

## Secondary School

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Dear Parents,

The end of year is nearly upon us and I would like to congratulate the Creative Arts staff and students on a fantastic first year for the new Creative Arts department at BISI. The department has introduced many new activities that encouraged students to gain confidence in the arts through active participation in class, clubs, and extra curriculum activities.

In Art students have learnt new skills in 3D modelling, photography, print and clay work. Students have enjoyed the various Art trips including the very successful trip to the Istanbul Modern and Art galleries in and around Istanbul. Students have worked enthusiastically in primary links projects and after school clubs. They have displayed their hard work in exhibitions in Zekeriyakoy which was popular with all of the school community.

In Drama, students have gained confidence in performance, both in solo and group work. They have produced short plays working on a variety of texts from year 7 to 13. Students produced inspirational plays during Creative Arts week and we have all been blown away by work produced in 'Peter Pan' and the 'The Lion King'.

In Music, students have enjoyed various musical activities learning about different musical genres. We have focused on African Music playing Djembe drums and Celtic Music. This year saw the creation of the new BISI Choir which showcased its hard work as part of 'The Lion King' Production. The Choir is now established and it's our aim to let musical talents flourish in our school next year. The PTA is now working closely with the Creative Arts Department building on the success of our Music Concert and 'The Lion King'. I would like to thank the PTA for such a wonderful contribution to our productions this year.

Creative Arts week was a huge success with drama, art and music showcasing their work in various different projects. The work was performed to an enthusiastic audience as part of 'BISI's Got Talent'.

The department has made big steps this year raising standards. We will certainly be carrying on with our aim of raising the profile of Creative Arts within our school next year. Next academic year the Creative Arts department will move into a new building that will bring Music, Drama and Art together in the same building. We have a full list of events planned for next year starting with our Halloween showcase and the summer show in 2012 will be 'Grease'. We hope to see a full house again.

I would like to thank all parents and staff for their continuing support of the Creative Arts and I look forward to seeing you all next year. Have a great holiday everyone!

Yours Sincerely

Michael Fenwick  
Head of Creative Arts

