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"Youth is wasted on the young" attributed to Oscar Wilde

Dear Parents,

This Friday we say farewell to our graduating class of Year 13, Ye Zu Lee, Hyun-ah Kim and So Yi Hong. My column today is a summary of the address I presented at their graduation assembly.

Graduates, Parents, Colleagues and Pupils,

Today we are assembled here to honour these splendid young ladies who are ready to set sail to university and I wish them continued success and happiness in their studies and subsequent careers. They embody all that is good and special about BISC Wrocław. They are multilingual, knowledgeable and interested in the world around them. They have a deep desire for learning and they are imbued with a sense of concern for others and a responsibility for the Earth we live in. I salute them all on their many achievements and I also make special mention of Ye Zu who has been with us at BISC from the very beginning and has seen BISC grow and develop as she has matured and blossomed.

But my address today is not looking back; it is not a reflection of their time at the school. There are many staff members who know these ladies more deeply and have seen their progress over the years. Instead my address is about looking forward and a few words of advice about the future.

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



I think back many decades ago to my own graduation from secondary school and, compared to my schooling, these 3 ladies are far more accomplished and prepared than I was. The adults in the room today, mixed with the delight and pride that we feel on this occasion, we also feel a slight tang of jealousy. Yes, jealousy. In many ways we would like to be in your shoes once again to be about to start university, grasping all those opportunities and adventures that await. I also reflect today on the opportunities that I failed to take through a combination of shyness, fear and perhaps lack of confidence. We always regret more the decisions that we failed to make than the ones that we made. The Wildean quote: Youth is wasted on the young; sums up this mixture of regret and envy so my first piece of advice for you today is to Carpe Diem; Seize the day. Take the opportunities and exploit the chances that you have.

I now address the parents here. Today is a day of great pride for you and I thank you for your support and loyalty to the school and the excellent job that you have done in raising these beautiful and charming young ladies. It is also a day of some trepidation about what awaits for these young adults who are perhaps always children in your eyes. From the media we can have a vision of the world as one in turmoil, of danger and of threats. Certainly there are many wrongs and evil in this world but there is also much good, many opportunities and this world of ours is a fascinating, exciting and beautiful place. My advice to you today is to let them go. Start to even push them out. Launch them out in the world. Cut the apron strings. Convert their bedroom into the spare room and set them free.

When I was leaving Ireland as a young man, not much older than the graduates here before me I sat down with a neighbour who had some sage advice

for me. He was a farmer who had only had a little formal schooling and he had lived all his life on a small farm. However he was one of the wisest and kindest humans I have ever known.

He told me the following:

1. Don't spend all your money in one shop! Now looking at you graduates I can see how elegantly dressed you are and I can assume you are sophisticated shoppers. However, his metaphor was for more than retail. You need to shop wisely, you need to make your own informed decisions and you need to develop your choices.

2. If you have the reputation of an early riser, you can spend half the day in bed.

The reverse is also true and you need to earn a reputation. Employers and universities seek people that they can trust and build a reputation for trust and reliability.

3. Be kind to those around you. One of the legacies from your home and from your school is to be gentle and kind. Think of others and be aware of those who need help. We need more kindness in this world.

So three simple pieces of advice that I hope you will take to heart. I wish you all excitement, adventure, fulfilment and happiness as we say our farewells and we thank you for your contribution to this great school.

Ladies and gentlemen I give you the graduates of 2017!



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>12</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Year 6 Wolverines Trip to Warsaw</p> <p>Year 1 Rabbits – Dwarf hunt</p> <p>Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa</p> <p>Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Year 6 Wolverines Trip to Warsaw</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Year 6 Wolverines Trip to Warsaw</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Corpus Christi Long weekend School closed</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Corpus Christi Long weekend School closed</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Sports Day</p> <p>Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa</p> <p>Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Golden Wheelbarrow Contest – Grand Finale</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Cambridge Young Learners Exam</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Transition Day (Primary School)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Primary School Assembly 8.35am</p> <p>Secondary School Assembly 10.30am</p> <p>PTA International Day</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS



Please take care when parking around the school.

Avoid blocking entrances to neighbours' houses and driveways.

DO NOT PARK ON THE ZEBRA CROSSINGS!

1. Korean Coordinator

Mr Hae Sung Lee, our Korean Coordinator is available in the Korean room on:

Mondays: 8:00-10:30 / 12:05-15:30
 Tuesdays: 8:00-9:25 / 11:20-13:50
 Wednesdays: 8:00-9:25 / 12:55-13:50
 Thursdays: 10:10-10:30 / 12:05-13:05
 Fridays: 8:00-9:25

Contact details:

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2. School doctor

School doctor is available for Parents and Staff on Thursdays from 10.00am till 12.05pm (G8 room, big villa).

3. Swimming

Dear Parents,

We are continuing swimming for June 2017 with the following dates:

Mondays - 12th June and 19th June
 Wednesdays - 7th June, 14th June and 21st June

4. Linguistic competition

Dear Parents and Students,

Please note, that the linguistic competition about France and other French-speaking countries (Part II) is postponed until June 26th.

5. Sports Day

Dear Parents and Students,

On 19th of June we will have our annual sports day. It will be compilation of two PE units (Games and Athletics). Please feel free to come and support our athletes on that day.

Kindest regards,
 Marcin Kwasiuk

Extra Curricular Activities 2016/2017

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
Puzzle Club	Iza Łuczowska	Foundation – Y2	Foundation unit Lipowa	Wednesdays 3.40pm – 4.20pm
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Year 1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 4.35pm
Football Club	Michał Król	Year 1 upwards	School premises	Fridays 4.00pm - 5.15pm
Swimming Club Beginners	Marcin Kwasiuk & Jacek Lelewski	Year 1-2 and beginners	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Mondays 3.50pm - 4.35pm
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 1-5	School premises	Fridays 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Polish Club	Anna Łoboziak	Year 1-6	Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa	Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Explorer's Club	Agnieszka Peck	Year 3-6	F1 room big villa	Fridays 3.40pm – 4.20pm
Swimming Club intermediate and advanced	Jacek Lelewski	Year 3-11	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Wednesdays 4.35pm – 5.20pm
Creative Writing	Gene Goldman	Year 4-6	G7 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Computer Club	Magda Cempura	Year 4-6	ICT room big villa	Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 6 upwards	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesdays 4.00 pm - 5.15 pm
GCSE Polish Club	Ewa Gołębek	Secondary	S2 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.20pm – 1.45pm
Secondary Orchestra	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 1.10pm – 1.45pm
Singstar Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 1.10pm. – 1.45pm
School band	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 3.35pm – 5.00pm
GCSE French Club	Magda Mrozowska	Secondary	S6 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.15pm – 1.50pm
Debating Club	Tom McGrath	Secondary	G6 room big villa	Fridays 4.30pm. – 5.30pm
Computer Animation Club	Ian Carr-de Avelon	Secondary	ICT room big villa	Fridays 1.10pm. – 1.50pm
Polish for Parents Beginners	Anna Sawiel	Parents :)	EAL Room small villa, first floor	Tuesdays 1.50pm – 3.30pm
Polish for Parents Intermediate	Ania Sawiel	Parents :)	S7 room big villa	Thursdays 1.50pm – 3.30pm
English for Parents	Iwona Sokołowska	Parents :)	G10 room big villa	Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.25pm

News from Head of Primary



This week was definitely a week of outings! First, Year 3 left for the far-away Biskupin on Wednesday, then two more classes said goodbye to BiSC: Year 4s to visit the Lower Silesia's landmarks and learn about Silesian Henries and Year 5 to greet the dragon in Kraków. On Friday our younger pupils from Foundation went on a

short trip too! My sources have told me that all the excursions were very successful and children had a good time.

Our pupils were praised for their sensible behaviour by our hosts and guides - keep it up, BiSC!

On Friday Year 2 Dragonflies had their presentation day and from what I have heard, they did a really good job! Bravo, Year 2!

Here are this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Tanisha, Nao and Mariia

Year 1 Rabbits - Deniz

Year 2 Dragonflies - whole class :)

Year 4 Shoebills - whole class :)

Year 4 Owls - whole class :)

Year 6 Wolverines - Alex and Madhav

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary



News from Head of Secondary



GCSE exams were completed this past Wednesday for our Year 11 group. The students worked very hard this year to prepare for them, and now they can breathe a big sigh of relief that the exams are over. I would like to congratulate these terrific students for their efforts and the maturity displayed during this exam season. All of the BiSC staff have been very diligent in their efforts to help

prepare the students for their exams and they are all looking forward to viewing the exam results in late August.

We are also beginning to say good-bye to our outstanding Year 13 students. Their graduation ceremony commenced on Friday and we are all very proud of their accomplishments. Hyun-ah, Yezu and SoYi have been at BiSC for several years and they will be missed. Best wishes graduates!

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



Czyżby już wakacje?

Dopiero co wróciliśmy z niezapomnianej Zielonej Szkoły w Radkowie, a już znowu sale zaczęły świecić pustkami...

„Kogo by tu pouczyć?” zastanawiają się nauczyciele i nie pozostaje im nic innego, jak wybrać się na spacer do parku :) Cóż bowiem robić kiedy:

klasa 2 wyjechała poznawać początki naszego państwa do Biskupina,

klasa 3 próbuje obudzić śpiące wulkany w Górach Kaczawskich,

klasa 4 odwiedza smoka wawelskiego w Krakowie,

klasa 5 w przyszłym tygodniu zwiedzi Warszawę, a klasa 6 w najbliższą środę wybierze się na zajęcia terenowe z przyrody do Parku Południowego.

Brawo Dzieciaki! Nie ma nic lepszego, jak poznawać życie w praktyce :)

Pozdrawiam serdecznie.

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Spotlight on Year 1 Rabbits

Where on earth has this year gone?!? It seems like only yesterday my Rabbits were strolling into BISC primary for the first time and now they are getting ready to go into year 2! Well you know what they say, time flies when you are having fun, and we have certainly had plenty of that ☺

My class have not only grown in height, but in knowledge and confidence and it has been a pleasure to be there to support them throughout the year.

We are looking forward to the rest of this term, with the sunny weather and of course our summer show to prepare for!

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 1 Rabbits



„The World Games 2017 Wrocław” – Art competition

This summer, Wrocław will be the host city of the 10th edition of The World Games– The Olympics of non-Olympic sports.

On this occasion, Centrum Historii Zajezdnia organised an art competition for students and asked them to depict in their works different disciplines of non-Olympic sports. Over 200 students from different schools took part in this event, among them a group of BISC pupils. Three of them have been rewarded with an honourable mention and invited to the official award ceremony which took place this Monday on 5th June.

The rewarded pupils were:

Shinun Oh Year 5 Coyotes

Alicia McInerney Year 7

Anna Ignatiuk Year 7

Below you will find their impression of the contest and some more interesting information.

Anna Kawczyńska

"I drew in my contest picture somebody climbing the wall because I like this sport. I tried the wall climbing during the Green Camp and really enjoyed it, and I was the best in my group. I also enjoyed taking part in the awards ceremony, the best was the moment I got my prize".

Shinun Oh

"I painted three gymnasts performing gymnastic tricks with a sunset-looking background. I painted this because I like to watch people do these types of moves and it's an interesting sport that I like to do sometimes. The painted gymnasts had bright blue leotards.

At the awards ceremony, I enjoyed viewing other people's paintings and drawings. I also enjoyed the food afterwards, and I enjoyed watching people on stage."

Alicia McInerney

"I painted the gymnast with a ribbon for the World Games art contest because it's one of the things that will be at the games. And also I wanted to show how I imaging this contest. My gymnast was dressed in a special costume. The costume is done in one tone as a ribbon.

I really liked the ceremony because I met some different people there and looked at the beautiful paintings of other students. Also, we ate cookies! :-)

The prize I got was a water bottle and bag with the World Games emblem, balloon and markers. And an A* from my art teacher!"

Anna Ignatiuk





Dear Parents,

It was brought to my attention that there was some confusion among some parents about the school's Modern Foreign Languages Policy from 2017-2018 onwards. I wish to clarify some points and explain the philosophy going forward.

First of all, the school values the teaching of languages and goes to great lengths to offer a range of language options. At present we offer Korean as a First Language, Japanese as a First Language, the Polish Ministry of Education programme in Polish Language and Literature, English National Curriculum Language and Literature and various mother tongue programmes in Italian, German, and French. In addition, we offer pupils choices in learning a modern foreign language that includes Polish, Spanish, French, German and Russian. For a small secondary school this is a very wide offering, far superior than any international schools where I have worked and the vast majority of the options offered are without any additional charge. This reflects the school's philosophy and we wish to maintain this as one of the flagship programmes of the school.

Following various reviews and looking at best practise in the UK and in quality international schools we see a need to ensure that we are providing sufficient curriculum time for the core subjects of English Language and Literature, Mathematics and Science. We are focusing on our KS3 cohort all having the option of taking English Language & Literature at IGCSE. This is not the case at present and we wish to ensure that pupils are well prepared for this challenge in Years 7-9. Similarly we wish to ensure that there is adequate time for Mathematics and Science on the curriculum.

Our secondary curriculum offer needs to juggle a number of complementary, though at times, competing scenarios. Polish pupils have the additional burden of the Polish MEN programme and though the work of Ms Mrozowska and Mr Peck we have come up with a solution that is as optimal as possible. For our Korean pupils we offer a Korean academic programme that also adds to their workload but we are satisfied that our pupils can cope with these demands.

We also offer a choice of Modern Foreign languages in the secondary school with French, Polish and Spanish available in Years 7 & 8 and we add the option of German in Year 9. The change here is that the pupils can choose only one language option. We feel that this is reasonable for the reasons given above and for the competing demands of our rich curriculum offer as well as providing the appropriate number of lessons on our timetable.

I trust this clarifies our offer and Mr Peck has worked with pupils on choices over recent months. I am happy to meet with any parent that requires further clarification but we do not envisage any change in this policy for the coming academic year.

Yours sincerely,
Tom McGrath
Head of School

HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd

Place

4th

Place

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	4	3	2	1
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	83	76	79	72
Weekly Merits	569	552	540	442
RANKING	1 st PLACE	3 rd PLACE	2 nd PLACE	4 th PLACE

Primary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Gayeon Lee Year 6 Wolverines Wolverines	Magda Sawicka Year 6 Wolverines	Jack Kidd Year 6 Wolverines	Madhav Sathish Year 6 Wolverines

Secondary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Yunhwa Jung Year 10	Yejin Lee Year 10	DongMin Seo Year 9	Jeong Min Hong Y11

Secondary House Vice Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Borys Rusko Year 7	Alicia Marie McInerney Year 7	Nada Mikati Year 7	Anastasia Lacroix Year 7

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**BISC
FAMILY
CARNIVAL**

SAT. JUNE 10TH 1-4PM

*GAMES *CRAFTS *FACE PAINTING *FUN
WITH FRIENDS *BISC FACTOR
PERFORMANCES *LIVE BANDS *ICE
CREAM AND TREATS

Lunch Menu for June 2017 – Weranda Smaków

Dear Parents,

To place an order and also to pay for it you must do this online:

1. Please register at <https://system.masterszef.com.pl/Rejestracja/BISC>
2. Please place your order for the whole month. You do not have to order items every day but you need to complete the order form online and please save afterwards.
3. If you have any questions about the “**MASTERSZEF**” system, please contact Mrs Joanna Wierzejska, Project Manager by e-mail (jwierzejska@masterszef.com.pl) or by the phone (22 110 50 07).
4. Please note that the menu for June is now available online.

	12.06	13.06	14.06	15.06	16.06
Soup	Parsnip cream	Beetroot cream	Asparagus soup	Corpus Christi Long weekend	
	White borsch with potatoes and hard-boiled egg	Sauerkraut soup with tomatoes	Bean soup		
Main course	(Meat) Vegetable stroganoff with chickpeas , potatoes, peas with vinaigrette	(Vege) Homemade vegetable pizza with champignons, olives and mozzarella	(Vege) Curry with broccoli and coconut milk, rice, celery salad		
	(Meat) Beef stroganoff, potatoes, peas with vinaigrette	(Meat) Homemade pizza with vegetables, ham and mozzarella	(Meat) Chicken curry with pineapple and coconut milk, rice, celery salad		
	(Fish) Fish stroganoff, potatoes, peas with vinaigrette	(Fish) Homemade pizza with vegetables, tuna and mozzarella	(Fish) Cod curry with coconut milk, rice, celery salad		

AROUND BISC WROCLAW

