



# BCG Newsletter

June 28th 2022



## Welcome to our Newsletter

### Summer 2022

Well, this is the last newsletter of the academic year. It has been extremely busy but also very successful. We overcame many challenges thrown at us; Brexit, COVID-19 and lots of staff illness but

we have come out of it much stronger. As I write this, teachers are already in school preparing the classrooms for the start of next term before they go off for a very well deserved rest.

### Graduations

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a graduation ceremony in front of all of their parents to celebrate the end of their time in primary. We heard wonderful reflections and many songs as this delightful year group reflected on their experiences. We look forward to seeing them flourish next year in Year 7.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

The Year 11 students also celebrated the end of their GCSEs and along with the departing Year 13s had a lovely graduation event with friends and family. One of the highlights was Mr Danny Steadman's emotional speech reflecting on the time he has spent with the students, as he too moves on this summer.

## House Competitions

It is always healthy to have some light hearted competitiveness amongst the children. The great thing about a House system is that it allows for vertical integration rather than students just mixing in their own year group. The older children mix with the younger ones which is great for them all. Next year we will select House names, but for this year we used the colours.

This year students' achievements were collected over the whole year and this culminated with the epic Sports Day two weeks ago, and what an event it was! So much work goes into preparing these events and a huge thank you to all staff involved in making it a special (but very hot) day.

The final results are as follows:

- Academic winners - Yellow House
- Culture winners - Green House
- Sports winners - a tie between Red House and Blue House

Overall winners for 2021/2022 are the Red House! Many congratulations to all of the students.

## Summer School

This year's summer school has the biggest numbers ever and we are still getting requests from families wanting to join. If your sons and daughters are involved then I hope they have an amazing time. I look forward to meeting the various groups over the coming weeks as welcoming many new faces to BCG.

## Thank you

I would like to end with a sincere thank you to everyone at the school and within the school community that has worked so hard at making this our biggest and best year yet! I hope you have a very peaceful and relaxing summer holiday.

**Mr Simon Mower**  
*Principal*

# PRIMARY YEAR 6 GRADUATION





## Sports day

### Early Years, Y1 and Y2 Sports Morning

Thursday 2nd June was our Early Years, Y1 and Y2 Sports Morning. All of the children from Nursery to Year 2 took part in sports activities designed to earn points for the house teams. These activities included skills learned throughout the year's lessons in PE and athletic events such as long jump and throwing. After the activities it was time for the children's favourite, sprint races! Every child competed against their classmates to earn points for their team culminating in both teacher and parent races.

It was an amazing effort from all involved and the huge support from parents was very much appreciated.



# PRIMARY

As the points were tallied up at the end of the morning it was announced that the red team won with 953 points!



## Year 5 and 6 Netball

On Wednesday 14th June, our Year 5 and 6 Netball team had their second friendly netball match against BSB. After a slightly delayed start, the predominantly Year 6 team got straight onto the court and played first as the rest of the squad cheered from the sidelines, complete with home made flags! It was a very hot evening and the players did a fantastic job. The final score was 6-1 to BSB. Next up we had the Year 5 team who worked marvellously together for a 2-0 WIN! Well done to all our netball players and a big thank you to BSB for hosting. I look forward to building the club as part of ECAP next academic year and encourage all current and new players who are interested to sign up now!



**Ms Pilcher**

# SECONDARY

## Music Concert

On Wednesday afternoon all of Years 7-9, and some musicians from older years, participated in the summer concert, performing in front of parents for the first time in two and a half years. The choir, dressed in their cool, black, team T-shirts, sang a variety of songs ranging from world traditional songs to pop and punk rock from all the decades since the 70s. They performed powerfully and passionately in two and three part harmony, accompanied by the bands who played with a professionalism and skill that is rare among such young musicians! The programme ended with a beautiful and moving song, "Al Shlosha" in two part harmony, accompanied by Ariadna Rey - a GCSE Music student - on the piano. This song was dedicated to the people of the Ukraine. The translation from Hebrew is, "The world is sustained by three things: Truth, Justice and Peace".

I would personally like to thank the choir who have worked hard this term learning some very difficult songs and harmonies, and the Junior and Senior bands who have given up so many of their lunch breaks all year long to learn and perfect the arrangements; to Miss Montse and Mr. Foreman for their work with the Junior and Senior bands; to BCG for supporting me in my goal of setting up whole school choirs over the past three years; to all the parents who attended and gave us an audience; to Ruben for his help with setting up the instruments and controlling the sound levels during the performance; to Paulina for her help with publicity and the T-Shirt order; and to Cesar and Vicu for lugging furniture here there and everywhere!

It has been a real pleasure teaching Music at BCG these past three years, and seeing these young people grow in confidence as musicians and performers. I hope they continue to grasp every opportunity given to them to perform in the future: the benefits of this kind of activity are enormous: it requires long term dedication, perseverance, concentration, memory, teamwork and confidence, while having fun at the same time. Hopefully, performances like these will remain in their memory forever!

Well done.



# SECONDARY

## Year 11 and Year 13 graduation



# ECAP ENRICHMENT

Dear parents,

Please see attached the schedule for term 1's ECAP in the new academic year.

The booking system will soon be open and can be accessed [via this link](#). Additional information about clubs and their providers can be [found here](#) on our website. The closing date for sign-up is Monday 5th September at 23.59hrs. Clubs start on Monday 12th September.

Unfortunately, we cannot add swimming for EYFS and year 1 and 2 as we would have hoped. The Accura pool used pre-COVID was bought over and is now private (members only). We continue to look for alternative venues and will contact relevant parents if we are able to facilitate this request at a later date.

Thank you for your continued support of BCG and our extra curricular activities programme.

We wish you a very pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

***The Enrichment Team***

## **BCG House System - Winner!**

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Dear parents,

One of the Enrichment Team's annual goals was to raise the profile of our BCG house system. This continues into next year where we hope the momentum continues to grow.

As for the year gone by, the results are.....

- Sports Winners - Tie between the RED and BLUE houses
- Culture Winners - YELLOW house
- Academic Winners - Green House

The overall winner is..... **RED House!!!**

For a full breakdown of the results, [please click this link!](#)

We look forward to many more inclusive, fun events next year.

Sincerely,

***Enrichment Team***

# STUDENT SUCCESS



## Congratulations Arnau!

Arnau Masclans has been proclaimed champion of Spain in Cadet Field Hockey this year with Junior FC and champion of Spain for regional teams with Catalonia. This summer he will play with the Spanish Under-16 team in the 8 Nations Tournament in Frankfurt.

In the photo he is seen celebrating his goal in the final, with which Junior FC was proclaimed champion of Catalonia in the Youth category.

BCG is proud to have you with us!

## Paradis - Thank you!



The music at the Year 11 & 13 graduation was provided by our very own BCG musicians. "Paradis", our senior rock and pop band, performed together for the last time after three years of contributing to the BCG community in so many ways. Despite the pandemic and its potential devastating effect on the arts, they have participated in



many events since they formed in September 2019. These include the BISA talent show, two Sitges has Talent shows, two winter concerts, a summer concert, an arts festival, two Sant Jordi events, open days, and two graduations: a pretty impressive list considering life in the arts practically came to a standstill for two years. They have met nearly every week at lunchtime to practise and perfect their songs as well as the accompaniments to choir songs. And all along the way they have displayed the attributes of great musicians: dedication, perseverance, commitment, friendship, and the greatest gift of all: having fun while doing all this.

In their footsteps follow the junior band, yet to find their name, who had their fantastic and memorable debut at the secondary summer concert last week. They show a lot of potential, in addition to those qualities I have listed above that make great music groups and musicians. We wish them all the best in the coming years as they perform at winter and summer concerts, graduations, talent shows and festivals.

It has been my great pleasure to nurture these young musicians over the past few years at BCG, and they have all made me so very proud.

**Claire Foreman**  
Head of Arts



# CHESS TOURNAMENT

## Inaugural Chess Tournament

On Monday 13th June, BCG hosted its first Inaugural Chess Tournament! This event was open to the whole school community and it was a big success. Thanks to our Year 12 student Oriol for organising it!

The results?

- 1st Place: Yuvgen Zinchenko (Y12)
- 2nd Place: Andrei Bozniakov (Y13)
- 3rd Place: Matvei Bagno (Y8)

Congratulations to all of them!



# SPORTS DAY



# ENGLISH CAMP

Come and join our community in Gavà Mar this Summer.

- From 13 to 17 years old.
- 100% in English with UK Trained native teachers.
- Take your English language skills to the next level.
- Work towards a formal English qualification such as the Cambridge Exams, TOEFL or IELTS.

OUR TEACHING METHOD FOR THIS PROGRAM IS LEARNING BY DOING. THEY WILL ACHIEVE THEIR LANGUAGE OBJECTIVES BY WORKING ON A PRESENTATION PROJECT EACH WEEK BASED AROUND A SPECIFIC UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL.

09:00 to 13:00 (Early Drop Off Available | Lunch Included)

Regular Price per week 200 euros

BCG Students Price 180 euros

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# SUMMER CAMP 22

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SPORTS AND CLIMBING ✦ THE GREAT OUTDOORS ✦ IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH ✦  
WATER GAMES AND INFLATABLES

**WEEK 1 - WATER WEEK: JUNE 27TH TO JULY 1ST**  
**WEEK 2 - LIFE ON LAND WEEK: JULY 4TH TO JULY 8TH**  
**WEEK 3 - ENERGY WEEK: JULY 11TH TO JULY 15TH**  
**WEEK 4 - INNOVATION WEEK: JULY 18TH TO JULY 22ND**  
**WEEK 5 - FOOD WEEK: JULY 25TH TO JULY 29TH**

**READY FOR THE FUN? JOIN US!**

# ECAP RESIDENTIALS

## Residential Trip - La Molina

Hi everyone!

In the last week of term, 55 students from years 7-11 made their way to La Molina for our yearly school residential. Here everyone threw themselves into a wide range of adventure activities. We kayaked and white-water rafted, we rock climbed and explored a cave, and we also got to visit a hipica for a brief session of horseback riding.

Our monitors guided us through the week and put on extra activities - we got to ride around on segway based race cars and practise our orienteering skills through an escape room based activity.

Our evenings were spent playing night games in a nearby field, or enjoying some rounds of cards, chess, UNO and Dobble, followed by a disco on our final night.

It was a fantastic week for everyone involved; everyone conducted themselves in a manner that the BCG community can be proud of, and everyone had a brilliant time!

Now it's time to rest and recover over the summer, and share the memories of that time with our families and friends!

Have a wonderful summer!

**Ms Lane**



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## Surf Trip to Somo

Dear parents and guardians,

The students had 10 hours of surf lessons over the course of the trip and battled some extreme conditions in the sea. The first day saw huge waves and rain but the group charged into the sea to wash off a 9 hour bus journey.

The last day of surfing saw beautiful sunshine and clean glassy waves. All the students amazed me with how quickly they picked up surfing and they have all fallen in love with the sport. I apologise to parents as there may be requests for surfboards and wetsuits at Christmas!

We had a great time at Playa de Somo!

Surfs up!

**Mr Steadman**



# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

## TOK presentation

### Year 12 - Theory of Knowledge “Exhibition”

Year 12 students presented their Theory of Knowledge “Exhibition” - the Year one assessment as part of the Core of the IBDP. Their brief was to explore three objects and relate them to a philosophical prompt about the nature of knowledge, such as: “Are some things unknowable?”; “In what ways do values affect the production of knowledge?”; “Is bias inevitable in the production of knowledge?”. Parents, teachers, and members of Years 8 and 10 visited the exhibition and the Year 12 students eloquently fielded questions regarding their objects and the connections between their objects and their chosen prompt.



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