



IMPORTANT DATES

December

- 4th: Grade 9 Parent-Teacher Consultations(15:45-18:00)
- 6th: Grade 4 Maths Morning
- 9th: Under-16 Girls Volleyball Competition (10:30 - 17:00 at Tbilisi Free School)
- 9th: Students representing BGA at The National Library of Parliament in an event promoting gender equality
- 11th: Grade 10 Parent-Teacher Consultations(15:45-18:00)
- 11th-21st: IB Examinations
- 11th-21st: Grade 10 IGCSE Mock Examinations
- 12th: Pre-School/Grade 1 Christmas Show
- 14th: Grade 2&3 Christmas Show
- 15th: Nursery Winter Festival
- 15th: Primary Book Club Awards (Bronze)
- 22nd: Start BGA Winter Break

Message from the Principal

Dear BGA Community,

This week has been a wonderful celebration of achievement. As Principal, one of my great privileges is to witness and participate in learning events across the school. This week we have seen our Secondary Awards Ceremony where achievement across our secondary school is recognised.

It was a tremendous success, not only highlighting students' academic progress but also valuing those students who consistently demonstrate positive behaviours and our BGA core values.

Awards were also given to those students who have achieved 100% attendance across the year. As research consistently shows good attendance correlates with academic success (and the converse)! I then moved to our Primary School where I became a salad judge for our Grade 2 as they presented the wonderful salads that they had made for their IPC unit *Super Humans*.

Despite them being some of our youngest students they were able to share their knowledge of science and healthy lifestyles with great articulation. Finally, I was able to watch presentations of body systems as Grade 5 presented their IPC exit point on their unit *Being Human*. The science learning was outstanding, but so was their teamwork, collaboration, organisation and communication skills. I would also like to thank those parents who attended these events and contributed to their success. Fantastic celebrations of learning across the school.

Attendance and Punctuality

This is to thank those parents who support their children with punctuality and attendance every morning. It makes a massive difference to the success of teaching and learning in the school when students are on time for lessons and don't miss learning time. This is a great example of home and school working together.

House Points

I am very pleased to announce the first results from our renewed house point awards. These are given for positive behaviours, effort and moments where students demonstrate great learning, both in and outside of the classroom.

179 POINTS



165 POINTS



139 POINTS



139 POINTS



Gender Equality at the National Library of Parliament

We are very pleased to announce that BGA students have been invited to attend a government forum on gender equality at the National Library of Parliament. We look forward to feedback from our attending students on this important issue.

BGA Sport

- BGA enjoyed a 4-2 victory over BIST in our primary boys football friendly.
- Lion's Academy joint BGA / BIST team won the under-12 Girl's Handball Tournament at Free School this weekend

IB Diploma Psychology Field Trip

This week our IB Diploma psychology students (12th grade), visited the Ministry of Defense wounded warrior rehabilitation center of Georgia. Students had the opportunity to meet not only the team of clinical psychologists who are currently working with the war veterans (who underwent peacekeeping missions abroad, in Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa), but also the wounded warriors of Georgia themselves. The psychological team provided a guided tour through the building and introduced the specifics of the service and the framework of psychological interventions they are using to support the soldiers and their family members. As IB psychology have students studied Abnormal Psychology, and more precisely PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), with its biological and neural changes in the brain, as well as medical and therapeutic treatments, it was fundamentally important for them to apply the factual knowledge to the real world environment, as the core ideology of the whole IB program states. Students were able to witness real-life therapy sessions and hear from those undergoing the therapy about its benefits and procedure itself. As they had vast amounts of knowledge on the common therapeutic approaches, seeing real-life examples guaranteed the understanding of a topic, that is not only coming from scientific research and books but the real-world applications, which is significantly more meaningful than just theoretical knowledge.

Annual Secondary Award Ceremony

The Secondary Awards were a great success and celebration of achievement. Awards were given for each subject and demonstration of BGA core values at each grade level, as well as for those students who have a 100% attendance record. Additionally, the Principal's Award was presented to a student in each grade showing outstanding academic achievement and positive behaviour across the board. It was a pleasure to see our secondary students applauding the success of their classmates and friends.

The photos of the event will be shared with you soon.