



Weekly Bulletin

June 25th 2021



Welcome to our bulletin

When I was at school, a graduation was for those students that finished university but a few years ago I learnt that nowadays we have graduations every year for everyone! It is clearly very important to

the students and it was a great pleasure to attend the Early Years graduation on Tuesday. Clearly the focus was on the Year 2s who are moving up into the Upper primary but all students were adorned with wonderful paper mortar boards which they threw into the air with gusto at the end of proceedings. The Year 6s Graduation was last Thursday and sadly I was unable to attend but it was a very special occasion. Students shared memories from earlier years at school. There were musical interludes by numerous talented students and it was so love-

ly that they were able to perform in front of their parents at last. Once the parents had left the fun began and the children enjoyed a party, barbecue and sleepover!

The Year 11s have just finished a very intensive but rewarding Pre DP programme Lesson taster sessions, a demanding research project, public speaker challenge, and plenty of sporting activities! [Please watch the video](#) to see everything they have been up to. The culmination of this course was the BCG Arts Festival which they had organised (with the help of many teachers of course). This was on Monday and was a very special event. The whole school was involved in many different activities and great fun was had by all. That evening we were joined by their parents for a reception and the Graduation Evening. The students performed a presentation and we heard some thoughts and appreciation from Augusto and Pau Rey. Everyone was dressed formally and the students looked fantastic in their gowns and sharp suits. Our wonderful musicians kept us company and a highlight of the evening was hearing the school band playing while we enjoyed drinks and pica pica.

These students have come a very long way over the last year, as much, if not more than others in the school. They have significantly raised their standards and expectations and have gelled as a group. They were all great credit to their parents as well as the teachers that have given them so much support. All in all a very special occasion.

I am delighted to report that almost all teachers will be staying with us next year. International schools will always have some staff movement and this is totally normal. So much so that it would be strange if we had no staff changes! Omena Osivwemu leaves us to return to the UK to pick up her studies before pursuing her leadership aspirations in London. She has been an extremely important part of our team and we will miss her very much but wish her all the very best with her future. Alex Stra-

ton leaves us to move to a school nearer her home in Barcelona and will be greatly missed. An outstanding teacher who has made a big impression on her students this year. Jess Muirehead returns to her hometown in the UK to be closer to friends and family. She made an instant impact on the students and her can-do attitude and permanent smile was appreciated by all. Nicole Cassar too is returning to the UK, back to family and to go back to her previous role as a veterinary nurse. Teaching Assistants are very important to the running of a great Primary classroom and need to be flexible and adaptable. Nicole did this extremely well and was always willing to jump in and help anyone with anything at a moment's notice. Catherine Mower returns to the UK having taught French right through the school. Catherine has done an excellent job at raising the profile of French at BCG and quickly became a very popular teacher with both the primary children and the examination students at the top end of the school. Her huge experience and expertise has helped fully embed French into the curriculum.

I know I speak for all of us when I say that I would like to thank all of our leavers for all they have done for our students and wish them all the very best for the future. Our numbers are growing and we will be welcoming about ten new teachers in September. We will welcome them and introduce them to you in September.

We will also be welcoming many new students in September!

We also sadly say goodbye to a few students who are going back abroad - we thank them for playing such an important part in the school's short history.

I wish you all an extremely restful and peaceful summer.

Simon Mower

NURSERY AND RECEPTION VISITED CRAM

Last week Nursery and Reception went on their school trip to CRAM in El Prat. They found out lots of interesting facts about sharks and turtles and the threats they face. They learnt about how CRAM helps sea animals and got to see some of the turtles and birds who were at the centre being looked after. They also had time to visit the beach to play and have a picnic lunch. It was a great day!



SECONDARY

Dear Parents,

We come to the end of the school year and what a year it has been. We started under the cloud of Covid-19 and it was a slow start with regard to extra curricular activities and adapting to the year group bubbles. The students adapted so well and I was so impressed with their resilience throughout the entire year.

As the year progressed the Covid-19 protocols began to ease and we have had a fun filled summer term with a large array of trips from the residential to DofE to surfing lessons. I would like to thank all the parents who supported the extra curricular activities and the enrichment activities as they are such a vital part of your children's education and the students learn such valuable life skills from these experiences.

The students have worked very hard towards their education this year also. Assessment week finished 2 weeks ago and the reports

are being finalised as I write this. I would like to congratulate all the students for their hard work throughout the exam week with a special mention to the Year 11 and 12s for their true diligence and professional attitude towards their GCSE and AS level exams.

There are too many memories and congratulations to say here in the newsletter and all the successes of the students have been shared throughout the year via this medium. We have seen Spanish snowboard champions be crowned, the year 11 basketball team defeating Oakhouse school, incredible academic achievements in events such as the Maths Challenge, all the students have matured and our community has grown and become a much stronger one.

I wish you all a restful and safe summer and I look forward to welcoming you back into the school in September.

Mr Steadman



SECONDARY

FORM TUTORS 2021/22

Please see below for your childrens Form Tutors for next year:

- Year 7A - Mr Sales
- Year 7B - Miss Darby
- Year 8A - Miss Benito
- Year 8B - Mr Piclher
- Year 9 - Miss Delmet
- Year 10A - Miss Bell
- Year 10B - Miss Lane
- Year 11A - Mr Boden
- Year 11B - Mr Prosser
- Year 12A - Mr Hooley
- Year 12B - Ms Fenton
- Year 13 - Mrs Hall

We would like to welcome three new teachers into the BCG community:

- Teaching Geography and English, Miss Darby
- Teaching Mathematics, Mr Lester
- Teaching ICT, Mr Odisho

We look forward to the students meeting these new teachers in September.

Mr Steadman

STUDENT V STAFF GAMES

Nothing enriches an average Thursday afternoon more than an exciting sports tournament! This week our future IBDP students took a risk and played our very own BCG staff in a riveting rounders match followed by some fantastic football. The crowds gathered and were in fabulous form, generating an atmosphere comparable to that at the Euros. It was electric! My favourite chant came courtesy of the year 5 class, 'teachers win, students in the bin!'.

Despite the grit and determination of our IBDP superstars, it was the teachers who emerged victorious in both games winning rounders 3 - 2.5 and football 4 - 3. Our students witnessed a principled staff team who collaborated in a display of pure brilliance. In rounders Mr. Russell, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Boden showed off their batting and lightning speed running skills while Mr. Steadman and Mr. Prosser gave a master class in fielding. Miss Osiwemu's guest appearance in rounders

helped us nudge the extra ½ point ahead and saved the day. In football Mr. 'defender extraordinaire' Hooley and Mr. 'midfield maestro' Sales linked up to allow our up-front heroes Mr. Pilcher and Miss. Cassar to create our goal scoring opportunities; Miss. Cassar, Mr. Steadman, Mr. Russell and Mr. Sales all hitting the back of the net. A special mention goes to Miss. Muirhead whose ability to play all over the pitch added nothing short of a touch of class to our squad. We mustn't forget to congratulate Miss Lane and Mrs. Mason on their first time EVER playing football and giving us all a glimpse of what's to come the next time they are called up to the team!

Speaking of next time, we will definitely organise more events like this next year. What a wonderful afternoon we had, full of community spirit and good old fashioned fun!

MissCarolynne Bell
Head of Curricular Enrichment

YEAR 11

ARTS FESTIVAL



It has been delightful to be present at BCG's first Arts Festival which was organised by the Year 11s as part of our Pre Diploma Programme course and which involved the whole secondary school and a host of wonderful activities and workshops.

I would like to thank the many members of staff who put their own time and effort into this festival to help it become a reality, especially Ms Fenton, Mrs Hall and Mrs Foreman.

The festival was a huge success and I hope that we will be able to organise even more events like this in the future.

The school set the bar really high for us this year and we hope we did you proud! We have learnt so much from the process.

All the money raised from the festival will go to charity and towards our graduation and sixth form common room. We thank all BCG families for your support.

Year 11



YEAR 11

CAS PROJECT

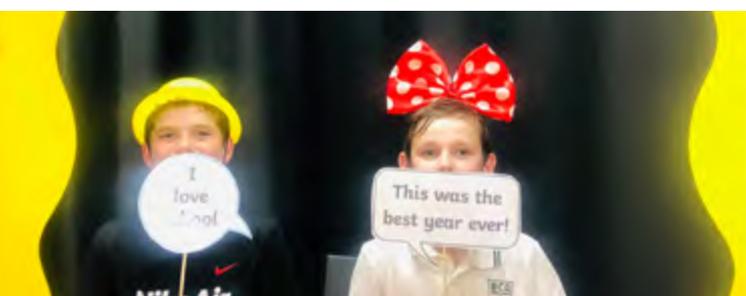
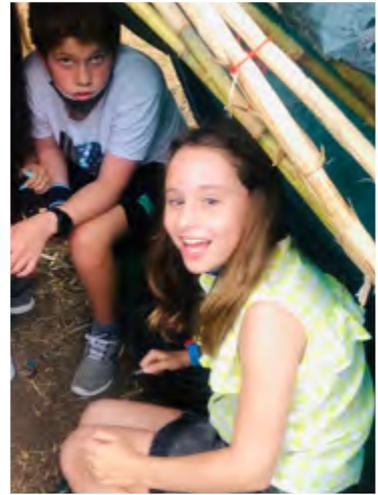
This week, the Year 11 students successfully completed our first CAS group project that we were tasked to carry out during our IB PreDP course. We were tasked with designing, planning and building a Mud Kitchen for Year 2 students and we had 2 weeks to complete this. We planned this play area ourselves, built it and presented it to the Year 2 students all within the timelines and deadlines given to us. We separated each other into 5 groups: a design team, a builders team, a group in charge of teaching and learning materials to make sure the Year 2 students developed their cooking skills, a communications team that was in charge of feedback and reflection after the CAS project and a PR group

that collected videos and photos to create a video as evidence of the project's completion. The final product was presented to the Year 2's on Wednesday 16th June and they were undoubtedly ecstatic about their new play area and the recipes. It took a lot of hard work and collaborative effort but the final piece was a big success. Overall the outcome was very positive. We all learned something new that we can later apply to our real CAS projects and experiences when our IBDP course begins. We are ready for IB next year!

Miss Carolynne Bell
Head of Curricular Enrichment



YEAR 6 GRADUATION



YEAR 3

RESIDENTIAL



EYFS LP NEWSLETTER

It's been a wonderful end to a busy jam-packed year with beach trips, move-up mornings, violin workshops, meeting new teachers and classrooms, and not forgetting today's splash party! I would like to thank all of our fantastic teachers and teaching assistants for all of their efforts, dedication and creativity this year. All children have experienced truly happy and nurturing days at school, with wonderful topics and lessons that have engaged and enabled them to make progress, whilst having a lot of fun.

Sadly, we say goodbye to 3 very special children in our phase-Javier and Leonor from Year 1 and Samuel from Reception. We will miss seeing your smiley faces here at BCG but, of course, wish you all the love and luck in your new schools and family adventures.

Over the Summer, the children must rest and play, however it is always helpful to do some light reading, puzzles and writing to keep a little momentum. Keeping a Summer journal or diary is a fun way for this. Recapping tricky words and mental maths can also easily be done. Year 2 children have brought home some past assessment papers and this material can be shared and looked over and similar questions done together ahead of Year 3.



Ahead of buying new school uniforms over the holidays, please refer to the school uniform list and ensure shoes in particular are the correct type. White trainers only (no colour or variation to this) for sports and plain black shoes for non PE days.

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our parents for your continued support and enthusiasm, allowing this year to be so happy and positive.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer holiday wherever you may be and look forward to seeing all the boys and girls on Thursday 2nd September.

Happy Holidays!
Mrs Pilcher



E-ATHLETES GRADUATION



It is with great pride and excitement that in this final week of school we can say that the first two e-Athletes have graduated from BCG! Due to COVID we could not celebrate as we would have liked, but Mr Mower and Mr Pilcher were in attendance to recognise their achievements.

Natalia Fehr and Stavros Hadjivarnava have been ever present in the program designed for student athletes. What they have achieved in the last two years has been of huge significance and they have grand plans for the future. Natalia will continue the journey to professional tennis here in Barcelona whilst studying for a BA at The EU Business School. Stavros on the other hand will travel back to Cyprus to complete his national service in the army before advancing to a tennis scholarship in the US.

We are very proud of what our student athletes have achieved this year and particularly for Stavros and Natalia. Well done and we look forward to following your journey in the future!

Mr Pilcher



LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK IN THE LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT



EYFS and Primary

The linguists of the week in EYFS and primary for being excellent communicators in one of the 3 languages are:

- **Reception: Spanish**

Cindy Ponte

- **Year 1: Spanish**

Javier Hernández

- **Year 2: Spanish**

Dante Piquet

Matthew Díaz

Hugo Martín

- **Y3: Catalan**

Diego García

Sofia Sadovaya

- **Y4: Catalan**

Alejandro Fernández del Fresno

Sofía Costa



Secondary

The linguists of the week for our first value, OPEN-MINDED, are:

- **French**

Daniel Mendoza, Year 8

- **Spanish**

Vassilissa Khmeleva, Year 9

- **Catalan**

Aron Castillo Alvarez, Year 7

Congratulations to all of them!

Languages Department

BCG POETRY WALL

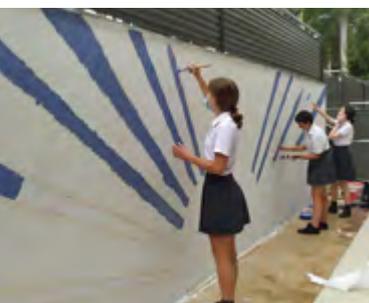
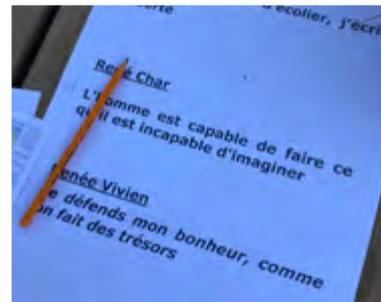
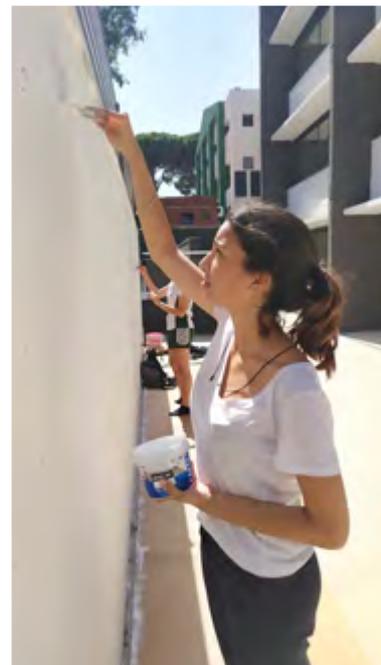
This Monday 21st June, BCG celebrated its first Art Festival organised by Year 11 students. The Language Department has collaborated by creating the workshop “BCG Poetry Wall” with the aim of creating a scenario to bring poetry closer to our students.

To do this, secondary students from all stages have selected verses from different poets in Catalan, French, English and Spanish arguing which ones were the best to paint them on the mural designed by Year 9 students Ariadna, Angelina, Anna and Inés.

Here are some photos of the process of this workshop:

“La poesía es una arma cargada de futuro”
Gabriel Celaya

Languages Department



FICTION EXPRESS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Over the summer we have been able to secure a trial of fiction express for all our secondary school students in years 7 to 10.

Fiction express is an innovative literacy platform that encourages reading for pleasure. Reading is vital for emotional, social, intellectual and cultural development and is perhaps the best way to build a varied and solid English vocabulary. Fiction Express has been specifically designed to excite and engage children who don't have English as a first language and turn them into eager, enthusiastic readers. From September we are hoping to offer fiction express as part of our new extra curricular additional English.

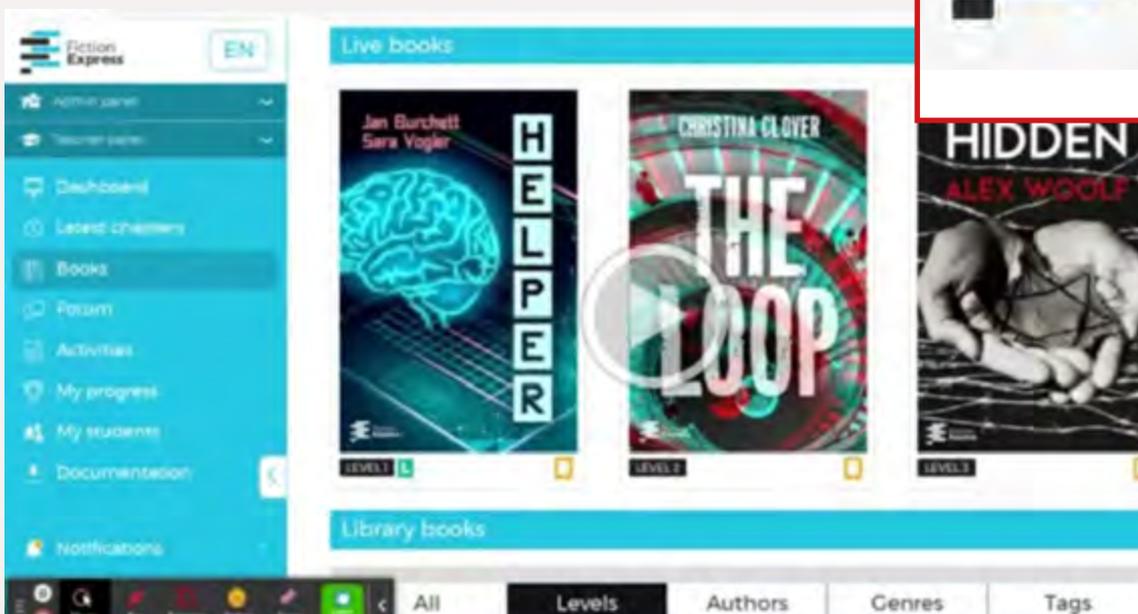
To access the platform students need to go to their form google classroom, where they will be able to find their username and password. Every student will have been shown how to log on and access the correct level for them. Below is a short video which explains the platform and how it works for parents too.

Over the summer we will be running a summer reading challenge competition. To take part, students simply need to read as many books as they can on Fiction Express! Every time they finish a book, they add it to their reading challenge profile and leave a short book review (minimum 100 words).

Prizes will be given, per year group and overall for:

- **Most books read**
- **Most reviews completed**
- **Best reviews**
- **Most effort made**
- **Overall Summer Reading Challenge Champion 2021**

Mr Fassam



SKATE AND GYM TRIALS

This year, our primary students trialled two activities that will be added to our enrichment programme next year. Skateboarding and Rhythmic Gymnastics proved to be super popular and the students who took part in them cannot wait for more! As you can see from the photos, our skate students learned how to support each other's balance, cooperate to control each other's speed and did a fabulous job keeping one another safe. In gymnastics we

were wowed by an amazing demonstration from the existing club's students who managed their timing to music while performing complex moves AND remaining graceful all at once! Very impressive. Both these activities will be wonderful additions to our after school enrichment programme offering tremendous holistic value.

MissCarolynne Bell
Head of Curricular Enrichment



YEAR 11 GRADUATION



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Race Against Hunger



Arts



Carnival 2021



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Carnival 2021



Christmas 2020



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Christmas 2020



Drama



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Easter



ESD



Forest School



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Halloween



Music



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Music



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Sports



STEM



GLIMPSE OF BCG

“Last 2 weeks”



“Year 8 enjoyed performing their version of The Pardoner’s Tale, The Wife of Bath, and The Miller’s Tale from Geoffrey Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales.”



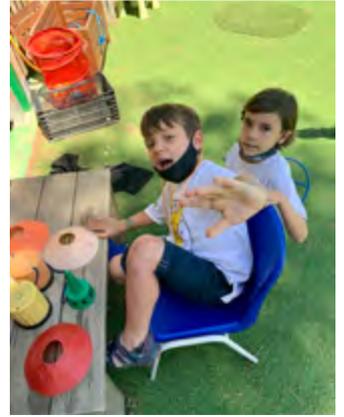
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