

## Secondary School

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new families and returning families to BISI for the academic year 2011-12.

I am 'Dean of Students' here at school which means I am responsible for your son or daughter's welfare. This will be my 2<sup>nd</sup> year in this position and my 5<sup>th</sup> year working at BISI. I am very pleased to have a committed and experienced support team in each of the key stage areas to assist in the smooth running of whole school life. Mr Bosman is responsible for our IB students in key stage 5, Mrs Bosman looks after our Year 10 & 11 students in key stage 4 as they prepare for their IGCSE's and Mr Marais, who joins us this year is responsible for our KS3 students in Years 7, 8 & 9.

This is only our third week back at school and already a lot has been going on. I have just returned from a hugely successful trip in Cirali, Antalya, where our IB students had the opportunity to work alongside WWF Turkey in their conservation and observation of turtle nesting on the local beach area. A very rewarding trip and a memorable time for our students achieving many hours of service work to count towards their IB diploma. This week we waved off our Year 7 students as they headed to Geliboli on the annual trip organised for this year group. There they will visit the important sites of battlefields, possible places of interest such as; Assos and Bergama and of course not to forget the 'lone pine' tree which is our BISI logo. I'm sure they will have many stories to tell on their return. We also have the 'Creative Arts' trip to London in December to look forward to with our students in Years 11 to 13 being given the opportunity to experience theatre, art exhibitions, music concerts and also take part in many creative workshops. We look forward to the enthusiasm of our IGCSE & IB students to make this a successful trip.

As Dean of Students I am very lucky to be involved in many areas of student life, to witness the students excel in many different areas and gain merits of achievement. On the other hand I am also responsible for the sanctions within school whether it be negative house points or detentions.

The school house system of Oak, Maple and Cedar offers a variety of academic, sporting and cultural competitions throughout the year. In our first term we can expect a very competitive sports day in October, held at Enka track. We have two specialised subject weeks coming up with our Modern Foreign Languages department & our literacy week organised by the English department. During these weeks, events will be organised with more activities for the students to participate in and gain house points for their team. Our Friday afternoon activities have kicked off with great enthusiasm with a huge variety on offer from football to self defence, paper magic to film studies and many more. The after school clubs begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September again with a wide variety of activities, we hope to see many students sign up for clubs.

I look forward to the year ahead full of many enjoyable events for our students to shine! My door is always open for students, staff and parents. I look forward to meeting many of you at our parent teacher afternoon on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra Scotland



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