



WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 20

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This has been the first complete week of the academic year and I feel we have had a very positive and dynamic start. I have been in many schools and I have to say that as a newcomer here I am struck by the genuine smiles and warmth of the children as they come into school in the mornings. I am normally present at one of the entrances in the morning and the children do enjoy coming into school. Interestingly, on the whole, they also look happy as they leave. It is early days but it is certainly a good start.

On Tuesday we hosted the parent 'meet and greet' and I'm confident it fulfilled the purpose of allowing you to get to know the teachers and to start the personal connection that will allow constructive communication in future. There was certainly quite a 'buzz' from the productive conversations going on in the main building.



Thursday was occasion for the the monthly coffee morning for parents. Thankyou for those who came and thank you for the conversations regarding option choices at IB Diploma, school database systems and GCSE French amongst others. Please see the date for the next one on the attached calendar and try to come along. For those who enjoy breakfast, the coffee is supplemented by hot milk, doughnut, sandwiches and warm, chocolate filled mini-croissants. Mark the date!



Today, Friday, we had a visit from specialists in supplying sporting equipment and we toured the Gyms in the new building to look at our needs. Exciting times ahead. In the Springtime we will be inviting you on a tour of the impressive facilities and there is much to see. We are moving on with our culture, infrastructure and always looking to develop the learning of students

On another positive note, I should say that we were joined by our new ICT teacher, Andrew Brook, at the beginning of the week. I know he has had a great start as I have taken the opportunity to be in many lessons alongside him as it gives me the chance to get to know the classes.

We are also pleased to announce that Miss Laia Boix Fuento will join us from Monday as SEND Coordinator. Ms Boix is exceptionally well qualified for this important role.

Thankyou for all the support and let's continue to work together in a positive spirit.

We will look to get input from different members of school into the weekly newsletter, and this week I have asked the SLT members from the teaching and learning team to write some words.

John Prince, Principal

Aine Mooney,
Primary Headteacher

What an amazing week we have had. After a wonderful Primary assembly discussing the meanings behind our BCG Values and how we can live by them, we sank our teeth into some 'Place Value' in Maths and some gripping topics in History and Science. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are fully engaged in their incredible outside learning space and free flow learning environments in the classroom. They are slowly settling into school life and are beginning to develop friendships that will last a lifetime.



Steven Lockwood,
Secondary Headteacher

I am extremely pleased with the start that the secondary school has made for this academic year. After the summer holidays I know all students and teachers were keen to get going. It has been a pleasure to meet all new students and welcome back existing students. And likewise, it has been a pleasure to meet parents and guardians at both the welcome assemblies and the open evening. We held an excellent first secondary school assembly on Tuesday covering the theme 'Artificial Intelligence'. All students were engaged while providing thoughtful insights with enthusiasm. There is a healthy air of positivity and ambition throughout the school that I certainly want this to continue, as we migrate into the new building.



James Dennis
Assistant Headteacher

Since the end of the last academic year, BCG has introduced a new management system called iSams, which will revolutionise the daily running of the school. This system has many different facets to it but needs time to be embedded into college life. Currently, myself and a team of others are working hard to set the system up and over the coming months will be releasing more information how you also will be able to use it to improve our communication.

Also, we are finalising the installation and implementation of Google Classrooms so that you will be able to monitor your child's homework. In the primary school you will also be able to see what they get up to in class on a daily basis..

A separate communication will be sent out with further details very soon.





Upcoming events

**Wednesday 25
September**

16:20-17:20

Parent Focus group preliminary meeting

**Tuesday 01
October**

09:00-12:30

School Open Day

In the spirit of openness all parents are warmly invited to be present in school and visit lessons in Early Years, Primary and Secondary.

**Wednesday 02
October**

EYFS & Year 1
Sports Day

**Friday 04
October**

Year 2-13 **Sports day**

ECAP

We are also finishing our first complete week of the extracurricular programme ECAP at BCG. Thanks to all the students that joined with enthusiasm all the exciting afterschool activities.



Testimonial

'Our children - Pola, Ivo and Nadja liked BCG from the first day.

Thanks for the friendly atmosphere and also the idea of inviting only new students the first day of school.

After first week they had really enjoyed the school and we felt so relieved not noticing any stress in their behaviour, they seemed to like their new school and new friends.

When we asked them which teachers they like more, the ones from the previous school or the ones in BCG- our son said:

"I like Teachers from BCG, because they smile more than the ones from my previous school".

Thank you for your patience and every smile!

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