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# IN THE LOOP

## Updates for the Secondary parents of BMIS



### OVERVIEW

### This week in our BMIS **community**

This week's "In the Loop" is dedicated to our incredible group of Year 13 students who enjoyed their final days at BMIS this week before their study leave and final examinations.

The graduating class of 2022 began their final two years in August of 2020 at the height of the pandemic. The world was fearful, countries were closing their borders, schools were moving to distance learning, friends and families were feeling isolated, and a shadow was cast over the DP journey that our students had just begun. But what I have observed over the last two years and this year in particular, is that we have a graduating class that can be defined by their bold resilience, joyful humour, ability to show up with compassion and kindness in the face of challenge and their own personal struggles, and continue to show us all how to move forward with integrity, grace, and passion. We have such a passionate graduating class who care deeply about so many things and who I know will be able to chase and achieve anything they want.

I am proud, deeply impressed, and in awe of all they have achieved over the last two years, and I bow my head in respect and admiration of you all, Year 13.

I'm so excited to share the final week that our Year 13 students enjoyed with you all, so please settle down and grab a "cuppa" as you stay "In the Loop!"

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## Year 13's Final Week

This week was a final celebration for our Year 13 students as they say goodbye to their regular school day at BMIS. It's been a fun and emotional week, jam packed with a number of events to make their final days at BMIS that extra special!

We started the week with **mock graduation photos**. Media company "Unrivalled" were invited onto campus to take a number of individual and group pictures of the students together and at places that were sentimental to the Year 13s. It was so moving watching some of our Year 13s (who have been here since Primary) taking photos on the train in the lower primary playground and reminiscing about their times at BMIS. It was a fun morning, which everyone enjoyed! We can't wait to share the pics with you! I have shared one little sneak peek below, because I thought it was so special watching our little Primary students sitting down to see the Year 13s photo shoot!



There have been a number of class parties to celebrate, connect, and share memories. The Biology class had a biology bake off, where students brought biology inspired and shaped baked goods! Our Chemistry students enjoyed sundaes and Sixty-Seconds. All Year 13 students pitched in to create a wellbeing picnic of balanced foods. Check out some of the pics below!



Some of our Year 13 girls enjoyed their very last competitive sporting match against ABC. On Tuesday afternoon they had an opportunity to play basketball for one last time! They were a true team and had a lot of fun!



We had a Secondary picnic and music on Thursday during the lunch break. Everyone came along to share a final farewell to our students and we all had a proper giggle at the film the Year 13 students made "To All the Things We Could Never Do." So much fun!



There was a special request from Year 13s that their final house competition was a quiz, so of course we made it happen! Caitlin Macmillan and Neil Black organised a quiz in honour of the Year 13 students, including a "Guess which Year 13?" round where we learned a little bit more about these students and Tako's obsession with magic!



And another special request was to sleep at BMIS on their last night, so of course we made that happen for them too! We set up our room for the night in the lower hall and the students had fun bonding over pizza, KFC, games (The Resistance - Hana it's you!), and pranks! And the boys decided to have a sleeping bag race in the hall in the wee hours of the morning. We were all a little bleary eyed this morning, but some wonderful memories were made which make it all worth while!





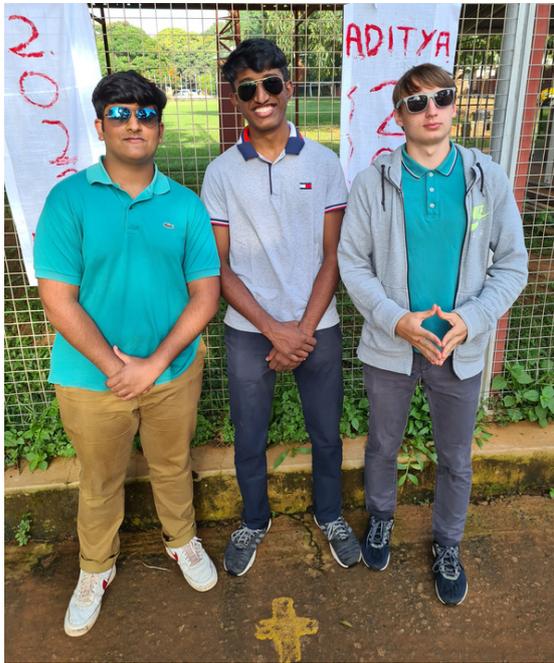
They then had their traditional Year 13 breakfast this morning on the field!



And we finished the week with our traditional Year 13 parade, where EVERYONE in our school community forms a tunnel that the Year 13s walk through and we cheer, celebrate, congratulate, and wish our students so very well in their exams and the next phase of their journeys beyond BMIS! The emotions were running high!

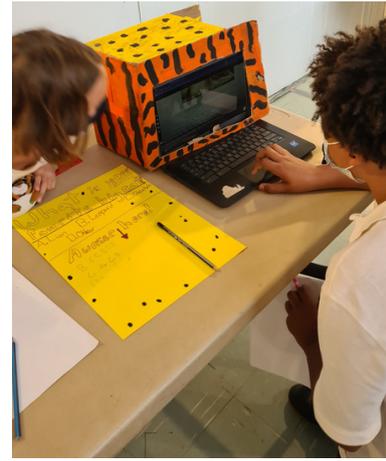






## Year 6 PYPX

Our Year 10 students are gearing up for their Year 11 Personal Project journey, so in preparation (and support) they visited our Year 6 students' PYP Exhibition this week! We were so impressed by the Year 6 students knowledge, displays, and confidence in speaking to our older students. Impressive work Year 6!



## Boat races!

Boat building is an ECP that we have on offer, encouraging students to put creativity, design, and engineering skills to the test! They held their boat race on Thursday to see who had built the most successful boat! Check out the pics below.



## Basketball: BMIS vs ABC

Our senior boys and girls' basketball teams played against ABC last Tuesday afternoon. There was such a friendly and excited buzz at ABC's hall, as the students enjoyed competing against each other and putting their skills to the test! What I really enjoyed watching was the sportsmanship and camaraderie within our teams, and towards ABC. It was so pleasing to see our students representing BMIS with kindness and support! A huge thank you to Nate Cole, the students' basketball coach and also the parents that came down to support too!



## Caterpillars!

The students were out in numbers this week, admiring the caterpillars on our trees! We are so lucky to have such a beautiful campus with so much of the natural world to appreciate! A huge thank you to the members of our **community** who keep our campus looking fabulous!



DATES: 28TH MARCH - 31ST MARCH 2022  
 WHAT TO BRING: PADS, TAMPONS, AND OTHER SANITARY PRODUCTS  
 WHERE TO PLACE THEM: BOXES IN THE BATHROOMS!

## WOMANIFESTO PAD & TAMPON DRIVE



## WESM photo competition

Our WESM (Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi) service group are excited to share details of the WESM photo competition below!

If you have a camera, and are (or have been) out and about appreciating the beauty of Malawi and captured this on camera, you might have a chance to have your image published in their 2023 calendar.

Check out the details below, and get involved!



## WESM PHOTO COMPETITION

The Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi (WESM) is calling for wildlife and landscape photos, showcasing the beauty of Malawi, for consideration for its 2023 calendar. Photos should be high resolution and in landscape format not portrait. Images must be in focus and with low noise; try shooting with ISO's of 400 or less, if possible. TIFF and RAW files are preferred but we will also accept JPEG. Please note that submitted photos may also be featured on WESM's FaceBook page and in our monthly newsletters. Please email your submissions to wesmblantyre@gmail.com. Submission deadline is 18th of April 2022.

## Womanifesto: Pad and tampon drive

Womanifesto is a CAS project started by Y13 students (Takondwa, Skyla, Adaeze, Faith and Sarah), to help provide period products to the secondary girl's bathrooms. After interviewing different year groups the Womanifesto group discovered that many girls in BMIS were uncomfortable with walking all the way to the nurse's office for a pad. In order to make the bathrooms a more comfortable and safe place, we have decided to hold a sanitary product drive where we will be collecting sanitary products in boxes placed in each of the girls' bathrooms. We are also holding a talk with the 7-9 girls about UTIs, period, and consent. From Monday 28th March to Thursday 31st March, we will hold a period products drive where students bring in period products (e.g. pads, tampons, wet wipes, etc.). These products should be placed in boxes, located in the girl's bathrooms. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Thank you - Womanifesto team

## Put it in your calendar:

**Tuesday 19 April**

First day of Term 3 - welcome back!

**Friday 22 April**

Earth Day

**Monday 25 April**

Term 3 ECPs begin

**Monday 2 May**

Labour Day Holiday - no school

**Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 May**

Teacher Appreciation Week

**Sunday 8 May**

BMIS Lilongwe Community Triathlon

**Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 May**

Year 10 and 11 exams

**Monday 9th - Friday 13 May**

Year 12 exam week

**Friday 10 June**

Secondary Arts Festival (7.30 - 12.15pm) and Singers' Night (6.30pm)

Back after a three year break...

## LILONGWE TRIATHLON



**Mini Distance**  
 (solo, < 13 years old)  
 100m swim  
 4km cycle  
 1km run

**Sprint Distance**  
 (solo or team)  
 750m swim  
 20km cycle  
 5km run

**Olympic Distance**  
 (solo)  
 1.5km swim  
 40km cycle  
 10km run

**Sunday, 8th May, 2022**

Bishop Mackenzie

International School, Area 3

5,000 MWK Individual Mini

10,000 MWK Individual Sprint/Olympic

15,000 MWK Team Sprint

**REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE**

[lilongwetriathlon.com](http://lilongwetriathlon.com)

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**It's always worth a tri!**