



Weekly Update

05th September 2025



Dear Parents,

I very much enjoyed meeting so many of you at our Parent Information Evening last night. It was excellent to have the opportunity to present myself as your new Head of School, and to connect with you further, to discuss your hopes and expectations for BSL.

Our BSL Values are central to everything we do at school. Central to everything is our desire to be a caring and compassionate school, and to be a school that listens to feedback.

Feedback is a precious gift, when provided with a constructive spirit. It allows us all to grow, and to be the best that we can be. We are always very grateful to parents for any feedback on our provision at BSL, as we constantly strive for excellence in everything we do. Not everything is within our control, and not everyone will necessarily agree on the best way forward. However, we are always stronger for listening to one another and considering different perspectives respectfully and reflectively.

In an international school such as ours, your children also learn the importance of considering all perspectives. At the senior end of the school, the IBDP learner profile actively encourages our learners to understand the importance of inquiring into their learning in a balanced and open-minded way, in as balanced a fashion as possible. At the start of school within the Nursery section, our children are immediately taught that there are others in the room who need things that are different from them. In a small school such as ours, we have a wonderful opportunity to ensure that every individual learner gets what they need. This may also include making adjustments to our educational programmes, to ensure that all students have the opportunity to access their learning effectively.

Please reach out to us at any time with any feedback. Meanwhile, if you were unable to attend the evening, you can view copies of our slides below:

- [Head's Presentation - Welcome, Introductions and BSL Values](#)
- [Primary Presentations: The presentation will be shared on ClassDojo](#)
- [Key Stage 3 - Years 7, 8 and 9](#)
- [IGCSE - Years 10 and 11](#)
- [IBDP - Years 12 and 13](#)

Booking school facilities

We would like to politely remind parents and students that once our ASEP programme finishes each day, our school site is closed and all students should go home. Your children are not permitted to remain after this time, as our staff are not available to supervise them.

However, you may wish to make a special booking for your children to use school facilities outside of our regular working day (e.g. to use a sporting facility). This is possible for a small additional fee, on the understanding that it is your responsibility to provide adult supervision onsite for this period of time. This could be either a one-off booking, or a regular booking at a specific time each week.

If you wish to book our school facilities outside our regular hours, please contact our **Estate Manager** (estate@bsl.tg), **Ms Chantal Creppy**. Please make sure that you specify:

- What facilities you wish your children to use;
- On what date(s) and time(s);
- Who will be supervising them whilst onsite.

Ms Chantal and her team will be delighted to confirm the booking fee and site access arrangements, once we have received this information.

Thank you for your kind understanding that our security team will not permit entry to the site outside hours without a confirmed booking for this purpose.

Primary Section

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have made an **excellent start** to the new term in the Primary School. The classrooms, as many of you saw during yesterday's *Meet and Greet*, are already looking vibrant, engaging, and full of exciting learning opportunities for our children.

Our pupils have settled in beautifully, exploring their new learning spaces with curiosity and enthusiasm. Teachers and children have been busy creating stimulating displays, interactive areas, and hands-on activities that encourage creativity, collaboration, and a lifelong love of learning.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the *Meet and Greet*, sharing in the excitement of the year ahead. Your support and involvement make such a difference, and we look forward to working together to make this a happy and successful term for every child.

We are also pleased to let you know that our **After School Enrichment Programme** will begin **next week**. This programme is designed to broaden our pupils' skills and learning in a **holistic way**, offering opportunities in **sports, crafts, and new experiences**:

- Activities will run from **3:30pm to 4:15pm**.
- It is very important that children are collected promptly at 4:15pm if they are taking part.
- If your child is not participating in an activity, they should be collected at 3:15pm.

Finally, a gentle reminder that we are a Healthy Eating School. Sweets (candies) and fizzy drinks (sodas) are **not permitted** as part of school snacks. We encourage nutritious options that will help keep our children energised and ready to learn.

Thank you for helping us get off to such a positive start!

Warm regards,

Mr Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

Secondary Section

MANAGEBAC UPDATE

Over the first two weeks of term, every Secondary School student has logged in to ManageBac and started exploring their personal calendar, timetable, classes, and learning activities. ManageBac is a sophisticated platform that will gradually streamline how we share information with parents in real time. This includes attendance, assignments and teacher feedback, unit plans, lesson activities, ASEP information, and school reports.

Parents will soon receive a welcome email, and we will also host information and support sessions to guide you through the platform.

In the meantime, please ask your child to log in and explore it with you.

Challenge: Can you and your child find the help instructions to change the language of ManageBac from English to Mandarin or French? If you do, students can let Mrs Snell know!

YEAR 11 BRIDGING PROGRAM - AN EXCITING NEW PATHWAY TO UNIVERSITY

BSL has launched a new Year 11 Bridging Programme to give students a strong foundation for the IBDP and support their transition from a range of curricula and languages of instruction. The programme develops core academic skills, independent learning habits, and the English proficiency needed for Diploma success. Students follow the IBDP English ab initio ('from beginning') course alongside IBDP Language and Literature A in their mother tongue, and may also attend Year 10, 11, or 12 lessons depending on timetables, prior attainment, and subjects important for the IBDP and future university applications. Over time, bespoke internships, project-based learning, and active service projects will be introduced to strengthen critical thinking, research, and communication skills. By bridging gaps and building core competencies, the programme prepares students for the challenges of the IBDP while nurturing their individual interests and talents. Our first students have joined us from schools in China and Togo, and we look forward to welcoming more applicants throughout the year.

All in all it's been a good start of the academic year...

We are excited by the momentum building across our Secondary School, from the successful launch of ManageBac to the introduction of our new Year 11 Bridging Programme. Both initiatives reflect BSL's commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and personalised learning. As we continue to grow and adapt, we remain focused on providing students and families with the tools and support they need to thrive. We encourage all parents to stay connected, get involved, and explore these new platforms and pathways with us. Together, we're shaping a dynamic and supportive learning journey for every student at BSL.

Mr Francis Anquandah
Assistant Head (Academic)

Ms Jane Snell
IBDP and Learning Development Coordinator

After School Enrichment Programme (ASEP)

A reminder that our After School Enrichment Programme (ASEP) starts on Monday 8th September. Earlier this week, students were given a letter to take home, in order to request their activities. Please return the activities request form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

For your convenience, a copy of the form is copied here: [ASEP form](#)

Key dates

The latest version of our Key Dates for Parents is [HERE](#).

Other Key Dates for this academic year will be shared at a later date, once they are finalised.

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