

## Secondary School

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the British International School of Istanbul's community. My name is Jacques Marais and I have recently joined BISI as Key Stage 3 Coordinator and Teacher of both Geography and Drama.

I am South African by birth and grew up in Johannesburg. I have 19 years of teaching experience teaching General Science, Geography and Drama in South Africa, the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany.

I will be overseeing the Key Stage 3 'Pastoral Care Programme' and monitoring the academic progress of students in year 7, 8 and 9. It is my pleasure to work with a well-motivated and dedicated team of Form Tutors within Key Stage 3.

The form tutors are your first point of contact in regards to your son or daughter's welfare here at our school so please contact them at any point with information regarding your child's progress or wellbeing. The form tutors for Key Stage 3 are:

- Mr John Brain (7B) [j.brain@bisistanbul.org](mailto:j.brain@bisistanbul.org)
- Mr John Shippen (7I) [j.shippen@bisistanbul.org](mailto:j.shippen@bisistanbul.org)
- Dr Elsa Taylor (7S) [e.taylor@bisistanbul.org](mailto:e.taylor@bisistanbul.org)
- Ms Katya Skoudy (8B) [k.skoudy@bisistanbul.org](mailto:k.skoudy@bisistanbul.org)
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- Ms Amy Sozer (9B) [a.sozer@bisistanbul.org](mailto:a.sozer@bisistanbul.org)
- Ms Angela Perez (9I) [a.perez@bisistanbul.org](mailto:a.perez@bisistanbul.org).

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you the expectations we have for all Key Stage 3 students.

We expect students to:

- Be respectful and caring citizens of our learning community. As such, they should respect themselves as unique individuals and challenge themselves to perform to the best of their ability. Respect their fellow students as being individuals; and, be kind to our environment at BISI.
- Strive to be balanced, open-minded individuals who take part in a variety of activities and respect the viewpoints and beliefs of others.
- Manage their time well and make sure that they complete all assignments, including homework, on time.

The Key Stage 3 team will endeavor to build a meaningful, open and successful relationship between parents, students and the school to create a safe environment where students achieve academic and social success.

Please do feel free to contact me should you have further questions and I am looking forward to meeting all of you. .

Yours faithfully,

Jacques Marais



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