

Secondary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2010 – 2011 Academic Year

Those of you who have had children at BISI in the past will know that the new Academic Year brings changes to both the staffing of the school and to the fabric of the Zekeriyakoy Campus. One of the changes is that Mr. Brian Smith has left the school and moved on to pastures new in Northern Cyprus and I have been appointed to take over the reins as Director of Secondary and Principal of Zekeriyakoy Campus. It is then my very pleasant duty to welcome back parents whose children have been students in the past and to welcome those parents whose children have joined us at the start of the 2010 – 2011 Academic Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself and my career. I am from the United Kingdom and I am married to Cheryl who is from South Africa, we have two sons who have both grown up and are pursuing their own lives in other parts of the world. I am entering my twentieth year in education and my fifteenth as an international educator. I started teaching in 1991 in Hampshire, England and since then have taught in Bermuda, Ras Al Khaimah in the UAE, Dubai and Qatar. I am a Teacher of Mathematics and ICT and have taught Mathematics at GCSE, IGCSE, GCE A Level and all three levels in the IB Diploma Programme. I have been both a teacher and a Senior Administrator in the IB Diploma Programme for the last eleven years. I have taught in schools with as many as 1500 students and others with as few as 50. Whatever the size of school though, each presents its own challenges and I am very much looking forward to taking on the challenges of my new position. In terms of my teaching, I shall be teaching Mathematics to one of the Year 10 groups.

Work has now begun on the new building for the Secondary School and we hope to be in a position to start furnishing the building by the end of 2010 and to start using it early in 2011. You will appreciate that such a major construction will cause a few problems for everyone who uses the school, but we are working hard to minimise the impact on the day-to-day operations of the school. A construction site is a highly hazardous area and in view of the inherent dangers I am declaring the site to be out of bounds to all students until we actually take over and start using the building. In order to ensure that children cannot simply wander into the site by mistake, temporary fencing and screening has been erected around the site. In the interests of health and safety there will be serious consequences for any student who chooses to ignore the boundaries and I ask for your support in the application of such consequences. My staff and I will talk to all children on the first day of term, we will explain the dangers, set the bounds and explain the consequences for non-compliance with the bounds which we set. I would ask that you also talk to your children about the dangers of playing on construction sites. Of course, having said that, construction sites can be extremely interesting and educational places for properly supervised and organised visits by small groups and I am not withholding the possibility of such visits taking place.

The construction site has necessitated a change to the movement of school buses around the campus. In the morning buses will use the bottom gate and in the afternoon they will enter the campus by the top gate and line up to leave by the bottom gate. Pre School children will leave by their own gate a few minutes before 3:30 and will be supervised on their buses by pre-school staff. Once they have left the pre-school gate will be closed. Primary school students will leave via the orange gym, cross the sports field and board the buses, walking up from the bottom gate to their bus. Secondary students will leave via the Secondary building, walk down the steps, across the field and board the buses, walking up from the bottom gate to their bus. Parents picking up their children are asked to pick them up from the green courtyard as usual. All parents are asked to be patient with the changes we have made and to understand that they have been made in the best interests of all our children. Once the new building is in use, we will review our procedures for school buses.

Many of you will know that the UK based Independent School's Inspectorate (ISI) visited the school during the last Academic Year to assess our suitability to become a member of the group of schools accredited by the Council of British International Schools (COBIS). The report by ISI was very favourable though it did make certain recommendations which we must meet prior to receiving our accreditation. These recommendations were largely on matters of internal administration and we have already addressed some of them. I would like to assure you that my team and I are working to address any outstanding recommendations that affect the Secondary School just as Mr. T'Anson and his team will be working to address any outstanding recommendations which affect Pre-School or Primary. It is my belief that we will be fully accredited members of COBIS by the end of the year.

This is an exciting year for BISI and I am looking forward to leading the Secondary School and the Zekeriyakoy Campus through the changes that the year will bring. I also look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the various Parent-Teacher conferences, events and Director's Coffee Mornings which will take place throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'W. Bradley', written in a cursive style.

William Bradley,
Director of Secondary and Principal of Zekeriyakoy Campus