



30th September 2022

IN THE LOOP

UPDATES FOR BMIS SECONDARY PARENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians

The retreat to Blue Zebra focused on preparing Yr 12 students for the 2 rigorous years of the Diploma programme while the Yr 13 students acted as mentors having already completed the first year of the programme. The retreat also provided a valuable opportunity for a concentrated amount of information dissemination, discussions, questions, and related practical activities. Team building and fun activities punctuated these learning sessions. Due to the amount of organisation and planning that was involved before the retreat, the efforts of the teachers, and the engagement of the students during the two days, overall the retreat achieved its goals and was highly enjoyable in the process.

Years 12-13 took part in the CIS University Exploration Day, a virtual college fair held on the campus. Students at leading international schools in Africa virtually met admissions representatives from over 60 colleges and universities from 14 countries. Y12 University Planning Night the following week for Y12 students and families to took a look at what the next two years have in store regarding investigating schools and preparing students and applying to university.

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Lesley Peacock



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College Fair Yr's 12-13



College Fair virtual meetings



Highlights of the Yr's 12-13 Retreat

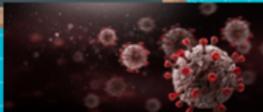
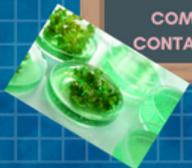


BIOLOGY WEEK 2022

- MONDAY** Go Viral - the importance of vaccines in class activities
Y12 How antibiotics work - Dr. S.Burr
- TUESDAY** Parent teacher meetings
What is the next global threat? 8pm RI Public talk QR
- WEDNESDAY** Biology Quiz - conducted in Science classes
WESM lunchtime talk - Conservation in Malawi tbc
- THURSDAY** Early morning bird walk @BMIS - meet 6:15am SB1 with Mr.Montreuil
- FRIDAY** Y9-12 Genetics assembly 8am Upper hall, led by Y13
Biobake judging - see poster shared on MB for details



COME ALONG TO ANY OR ALL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK
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Biology Week 3rd-7th October

Monday-Yr's 7-8 class discussions on Vaccinations

Wednesday-Representatives of the Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi will be presenting at BMIS

Thursday-Bird watching, bring your Zoom lenses and binoculars

Friday-8.00-8.35 Assembly for Yrs 9-12 and then the great physiological bakeoff!

Theory of Knowledge Internal Assessment Day

Each year, the Year 13 students need to choose one of six prescribed titles, which they will respond to as part of their final assessment.

So, on Monday 26th September, the Year 13 cohort spent an entire day preparing for their Theory of Knowledge essays. Through a range of activities the Year 13s broke down each title and brainstormed the areas of knowledge they would use to explore them. In doing so, they began to plan how they will communicate their understanding of Theory of Knowledge in response to their chosen title.



Langelihle and Atiyyah presenting their ideas about title 5 to the Year 12s.

In the coming months, if you see a Year 13 questioning the nature of truth or whether certainty exists in mathematics, it is likely in preparation for this assessment. So, feel free to share your thoughts with them on this year's prescribed titles:

The May 2023 TOK Essay Prescribed Titles

1. Is replicability necessary in the production of knowledge? Discuss with reference to two areas of knowledge.
2. For artists and natural scientists, which is more important: what can be explained or what cannot be explained? Discuss with reference to the arts and the natural sciences.
3. Does it matter if our acquisition of knowledge happens in "bubbles" where some information and voices are excluded? Discuss with reference to two areas of knowledge.

New Equipment In Music!

This year's resource order has just arrived, and Music could not be more pleased with the new arrivals! Gearing up for more live concerts, Music has purchased new speakers, a mixing board and a new drum set so that we can sound better than ever. The department also has 18 beautiful new ukuleles! Ukuleles are a 'gateway' instrument, leading to more interest and an easy transition to guitars further down the line. We can't wait to get everything unpacked and into the hands of students shortly!

Kind regards,
Dave Montreuil

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MYP Music Teacher, Year 7 Drama
Teacher and Year 7 Tutor





Malawi National U17 Netball Team v BMIS U18 Netball team

This week, BMIS made history by playing the Malawian National U17 netball team. The girls who were selected were rightfully anxious at taking on the best 16 year olds in the country. Whilst we battled well, you could see why Malawi have been consistently ranked in the worlds top 7. The BMIS team did so well and never lost spirit and even managed to score 2 goals !

At the final whistle the girls were exhausted but so proud that they got to play in a match they will never forget !



Past Student Sporting success

Maya Sangala

Maya has been selected to represent an invitational team at the Dubai 7's competition that will be held in early December. This is one of the highest level of women's rugby in the world! Maya is also currently playing for the Netherlands National team.

Reuben Pickard

Reuben has been playing at a high level of school rugby in the UK and has just been selected to represent the South West county. This is a big step in being scouted by professional clubs.



Neil Barron-Black - Sports Coordinator for the Primary and Secondary School,

BMIS STUDENT SERVICE TEAM

Mackenzie Peters, *BMIS Student Service Consultant*

Who Are We?

Bishop Mackenzie International School Student Service Team is made up of dedicated individuals who work diligently to provide students services that meet their individualized and unique academic, behavioral, social-emotional, and health needs. With our team comprising of Learning Support, English Language Learning, Counseling, Student Support, and school Nursing, we bring expertise from a variety of areas and over 50 years of culminated experience to serve all learners and ensure the highest levels of inclusivity possible within our context.

Why a Student Service Consultant?

During the 2021-2022 school year, in partnership with the United States Office of Overseas Schools, BMIS conducted an 'Inclusion Audit'. The results of this audit areas of strength as well as growth that BMIS has concerning Inclusivity. BMIS has employed a Student Service Consultant for the 2022-2024 school years to help support and promote the growth of BMIS becoming an inclusive educational organization as well as build a Student Service Team.



What's Happened so Far?

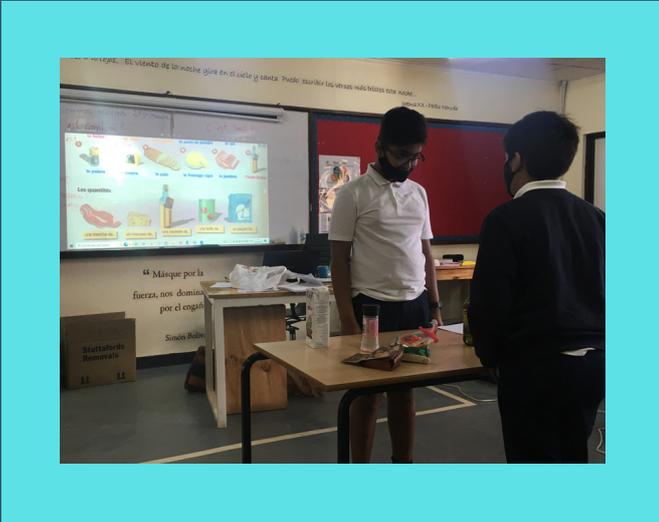
During the 2022-2023 school year, the Student Service Consultant is focusing on BMIS's Learning Support program. Learning Support exists to serve students with both diagnosed and undiagnosed academic and behavioral challenges. A few of our goals this year and where we are at with them include:

Goal	Progress
Implement a <u>Multi-Tiered System of Support</u> , which BMIS will call our 3 Tier Process.	BMIS has implemented Tier 1 and our new Learning Support Referral Process
Create and implement common documentation such as Individualized Education Plans across BMIS primary and secondary schools.	BMIS is in the progress of drafting and preparing to implement common documentation such as Individualized Education Plans
Train staff on and implement services through the Barton Reading and Spelling Program for all learners with diagnosed dyslexia.	BMIS is providing services through Barton to all learners with diagnosed dyslexia.

Classroom Contribution

Last week Miguel Perez brought a range of food to class as part of his French unit and students created their own market where they needed to buy food and use the vocab and questions of the unit. Everyone enjoyed it!

Spanish and French MYP/DP teacher



Saturday morning soccer is cancelled this week

Saturday morning soccer is cancelled this week. There is an under 9 and under 11 soccer tournament at BMIS from 10am-1pm on Saturday, October 1st, as well as SAT's at school, so we cannot coach the normal Saturday Morning soccer. It will resume October 8th. Thanks for understanding.

Richard Braithwaite

Saturday 1st October, SAT's in the Upper Hall

Tuesday 4th October, Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences 8.00 am-4.00 pm. (By appointments only)

Friday 7th October, New MYP student Breakfast-Canteen 7.10 am-7.35 am

Friday 7th October, Biology Assembly led by Y13 students for Yr's 9 and upwards-Upper Hall 8 am-8.30

Wednesday 12th October, PSAT's Yr's 11-12 -Upper Hall 7.10 am-11.35 am

Saturday 15th-Sunday 23rd October Break

Monday 24th October Diwali celebrated at school-lunch time colour run TBA

Thursday 27th October, Whole School Parent Workshop on 'Managing Challenging Behaviours at Home', Library from 7.30 am-8.30 am

Thursday 27th October, Music Under the Stars, a BMIS Community Event-6.30 pm-7.30 pm