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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

4th December 2023 (15:45-18:00): Grade 9 Parent-Teacher Consultations

6th December 2023: Grade 4 Maths Morning 11th December 2023 (15:45-18:00): Grade 10 Parent-Teacher Consultations

11th - 21st December 2023:IB Examinations

11th - 21st December 2023: Grade 10 iGCSE Mock Examinations

12th December 2023: Pre-School/Grade 1 Christmas Show

14th December 2023: Grade 2&3 Christmas Show

15th December 2023: Nursery Winter Festival 15th December 2023: Primary Book club Awards (Bronze)

22nd December 2023 - 8th January 2024: BGA Winter Break

9th January 2024: BGA Spring Term begins 10th January 2024: Coffee Morning (9:00 - 10:00 in school / 16:00 - 17:00 online) Feedback on the Parental Survey

18th January 2024 : Primary Parent-Meetings

### **Principal's Letter**

Dear BGA Parents.

This month we had our COBIS (Council of British International Schools) Compliance visit with very positive outcomes. Mr. John Coombes, COBIS's most experienced Lead Improvement Partner, looked at BGA across 5 key areas including Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Student Welfare, Facilities and Educational Provision and the school Ethos and Values. This last area also examines the development of learner qualities and the qualities and ethos that our curriculum promotes. The COBIS Compliance Process offers valuable external validation and perspective on our school and also provides us with supportive feedback and advice for further school development. John was deeply impressed with the warmth and openess of both students and staff, and particularly noted the quality of English across the school. The verbal findings will now be written up and presented to the COBIS Director and Board for ratification before we can share them publicly. We hope to be able to share the summarised findings with parents after the Winter Break.

Robert Unsworth

#### **Note:**

drop-off, adults can only access the site by appointment. If you need to pick up a child during the day please email our BGA administration team at bga@bga.ge and we will arrange for your child to be brought to security. Similarly at the end of the day please await pick up from security reception. These measures are to ensure that children at BGA are safe at all times.

#### **BGA & BIST University Fair**

It was exciting to see the engagement of our older students with representatives of international universities, as grades 9-12 took the chance to gain information about admissions, courses and places of study around the world. Well done to our University Guidance Unit for arranging and organising this.

# BGA & BIST International Symposium

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# **Exploring Secondary Maths Coffee Morning**

Another successful coffee morning with our Secondary Head of Maths, Nino Baslandze, where she unpacked our secondary maths curriculum with a particular focus on the Cambridge IGCSE program in Grades 9 and 10. Thank you to all who attended.

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

This was a hugely successful week of learning where BGA focused on 'Anti-bullying' in our Mentor time, Assemblies and our PSHE Drop-down afternoon. I would also like to thank all those parents who joined us for our Coffee Morning where we talked about BGA's approach to Bullying and all the supportive positive discussion that ensued. It was a wonderful representation of parent support and school and home working together.





#### **Primary Autumn Fair**

This was a wonderful celebration of all things Autumn by our Primary Team. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and we hope those parents who joined us enjoyed themselves too. Well done to our Primary Team.









# School Council Secondary Autumn Party:

Thanks to our school council for arranging their first event of the year. I'm sure we can all agree that the Autumn Party was great fun. We look forward to hearing about our School Council's next events.