

BISC Factor 2019: Rules and Guidelines

Welcome to the 2019 edition of The BISC Factor! Please read this document to find out more about the event.

Parents and Contestants, by filling in the entry form, you agree to follow the rules and guidelines as presented below.

Provisional BISC Factor Calendar (some dates may be adjusted if needed)

4th-8th March – Enter your act – use the cut-off entry form below, fill it in, give it to your teacher
 11th March – 14th March (except Thu)– 1st Round Auditions (1.5-minute performance samples, no costumes)
 18th March – 22nd March (except Thu) - Semi-Finals (video-recorded, wear costumes)
 25th March – 29th March – Semi-Final Voting* – 3 groups – Top 2 from each group automatic finalists + 2 judges' choice acts; videos will be posted on Schoology, tutors will show videos in class and collect votes
 10th April - BISC Factor Final – Final 8 acts perform on the reversed BISC stage (next to Ms Kasia's office), audience* casts 2 votes each for their top 2 choices; winners announced

*Voting is open to students and teachers only

BISC Factor Rules

- The contest is open to the children in Years 1-6 only, performing solo or in groups. Mixed age groups are allowed.
- 1st Round Auditions and semi-finals will be organized during lunch/playtime. Practice cannot interfere with lessons.
- The audio, video projection equipment and instruments available in the school can be used by the contestants on premises upon prior request, but may not be taken home. Please provide your own props, costumes and pre-recorded background music in a common format (preferably mp3).
- Parents are responsible for preparing and coaching their children. Semi-finalists may request a mentor (a staff member who would give tips and advice).
- **NEW: comedy skit texts and lyrics to any songs or background music must be school-appropriate. Any texts and lyrics, even to well-known songs, must be translated into English (if needed), transcribed (written down as text) and sent to Mrs Peck via a Schoology message at least 3 days before any performance. If the texts/ lyrics are inappropriate, you will be asked to change the words/ song used. Advice: parents, please check this ahead of time.**
- **NEW: costumes, props and characters emulated must be school-appropriate and school-safe. Please use common sense. If in doubt, message photos to Mrs Peck.**
- The performances must fit in the space of about 3x4 metres.
- 1st Round Auditions are limited to 1.5 minutes each. Semi-final and final performances are limited to 3 minutes each. The semi-final and final performances do not have to be the same.

Cut here. Give the completed form to your form tutor. -----

BISC Factor 2019 Entry Form

Please fill in all boxes:

Name	Year	Act (describe in 1-5 words)	If group, who are its other members?	Equipment need	Parent Signature