



# Weekly Bulletin

December 11th 2020



## Welcome to our bulletin

Each week this term three members of the School Leadership Team have met with students from across the school. This week in the Student Forum we met with representatives from Year 7, Year 4 and Year 2. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear what life at BCG is like for them, get their opinions on various aspects of school life and to stop everything in our very busy days and just listen to what they have to say. Without fail, it is one of the highlights of my week and I am delighted that students always feel comfortable sharing their views with us.

Continuing our drive to raise standards across the school, teachers have been doing end of term assessments. In some cases this will have meant tests, in others the marking of a significant piece of work. After the holidays Year 11 and Year 12 students will have 10 days of tests in preparation for the GCSE and AS exams. These 'Mocks' are an excellent way for students to experience what it will be like in the summer. It is essential that all those students work hard over the holiday to ensure they do their very best. Of course they need to spend some time with the family but they really should be preparing themselves properly too.

All week we have had the sound of singing! We have heard Christmas Carols being rehearsed ready for a series of performances next week - it really has been delightful to hear the younger students singing around the tree and it has to be said that even many of the Secondary students are enjoying the singing too (although some pretend they don't)! It is a lovely time of year and a very happy way to end a very long term and an extremely difficult year for everyone.

Have a wonderful weekend,

**Simon Mower**

# Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been making lots of Christmas decorations. We decorated our class Christmas tree with paper baubles, we've made decorations for the ceiling AND we made sustainable Christmas decorations for the school tree! The class were very creative and used lots of different materials to make their decorations: water bottles, cardboard toilet roll tubes, sticks, pine cones and lots more. Well done Year 5 for making art from waste! Thanks to Miss Marina for giving us the idea and helping us write our No Waste pledge on Monday. Merry Christmas from Parakeets class!- **Ms Muirhead**



## Spanish and Catalan

### Youth for Tomorrow awards, for a fairer and more sustainable world

As previously informed, our Year 11 Catalan students have been working on an educational project, Youth for Tomorrow Awards, promoted by Fundesplai.

The two groups participating, have finished their video that presents an initiative promoted by themselves to contribute to the fulfillment of some of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and make our present and future more sustainable.

You can check the bases of this award here: <https://fundesplai.org/ca/inici-ca/33-noticies/1983-fundesplai-i-el-diari-ara-impulsen-els-premis-joves-pel-dema>

Today we share with you the two videos that our students have created, to whom we wish good luck, hoping they are one of the five finalists.

**Ms Pou**



# Modern Foreign Language GCSE update

## Y11 ONLY

The following applies to Y11 students who are studying French and/or Spanish as a foreign language.

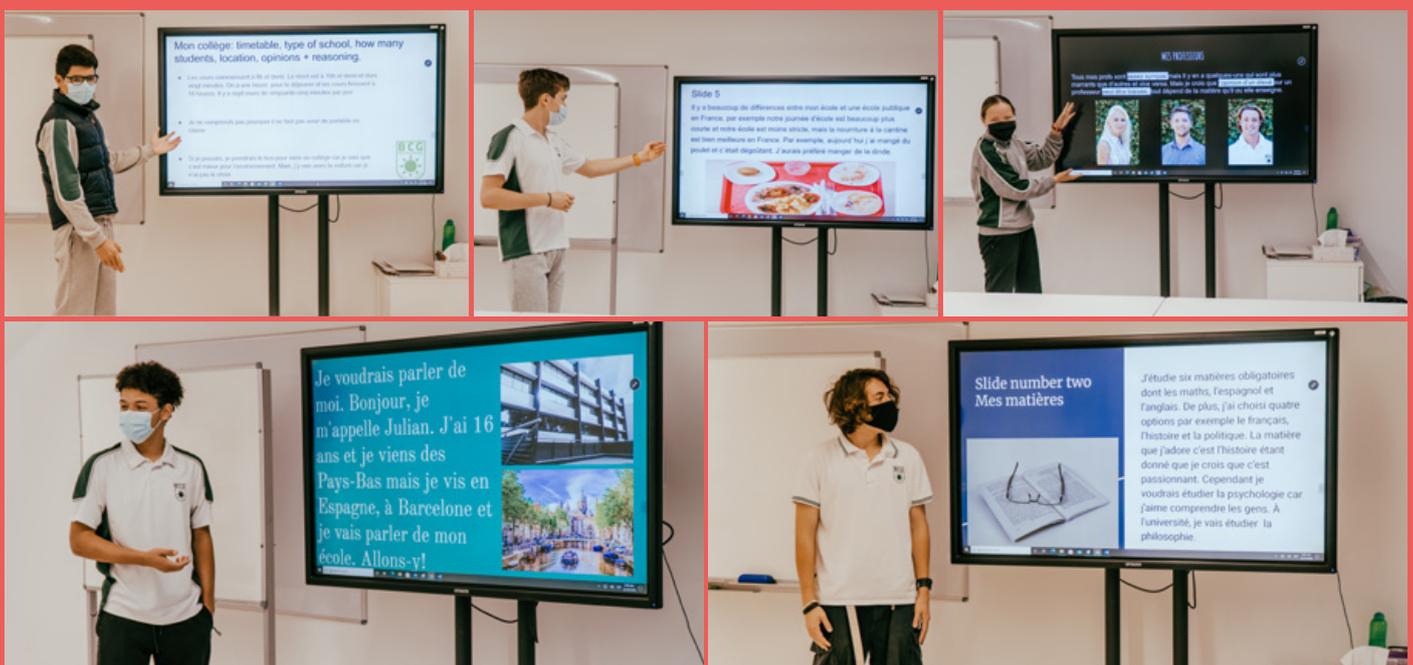
Given the very significant concerns about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students' progress at speaking mainly due to online learning, Ofqual decided that Paper 2 (Speaking) will not be assessed as such in summer 2021.

Consequently, the writing, reading and listening papers will now account for 100% of the GCSE qualification and will each be equally weighted at 33.33%.

Nevertheless, for French (GCSE), so far it has been communicated that a 'mention', in other words an endorsement grade which will not affect the final grade, will be awarded (pass, merit or distinction) based on the oral contributions made by the student throughout the year - which could also include some speaking exam practice later on - and will appear separately on the certificate.

This week, in French, the Year 11 have been preparing for an oral presentation on the topic of school. We have been very impressed by the maturity they have displayed and their engagement, considering the changes explained above. They clearly want to do well and are fully aware of the benefits of learning languages, beyond examinations.

## The MFL Department



# Sports Performer of the Week

It has been another exciting week in the PE department with lots of students standing out, students scoring some great goals and students making some unbelievable saves in goal. This week's sports performer of the week in EYFS is Derek Gorea Year 1 for his amazing tricks and skills in football. In Primary the award goes to Sophia Rodriguez Hock Year 6 for excellent effort and scoring some great goals in football. In Secondary the award goes to Marta Del Rio Suarez for a dominant and energetic performance in her football matches. Well done to all the students this week, picking a winner is getting increasingly hard!

**Mr Steadman**



# Sports News and Achievements

I would like to start a new feature in the news letter in which we, as a community celebrate students sporting achievements outside of school. This week Augusto Midveris Year 11 after 5 years of training achieved his Black Belt in Taekwondo. This is an incredible achievement for a young man his age. Well done, we can't wait to see you in the 2024 Olympic Games.

If any of your children receive an award, obtain a medal or play in a big tournament please email me ([danny.steadman@bcgava.com](mailto:danny.steadman@bcgava.com)) with some photos and a description of the sport so we can celebrate their success and efforts as a school community.

Have a great weekend.

**Mr Steadman**



# Education for Sustainable Development



## #NoWasteNovember

Every month of November the Jane Goodall Institute Roots & Shoots invites young people from all over the world to notice and reduce their daily waste in simple and creative ways. The idea is that even little changes add up to a big difference on a global scale! Year 5 joined the “No Waste November” campaign by discussing this topic and learning more about landfills, biodegradable waste and circular economy. We have also reviewed the 3Rs strategy: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Year 5 pledged to create Christmas decorations from things that would go to waste, extending their life cycle and putting the Reuse concept into practice.



### Alex & Marina

\* Did you know that two out of five Christmas jumpers are only worn once before being thrown away? :/ As Christmas Jumper day is coming, we would like to remind you that you don't need to buy a new one :) You can wear last year's jumper, look through charity shops, swap with a friend or have fun with the kids customising an old jumper with christmas decoration! Some ideas below:

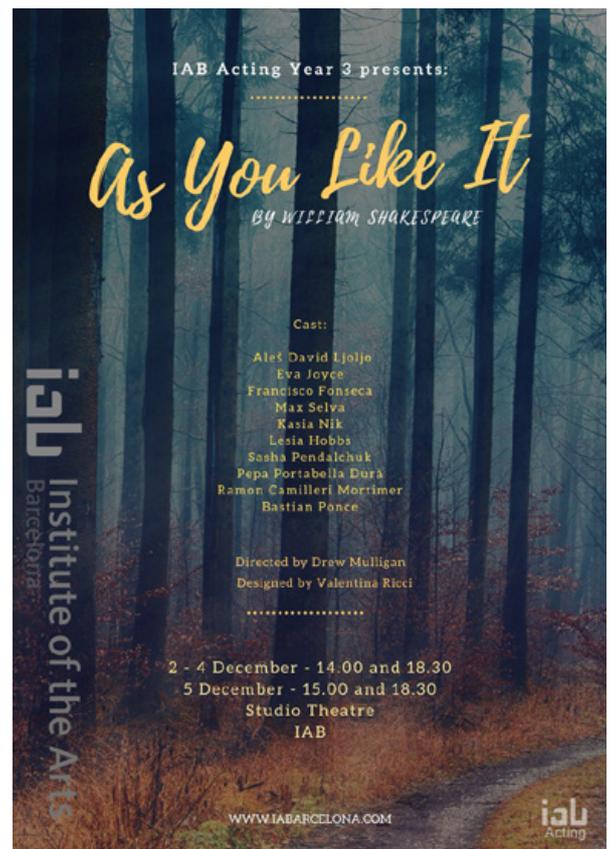


# Theatre Trip

“It was a rare treat to be able to take a small group of Year 10 and 12 Literature and Drama students to watch live theatre! As we filed into the creatively designed socially distanced studio theatre the sense of anticipation was palpable. After this strange, eventful year, to finally see actors and actresses in the flesh! And in English! And only a few minutes drive down the road to the IAB (Institute of the Arts Barcelona) in Sitges.

It was also a joy to see some of the students experience their first Shakespeare play, and the perennial comedy “As You Like It” was a great introduction. Filled with quirky characters, wrestling matches, cross-dressing, a mass wedding, songs and dancing, and some of the most memorable lines in theatre, the play offered a bright ray of sunshine and a tantalising promise of what lies ahead when Covid 19 takes its final bow and exits stage left forever.”

**Mr Foreman**



## Christmas photo pack

Dear EYFS and Primary Families,

On Thursday, December 17th, we will send home with the children the pack of Christmas photos including a letter that you should return to the school on Friday 18th, confirming if you wish to purchase the photo pack.

Of course if you don't wish to buy the pack, please return it with your child on Friday, December 18th.

Thank you.



# Glimpse of the Week

