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Dear Parents,

My name is Stephen John and I am the Head of Mathematics and ICT at BISI. I have both BSc (hons) and BA related Mathematics degrees. This is my 14th year in the teaching profession and my 3rd at BISI. I come from Wales and worked in London where I worked as a Mathematics Teacher for 5 years before accepting a Head of Key Stage Four post. I then worked in Brazil at the British school of Rio de Janeiro where I was Head of KS3 curriculum; then I moved on to Malaysia and became activities coordinator. Before I came to Turkey to I was Head of Mathematics at the British School of Bucharest.

I would like to introduce you to the members of my department:

Zaheer Siddque is from Manchester, U.K. Zaheer has taught Mathematics for 13 years in the U.K and U.A.E. He is looking forward to his second year at BISI.

Dr. Taylan Celtik is from Turkey, he is in his 15th teaching year four of which have been here at BISI. Once again Dr Celtic will be sharing his expertise and skills with many of the higher level students.

Joy Bosman is once again teaching Mathematics, alongside her position of KS4 and IGCSE coordinator. Joy originates from England and has been teaching Mathematics for 21 years. This is her 4th year at BISI and I am pleased she will be sharing her wealth of knowledge across all age groups.

I am pleased to welcome Holly Garner and Felix Fearnley to the department. Holly most recently worked in Morocco at the Casablanca American School. She also taught IB in Kazakhstan and IGCSE in Togo. Felix has been teaching ICT in England since the beginning of his career and will be teaching ICT across all key stages. They are both very excited and looking forward to their first year at BISI.

Last year was a fantastic year in the Mathematics department, we achieved 99% A*- C grades in the IGCSE examinations. The Mathematics department works hard to deliver engaging lessons and units that are uniform across the year levels. We offer advanced courses to our KS3 students following the British National Curriculum. We feel confident our students are well prepared to excel in the challenging options on offer to them in the IGCSE and IB programs.

This year we aim to introduce more investigative and ICT work into our assessments, better preparing students for the real world of Mathematics. There will be a Mathematics club at lunch times for students needing help with any problems. At the beginning of 2012 we will once again be organising a 'Mathematics Study Experience' trip to Euro Disney. This was a great success last year. Mathematics Curriculum Week will take place in the second week of March. There will be competitions, World Maths day, Maths Olympiad, Various Field trips, Inter – House challenges and much more!

We hope as a department this will be a very successful and enjoyable year for the students in Mathematics. I would like to thank you our parents in advance for your support in the forthcoming year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, questions or concerns. My door is always open.

Yours faithfully,
Stephen John



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