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# Secondary News

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## A word from Ms Andronikos

Welcome to all families to a new year at BISL! It certainly has been a very busy start, with lots of changes to become accustomed to. The Secondary teachers have worked very hard to prepare for the new year and we welcomed many new staff members to the team. It was also wonderful to welcome so many families personally at the Start of the Year barbeque and I thank you for your support of me in my role this year. Coming into the year, the school has significantly invested in the education of our students, with many resources being purchased for students to support their learning.

This week, the start has been a positive one, with new students getting to know current students and forging new friendships. Additionally, changing a school can be quite challenging so we do ask that if students are feeling a bit overwhelmed, please contact the Form tutor as they are there to assist all students in settling in. Yesterday, parents had the opportunity to meet Form tutors, so I hope that it was informative for all.

For some time now, there has been a significant shift in expectations for students with regards to uniform and behaviour, and this year, these expectations continue to rise. New policies and processes as outlined in an updated Student Handbook (available on the Website), have been detailed and reinforced for students over the week, allowing time for students to become familiar with what is expected. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all students and families for working with us throughout this process, as I can understand that there has been significant change, and often referring to past routines is the easiest path to take. However, change and growth is essential in life and this is certainly true of this week.

Just to confirm for uniform, students are expected to:

For 6th Form:

(Males) Be wearing collared, button up shirts, formal long pants and appropriate footwear.

(Females) Be wearing business-like attire of equal formality.

For KS3 and KS4:

Full standard uniform as outlined in the Student Handbook. (Under Key Documents on the website)

The energy and buzz around the school is certainly a positive one and it will only improve as professional relationships further develop between all students and staff. I have already witnessed so much learning taking place and smiling faces around school, so I look forward to seeing these connections continue to flourish in the coming weeks.

I wish everyone a wonderful weekend ahead.

*Stephanie Andronikos, Head of Secondary*

## A message from the editor

It is my pleasure to bring you this first edition and to be able to continue in the role of editor of the BISL Secondary Newsletter. If there is anything you believe should be brought to our attention or information you wish for us to share then I will gratefully receive it by no later than Thursday 18:00 every week for inclusion in Friday's edition. Please send [to this address](#) with the subject Secondary Newsletter and we will do our best to include it as soon as possible. We wish all students, parents and staff a wonderful academic year and look forward to sharing all your stories and achievements in the newsletter.

*Brad Eve, editor - BISL Secondary Newsletter*

## **A welcome from Form Tutors**

### **Year 7**

Bonjour, My name is Kathleen Domjan Poulet. I teach French. I am very happy to welcome the students to Year 7 students and to secondary school. I'm looking forward to working with you

*Mrs Poulet, Year 7 Form Tutor*

### **Year 8A**

Hello, my name is Mr. Kirwan. I am an English and Citizenship teacher and also the form tutor for 8A. I am very much looking forward to meeting all of you and I am sure we will have a fantastic academic year together.

*Mr Kirwan, Year 8A Form Tutor*

### **Year 8B**

Welcome to year 8B, my name is Miss Fushia Clayton. I teach Art & Design for all Secondary and A Level and look forward to having an amazing year at BISL together

*Miss Clayton, Year 8A Form Tutor*

### **Year 9**

Hello, my name is Louisa Dascalescu. I teach History and Citizenship. I would like to welcome returning and new students to Year 9, and I trust they will have an exciting and successful academic year.

*Miss Dascalescu, Year 9 Form Tutor*

### **Year 10A**

Hello and a warm welcome to new and old students in 10A. My name is Mr Bradley and I'm the new Head of Humanities, Geography and Global Perspectives Teacher. I'm really excited about working with you here at BISL as you embark on your IGCEs and look forward to getting to know you better. I've moved to Slovenia after spending 5 years in Malaysia and I've already been impressed with the wonderful environment and culture of this small country and school! Thank you for welcoming

me and I hope we all have an enjoyable and successful academic year together.

*Mr Bradley, Year 10A Form Tutor*

### **Year 10B**

Hello. My name is Claudia Ross. I teach Biology and PE. I would like to welcome the students to year 10B and look forward to working with you all through the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Miss Ross, Year 10B Form Tutor*

### **Year 11**

I would like to welcome Chloe and Rosemarijn to BISL community. Thank you Y11 for making them feel so welcome.

I also look forward to an enriching school year for all the students and to building positive relationships within our class.

*Miss Kotnik, Year 11 Form Tutor*

### **Year 12**

Hi, I am Mr. Newsham. I am the new Head of English and will teach language and literature to AS and A Level. I am delighted to have met my Year 12 form and look forward to working with you all through the year ahead.

*Mr Newsham, Year 12 Form Tutor*

### **Year 13**

A special welcome back to the current year 13 students who successfully survived the trials of AS level external examinations and who are now continuing their A2 studies. Congratulations for their results and special recognition for the hard work they all put in to obtaining excellent grades.

*Mr Batson - Y13 Form Tutor.*



Year 9 have designed this board together with their form time

### Message from the Secondary Director of Learning

This week, we were delighted to welcome lots of new teachers to the British International School of Ljubljana.

Ann Mroz, the editor of the Times Educational Supplement ( the biggest education publication in the UK) was very kind in sending some copies of the TES with a personal message for new staff wishing them well.

We are all looking forward to working together this year.



Some of our new teachers receive their welcome packs for the TEC

### .Dates to Note

#### September

Mon Sept 2nd

Presentation on PE for the year

Fri Sept 27

Last day of Block 1

Mon Oct 7

Block 2 begins

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