

Secondary School

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Dear Parents,

Mid Year Report – Dean of Students

I would like to take this opportunity to give you some information on our action packed 1st term at BISI and to tell you a little of what is to come in the 2nd term.

As Dean of Students I oversee house events within the Secondary School. In the first term we watched a great sporting competition at the track & field meet held at Enka Stadium. We also enjoyed two subject promotional weeks with the MFL Department and English Department offering many different activities. Lots of our students participated in break and lunch time events offered, gaining participation points for their house teams. This 2nd term we will be competing in our whole school cross country event at the Belgrade Forest. We will experience the Sports Marathon event held overnight and take part in a general knowledge quiz and hopefully many more.

School assemblies have been interesting throughout the 1st term with presentations on 'bullying issues', Year 7 Galipolli trip, CAS students work & fundraising ongoing events and our Year 9 Netherlands trip celebration. In the 2nd term, assemblies will include; an MUN debate, some performances from our drama students in the build up to the school production of 'Peter Pan', student council information on past and upcoming events and other subject promotional weeks planned.

Our PSHE program this year has also been carefully planned out by our Key Stage Leaders. Term 1 we looked at many areas, including; bullying, positive contribution, different styles of learning, emotional health, study skills and coping with stress in preparation for those students taking exams at the end of the term. In term 2 we will focus more on relevant Key Stage related programs. Key Stage 5 will be working on IB related work, choosing a career, job/university applications, extended essays and the continuation of CAS work. Key Stage 4 will be looking at preparation for entering the IB program, with Key Stage 3 learning about internet safety, relationships and many more issues.

We finished Term 1 with an awards assembly to congratulate all those students achieving commendations in the Creative Arts, PE, Service, Mathematicians of the Month, MUN debaters, Footballers of the Season and of course our House Point winners. A total of 50 house points merit a 'bronze', 75 'silver' and 100 'gold'. I am pleased to say that a few of our younger students have achieved 100 house points or more in the 1st term alone. We hope that by the end of term two many more awards will be presented and our students will continue to gain points with blue & yellow slips and not have negative points taken from the totals with pink and late slips.

Overall, I feel Term 1 has been a great success with most of our students managing to stay on the plus side with house points. Let's hope our positive start to the second term continues.

For those of you who did not hear the last set of results, Oak house are out in the lead with 1167 points, in 2nd Cedar with 995 points and following closely we have Maple with 984 points.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra Scotland