PE team has mapped a cross country track in the awesome forest that we have on our doorstep! In order to utilise our natural environment and increase the options available for students to engage in sport and exercise, we are introducing an annual Cross Country Championship! This is for students in years 3 - 13 and is a mandatory event that will take place during PE lessons. We will use the week 20th -24th February to take students for a practice run/walk/jog and the race will take place during PE lessons in the following week, 27th-3rd March. Our year 3 and 4 students will compete over 1km, 5 and 6's over 2 km, KS3 over 3 km and KS4 and 5 over 4 km. We expect students to give this event their full participation and effort to support our budding and ever-growing athletic talent in school. Closer to the time, we will send parents the PE lesson times for the competition week. We invite you to come race other parents, have a leisurely walk, support your child by running alongside them or to help officiate and record results. The more the merrier!

BCG Basketball League

For the first time, our school is running a 3v3 basketball league at lunch breaks. Students and teachers are competing to see who has the best skills in our community. This week, the 'BCG Lakers' and the 'Chicago Pulls' faced each other in an amazing performance with highlights such as a 'dunk' from our star Gaby. It is also worth mentioning that our students were very respectful to each other creating a great atmosphere for them to enjoy the game.

Next week, we will have games on Monday and Wednesday; our staff team is playing their first game on Monday! Good luck to everyone!

Participation Outside School

Please do not forget to share any success your child has experienced in an event outside school. This can be sport, music, drama or art based or can be a voluntary activity your child is part of. Please email a short write up and send this alongside a photo and we will happily share the joy with our community.

Ms Bell

LUNCH TIME CLUBS PRIMARY

TUESDAYS: Y2 + Y3 Club de lectura with Miss Navarro in Year 2 Jellyfish class (Week 1)

TUESDAYS: Advanced Orchestra for years 4, 5 & 6 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 - 13.30 with Ms. Montse in the Primary Music room

WEDNESDAY: Bench Ball Club with Miss Wakelin

THURSDAYS: Y2 + Y3 Club de lectura with Miss Navarro in Year 2 Jellyfish class (Week 2)

THURSDAYS: Pokemon Club for Y2 to Y6. 13.00 - 13.30 with Miss Pilcher in the tent.

FRIDAYS: Irish Dance Club with Miss O'Connor & Lego Club with Miss Taylor



LUNCH TIME CLUBS Y7 TO Y9

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY: Basketball Club
with Mr Alonso

MONDAYS: Irish Dance with Miss
McDonald

TUESDAYS: The Outcasts Pop Band &
Spanish Book Club with Miss Company
at 13:45 in room 2.14

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

THURSDAYS: Drama with Ms. Darby
& Safe Space Club, 10.30 - 11.00 in Ms.
Jensen's art room

FRIDAYS: Choir with Ms. McDonald &
Robotics Club with Mr West



LUNCH TIME CLUBS Y10 TO Y13

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY: Basketball Club with
Mr Alonso

MONDAYS: Irish Dance with Miss McDonald
IGCSE speaking practice with Miss Company at
13:45 in room 2.14

TUESDAYS:
The Outcasts Pop Band with Miss McDonald
Spanish Book Club, 13.45 - 14.15, with Ms.
Company in S2.14

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

THURSDAYS: Safe Space Club, 10.30 - 11.00, with
Ms. Jensen in the art room

FRIDAYS:
Choir with Ms. McDonald
KS4&5 Volleyball with Miss Bell
Robotics Club with Mr West



LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK

EYFS and Primary:

Reception: Olimpia M. y Gina L. (Spanish)

Y1: Claudia A. (Spanish)

Y2: Pablo C. y Sarah C. (Catalan)

Y3: Sira y Kaine A. (Spanish)

Y4: Hugo M. y Kostya (Spanish)

Y6: Charlie B. y Lola C. (Catalan)

Secondary and Sixth Form:

KS3: Max A. Y8 (Spanish)

KS4: Eva P. Y11 (Catalan)

KS5: Maraike W. Y12 (French)



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- February 3rd: KS3 Assembly: Consell dels Infants de Gavà
- February 21st: Celebration of the International Mother Language Day

Trips to the theater:

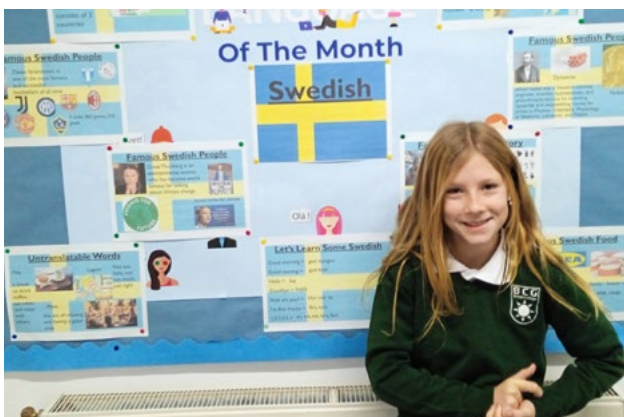
- February 23rd: El monstro de colores- Centre Catòlic de Sants, Reception, Y1 and Y2.
- February 27th: Le petit prince de Saint Exupéry- Teatre del Casinet d'Hostafrancs, French students- KS4 and KS5

Ester Pou
Head of Languages

Language of the Month

During November and December we celebrated Swedish as our language of the month. We began with assemblies, learning about the Swedish language and the culture of Swedish speakers. We learnt, for example, that Swedish is spoken by 10 million people and that Scandinavian languages are mutually intelligible. We also learnt about 3 famous Swedes, Alfred Nobel, Greta Thunberg and Zlatan Ibrahimovic, that Swedish people love to eat Köttbullar and that Fika is a very important Swedish concept! A really big thank you to all our Swedish speakers, in particular Amaya and Bella, who gave a fantastic assembly explaining their experience of speaking Swedish and a little bit about Swedish culture, well done! We are celebrating German during January and then Gaelic and then Arabic after half term, so if any of our Gaelic or Arabic speaking families would like to get involved, or have any new ideas, please let us know!

Mr Fassam



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Thursday 15th December, a selection of our BCG secondary students put on an impressive show to round off the school year. The concert was a familiar mix of traditional and modern music styles including impressive performances of Christmas classics alongside entertaining interludes from our talented drama department. We are very proud of the student's hard work, dedication and their enthusiasm to perform and come together as a school. This event is the first of many public performances planned to take place throughout this school year

and we are already looking forward to our next event! A massive WELL DONE to all involved!

We are happy to announce that all our primary Christmas Concerts across the school were a tremendous success. All year groups did a wonderful job entertaining family and friends during this joyous season. Thank you to everyone that joined us throughout December, the children really enjoyed performing for you. We also would like to thank our dedicated staff for helping to make this event possible. Our pupils truly shine and help remind us, during the hustle and bustle of life, how important it is to come together as a school and celebrate.



Ms McDonald



HALF TERM MULTISPORT CAMP

Age 4 to 11 (Nursery to Year 6)

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February | 08:30 to 16:30

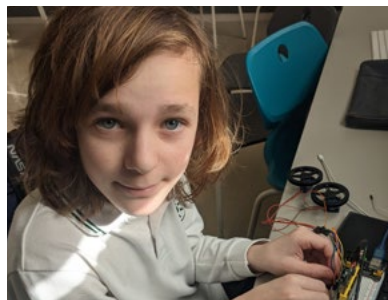
We are pleased to announce that our extra-curricular partner FUNdamentales have launched plans to run a Multisport Camp during half term here at BCG. The camp will take place every day during what would normally be school hours and have a wide variety of extremely fun and inclusive sports activities as well as daily challenges, themes and, of course, the giant inflatable!

FUNdamentales have been working here at BCG since January 2022 and will run camps during February, April and October. The main objective for the children that attend these camps is to keep active, try new sports and, most importantly, have fun! The week's activities will be in English but support in other languages is available and all coaches are police checked and fully trained sports coaches or teachers.

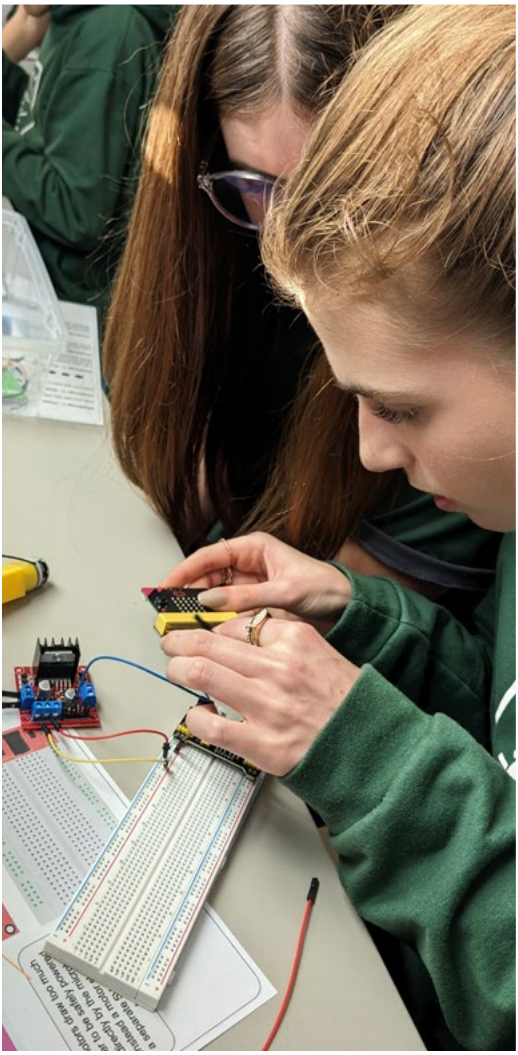
For more information and to register please email info.fundamentales@gmail.com or follow on Instagram @fundamentales22



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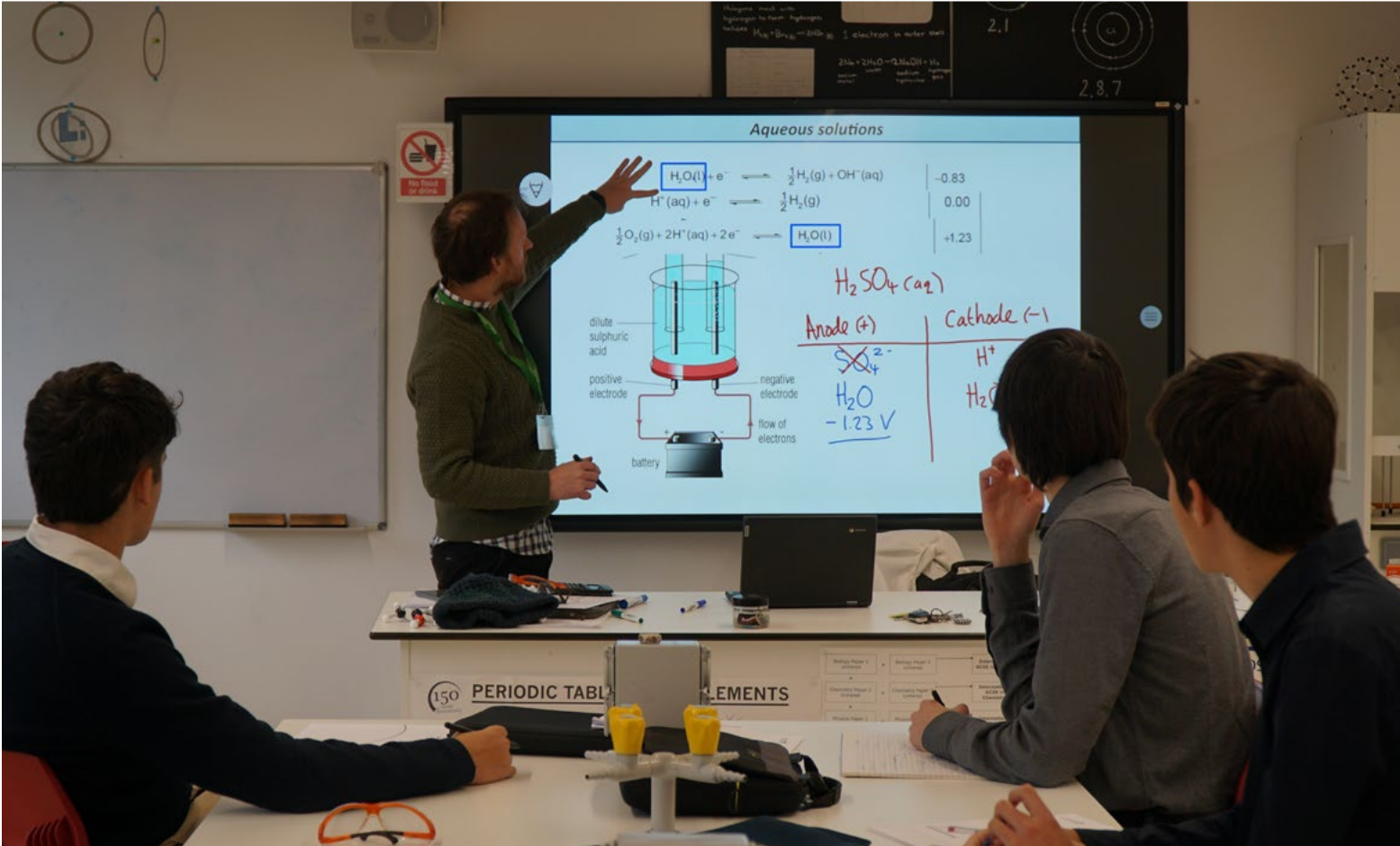
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