



4th September 2009

NEWSLETTER 1

Dear Parents

Welcome to BISC for the academic year 2009/2010! We are all looking forward very positively to a new school year full of activities and learning.

We welcome all our new families and children to the school and hope you settle in quickly. If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to ask the class or subject teacher. You can always make an appointment to talk with any teacher through the School Office.

We also welcome Ms Anna Tokarz (Maths), Mr Peter Chollet (ICT), Ms Asia Peplinska (Chemistry) and Ms Sophie Sheehan (English) as new teachers to our school.

Congratulations to Mr Davidson (and Mrs Davidson!) on the birth of their new child over the summer holiday!

Congratulations also to our IB2 and Year 11 students from last year who achieved some excellent exam results.

Of our 12 IB students, 8 achieved a full Diploma and 4 were awarded a Certificate. Our average score, across the 12 students was 27 (you require 24 points for a full Diploma). We congratulate the following students for obtaining maximum scores in specific subject areas: Rosie (Biology, French), Lynn (French), Joyeeta (Extended Essay) and Cynthia (Extended Essay). While some of our students will be involved in retakes, others will be off to University and we will give you more information on this later.

Our 7 Year 11 students achieved an A-C percentage of 77% (compared to 63% last year and 87% in 2007). 6 out of the 7 achieved 5 or more A-C grades (86%). We congratulate the following students on scoring A grades: Ben (Physics, Maths), Martin (English, Maths, Polish), Ola (Polish), Ron (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Maths), Klem (English, French, Polish), Yassa (French, Polish).

Overall, we are very pleased with these results which are a true reflection of the ability of our students.

Throughout the summer holiday we have been busy decorating the fourth floor, as we now have the whole floor as part of our school. We no longer have to use the rooms in Felicjanek but the whole school is housed in our building on Smolensk. This has many advantages!

However, two weeks before the start of school, over the weekend, there was a water leak on the second floor. This went through into the dining room and kitchen, soaking the walls and ceiling, and into Biś Computers on the ground floor (their room and computers were very badly affected). Since then we have been drying out the rooms and they have yet to be decorated. We hope this will be done next week and the rooms will be usable the following week. It will therefore be possible to order hot meals for the week beginning September 14th and the online ordering system is now available for that.

There are **Parent Teacher meetings** next week. On Tuesday, 8th September, Polish MEN teachers will meet parents at 17:30. Then there are meetings in classrooms for parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1-2 from 18:00 to 18:30. These will be followed by meetings for parents of children in Year 3-6 from 18:45 to 19:15.

On Wednesday, 9th September, the meetings are for parents of students in Years 7 to IB2. There will be three rooms (Years 7-9, Years 10-11 and IB) and subject teachers will go from room to room, giving a 10 minute description of the work to be done in their subject.

All of these meetings are of a general nature and teachers will not be able to address the specific needs of individuals or talk about individual students. If this is necessary then you must make a separate appointment, through the School Office – teachers will be very happy to meet with you and talk through any issues you might have.

Extracurricular activities will start next week – you can find details of what is on offer on notices around the school.

A big thank you to Andrzej and Stefan Peplinski, Sanjit Samaddar, Thomas Welch and Jake and Ben Merrett for coming into school during the holiday to paint the classrooms and move furniture. Well done!

Mrs Platteauw is offering Dance classes as follows:

Monday 15:30-16:15 Nursery to Year 2 School (IWB)

Tuesday 9:00-10:00 Adults Dom Kultury, Wola Justowska

Tuesday 16:00-17:00 Year 4-7 Dom Kultury, Wola Justowska

And Gym Tonic classes:

Thursday 9:00-10:00 Adults Dom Kultury, Wola Justowska

Come along, however fit you are feeling - you are bound to feel better!! Please contact Delphine on 012 262 3568 or delph.krakow@gmail.com for more details

And, finally, a reminder to all families to make sure that your contact details – phone numbers and email address – are up to date in the School Office. If you are not sure, please talk to Marta.

With all best wishes for a fruitful and educational year together

Jonathan Merrett
Head of School