

2nd September 2022

IN THE LOOP

UPDATES FOR BMIS SECONDARY PARENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are now completing our third week of school, which seems to have flown by extremely quickly. Perhaps the reason for this is that the beginning of the year has been so busy, with a number of key events and activities taking place. Besides the students settling down to their studies, time has been set aside for House activities during the Tutor periods. This provided the opportunity for new students to get to meet a wide number of students from different year levels, as well as our returning students to renew acquaintances while having a load of fun in the process. A highlight last week was when Lions, Rhinos, Leopards, and Elephants choreographed and sang their versions of Waka Waka. The Lions won, only because their roar was louder than the others!

Our students took the StuCo President elections very seriously. Our two running candidates Daniella Lamont and Kudzaishe delivered excellent speeches before the voting took place. The students placed their voting slips into the ballot boxes and then made their way to Tutor rooms to vote for class representatives. We have a great StuCo team for 2022-23 with Daniella elected as president and Kudzaishe as Vice President.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the SS Open House evening. There were lively and engaging conversations as teachers presented their subject areas while parents met their children's teachers and learned more about the teaching and learning that takes place in Secondary. I also enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with parents and appreciated how welcoming everyone was towards me as a new member of the BMIS community.

Lesley Peacock, Secondary School Principal l.peacock@bmis.mw

Lesley Peacoch

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President Elections



Classroom contributions

Our Year 9's have just started studying the novel 'Mortal Engines'. After reading the first page, they discussed the opening image, what it invoked in their minds.

Here's an explanation by Ezmeekie Nkhoma Leaper that she offered in class of her conceptual image of London in the novel:

"The streets that are like the sky, streaked with water that's like oil, thick and melting, so that buildings and houses and streets and skies run together into one environmental mess, like everything rests on top of a tired soulless turtle whose plates are flaking off." *Richard Braithwaite*

Year 11 students are studying The 'Kite Runner', creating graphic panels to help understand what's happening within characters' minds.

Here, Caren Kapondamgaga depicts a moment in the novel in which metaphorical smoke from Amir's father's pipe envelops him, barring him from any real connection with his aloof father. Richard Braithwaite

In DP Chemistry the Year 13's are investigating the percentage of calcium carbonate in egg shells by carrying out a titration. They will be consolidating their knowledge from Year 12 Stoichiometric Relationships and their current topic Acids and Bases.

Sabira Nathanie

Year 7 MZA students spent the first week learning about the skills of debate that are necessary to develop in MYP Individuals and Societies (InS) by debating potential InS concepts. Will Lester



Year 9 Language and Literature



Year 11 Language and Literature



Year 13 Chemistry



Year 7 preparing for a debate

Locker Deposits

If students would like to use a locker, please send a 5,000 deposit to this account. Parents should put the name of their child and reference locker.

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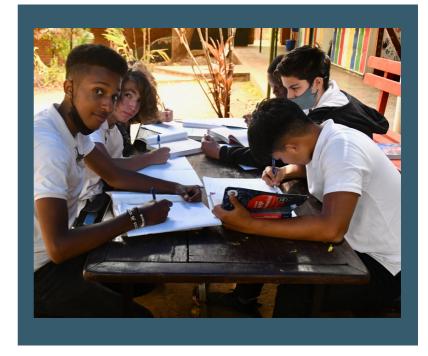
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Donated Sports Equipment

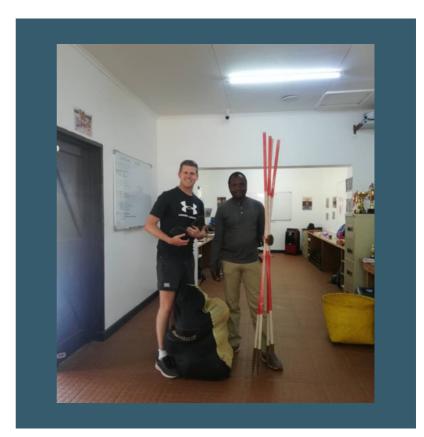
BMIS donated athletics equipment to Bambino Private School this week so that the school can improve its athletics programme and attend the 'Lilongwe Athletics Meet' which is being hosted by BMIS in May. Other schools such as Mount Sinai and Bedir Academy will also have donated equipment given to them in the coming weeks.

Additionally, BMIS will provide the schools each with 4 netballs and 5 rugby balls to help support these sports in the curriculum and provide Lilongwe with more opportunities for competitive sport.

Neil Barron-Black - Sports Coordinator



A Maths lesson under the trees



Preparing for House competitions





& MARCO WHEELER

Y10 CLASS REPS: LEO G & FATIMA

Y11 CLASS REPS TAMANDA T & ABIGAIL

SS Open Evening

Parents had the opportunity to meet with teachers, learn more about the subject areas their children are studying and ask questions. This all took place under lights around the canteen area and proved an excellent venue for welcoming both new and returning parents back to BMIS.







Planning Ahead

I'd like to inform you about some important September dates concerning College and Career Counseling at BMIS:

• Y13 Family College Night

Thursday, September 8 from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the canteen

This is a chance for students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to meet the college counselor, understand i. important work and deadlines ahead, and ask questions about the college application season.

• Y10 You're in High School Now

Thursday, September 15 from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the canteen

We will be talking about the transition to HS, becoming familiar with high school and DP terminology (it's around the corner), along with an introduction to university planning among other things.

• Years 12-13 -- CIS University Exploration Day, virtual college fair

*Tuesday, September 20 from 11:00am to 2:00pm; Y12 and Y13 students will take part on campus*This is an i. incredible opportunity for students at leading international schools in Africa to meet admissions r representatives from over 60 colleges and universities from 14 countries on four continents. I will spend time with each class before the fair to prepare them so that they can get the most out of the experience.

• Y12 University Planning Night

Wednesday, September 21 from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the canteen Students, their families and I will take a look at what the next two years have in store regarding investigating schools, preparing students and applying to university.

I look forward to meeting many of you soon. Please don't hesitate to email me at c.bowles@bmis.mw if there is anything I can help you and your child with. Using your child's BMIS account, you may also schedule an appointment with me, which can be done virtually if you are not on campus.

Best Regards,

Charlie Bowles
College Counselor





ECP Programme

We are excited at the start of the ECP programme and seeing the students back in action on the sport fields! One of our main aims this year is to give students the most amount of opportunity to play recreational and competitive sports. Across the year we have some major competitions in Football, Netball, Rugby, Basketball, Swimming and Athletics. Please put the following dates in your diaries so that you don't miss any of the action! If any of these dates change we will let you know as soon as possible.

Secondary Dates:

8th October - Trischools U15/U19 Netball/ Football @ Kamuzu Academy 12th November - Trischools U13 Netball/Football - U14/19 Girls Football @ BMIS

2nd December - Dual Swim Meet with ABC @ BMIS (Primary and Secondary)

20/21st January - Trischools - All Basketball at SAINTS

17th Feb - '00' Swimming Gala at ABC Y3-Y13

March 3-5th - Swimming Nationals in Lilongwe - Y3-13

24/25th March - Trischools - All Rugby @ BMIS

May 20th - Lilongwe Athletics Meet @ BMIS - Unsure of ages - TBC

May 27th - Trischools Athletics at KA - U13/U15

Kind regards,

Neil Barron-Black - Sports Coordinator



UP and Coming Events

Wednesday 7th September MYP New Parent Evening-Breakout Space 6.00 pm-7.00 pm

Thursday 8th September Year 13 College Night -Canteen 6.00 pm-7.30 pm

Tuesday 13th September Year 11 Parent Coffee Morning -SS Library 7.15 am-8.15 am

Friday 23rd September-Sunday 25th September
DP Retreat at Blue Zebra

Friday 23rd September World Peace Day Assembly

Wednesday 28th September Year 12 College Night-Canteen 6.00 pm-7.30 pm

