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CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday, 17 March	Grade 9 Parent Information Evening on Trip Week from 3 – 7 May at 6 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 18 March	IB Information Evening at 5 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 18 March	IB Art Show at 7 pm in the Heizhaus
Saturday, 20 March	Malteser First Aid Course (Part 1) from 9 am – 4 pm in the Project Room (House 3/Level 4)
Tuesday, 23 March	ES Student-Led Conferences
Wednesday, 24 March	Malteser First Aid Course (Part 2) from 8 am – 3 pm in the Project Room (House 3/Level 4)
Wednesday, 24 March	MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences in the Sports Hall
Thursday, 25 March	MYP Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition for Parents in the Sports Hall (6.00 – 8.30 pm)
Friday, 26 March	MYP Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition for Students and BBIS Community in the Sports Hall (8.20 am – 2.10 pm)
Mon, 29 March – Fri, 9 April	Spring Break – No School
Thu, 29 & Fri, 30 April	Musical Mania
Mon, 3 – Fri, 7 May	Trip Week

OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 18 March	1 pm – 3 pm
Thursday, 25 March	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 15 April	1 pm – 3 pm
Thursday, 22 April	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 29 April	1 pm – 3 pm

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Kestner, Middle School Principal

Middle School Party

The Middle School party went very well last week. We held it in the Heizhaus for the first time and I received a lot of positive feedback from the students. The house leaders and myself will discuss the possibility of another dance before the end of the year and will let you know.

Basketball

Our Middle School girls team will travel to Stuttgart next week and our boys will travel to Bavaria for the GISST tournament 2010. We wish them luck and I hope that they have a great time with the team.

Parent Teacher Conference

Our second Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the 24th of March in the Sports Hall. Students have received a sign-up sheet and should be making appointments with teachers now. Please note that grade 6 students have Student-Led Conferences on this day, so will not sign up for individual teachers.

Ben Kestner's Blog

A reminder that you can read about my current thoughts on education matters on my blog: www.benkestner.wordpress.com.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the Middle School please contact me on 033203 8036-768, email ben.kestner@bbis.de , or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

There was a large turnout for the Principal's coffee morning this week and lively discussions about a range of issues. These events are a great opportunity for me to hear what is on people's minds and I'm told that they really help parents feel informed and consulted, so please consider attending if you haven't been in the habit.

A favourite topic that is often revisited is traffic coming to the campus. This week's discussion centered on the drivers' conduct. The group felt that the parents from BBIS and the other schools should be more safety conscious and courteous while driving in the vicinity of the school. We have all experienced the frustration of running late and rushing to get somewhere on time, but it's vital that our children's safety is not endangered. Specific issues included:

- Driving too fast
- Pulling illegal turns
- Parking erratically

This applies to the back gate (Gate B) as well as the main entrance and Sports Hall parking lot. The police have been asked to monitor the area at peak hours. Your cooperation in gracious driving is greatly appreciated!

Next week the Elementary School will be welcoming two visitors who will conduct the [PYP evaluation visit for the International Baccalaureate](#). They will be visiting classes, meeting with groups of teachers, parents and students as well as looking at student works samples and reading our self-study and curriculum documents. I will share with you the outcome of their visit when we receive it.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa Roy, our PYP coordinator for the fabulous job she has done preparing for this visit. Because of her work, the staff feels confident and informed which greatly relieves the pressure of this kind of event.

The Grade 4 students Paris cast performed Brent Lund Bruning's adaptation of [Carmen](#) for their peers and parents yesterday. It was very entertaining and I'm sure that today's performance by the Vienna cast will be equally enjoyable. One first for the Elementary School is that we had students running the lighting and sound. The grade 4 team did a great job both on and behind stage working together on this huge project. It's very gratifying to see them succeed at such a high level.

Teachers and students are working hard bringing their [portfolios](#) up to date and reflecting on their learning in preparation for student led conferences. Please make sure you return your slip if you want school to provide babysitting on March 23rd.

There are a number of parent meetings in preparation for the [trip week](#) which takes place May 3-7. At these meetings the teachers show photos of the location where the trip takes place, go over a general agenda of scheduled events and answer parent questions. We encourage you to attend so that you can feel confident as the beginning of the trips get closer!

- Gr. 1 Parent meeting: March 25th 3:15 pm
- Gr. 2 Parent meeting: April 15th at 5:00 pm
- Gr. 3 Parent meeting: March 24th 6:15 pm
- Gr. 4 Parent meeting: March 18th 3:15 pm

Rainy recess options in Gr. 4-5:



Rehearsing a student-initiated play



Playing math games

Grade 2 at the Egyptian museum:
Admiring Hieroglyphics



Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

March 23 Student-Led Conferences (NO SCHOOL. Check time of your appointment)
April 26 Discussion group about Cyber Safety 3:15 pm

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me on 033203 8036-125, email camille.duaim@bbis.de or simply drop by my office for a visit. Parents are always welcome!

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

<http://www.bbis.de/content/new-events/index2.htm>

MS & HS STUDENT AMBASSADORS – NEW RECRUITS NEEDED

The BBIS Ambassadors are recruiting new members! If you are interested in meeting new people, making new friends and welcoming new members to our community, please see Ms. Kamphausen in room 2404 or Mr. Gregory in room 3115 to collect a sign-up sheet. Deadline for applications is Monday, 22nd March. A free Ambassadors t-shirt is included!

HS STUDENT COUNCIL VALENTINE'S DAY ROSE SALE

The Student Council spread some love! The week before February Break Student Council organized a Rose Sale where students and teachers could send roses to their friends and loved ones. The goal of enhancing a sense of school community was highly successful as more than 200 roses were sold and we managed to raise approximately 125€, which will go towards our Summer Dance plans! The Student Council wants to thank everyone who bought a rose and hopes that you have all enjoyed sending and receiving one!

Steve Gregory
Middle/High School Counsellor
PSHE Coordinator
Student Support Services

THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD AT BBIS

In January 2010 the International Award programme was launched at BBIS. The Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all 14 to 25 year olds. It began in the United Kingdom in 1956 as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the Programme has now spread to 126 countries. Over 6 million young people worldwide have taken up the Award challenge.



The German Award *Das Internationale Jugendprogramm* has been rather close to the UK's Duke of Edinburgh's Award from its very beginnings in 1993. Like the Award programme, the German Award's motto "There is more in you than you think!" originates from Kurt Hahn.

There are three separate Awards – **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold** with different minimum starting ages and periods of participation.

Service

- Bronze: at least 15 hours, spread over 3 months
- Silver: at least 30 hours, spread over 6 months
- Gold: at least 60 hours, spread over 12 months

Expeditions

- Bronze (Expedition): 2 days, with a minimum of 6 hours of planned activity each day
- Silver (Expedition or Exploration): 3 days, with a minimum of 7 hours of planned activity each day
- Gold (Expedition, Exploration or Adventurous Project): 4 days, with a minimum of 8 hours of planned activity each day

Skills

- Bronze: minimum period 6 months
- Silver: a minimum period 12 months (Bronze Award Holder: 6 months)
- Gold: minimum period 18 months (Silver Award Holder: 12 months)

Physical Recreation

- Bronze: minimum period 3 months
- Silver: a minimum period 4 months
- Gold: minimum period 5 months

Residential Project (additional requirement for the Gold Award)

- 5 days and 4 nights

In the Service, Skills and Physical Recreation Sections, the minimum time requirements are expressed in months, during which there should be regular commitment averaging at least one hour a week.

The Award is about individual challenge, not about reaching specific standards set by someone else. Students design their own Award Programme, set their own goals, and record their own progress. The only person they compete against is themselves, by challenging their own beliefs about what they can achieve. The International Award is a non academic qualification that shares similarities with the CAS component of the IB. It is well renowned around the world and is a valuable addition to any job or University application.

In December 2009 all Grade 9 students took part in a 'Taster' session where they experienced a variety of activities relevant to the International Award such as how to read a map, put up a tent, cook on a camping stove and pack a back pack. From January onwards Miss Johnson, Mr Gregory, Miss Adams and Miss Hinton have offered an ECA every Monday afterschool to provide guidance assist with the process and provide training for the expeditions.



During the Grade 9 trip week in May all students will complete a 'practice canoeing expedition' and those wishing to achieve their BRONZE AWARD have also planned the final assessed expedition in June.

As the INTERNATIONAL AWARD continues to grow at BBIS we look forward to more students being involved in the future.

Lisa Johnson
International Award Leader

INVITATION TO THE PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION AT BBIS

Dear Parents,

I am writing to invite you to the Personal Project Exhibition at BBIS on the evening of the 25th March from 18.00 to 20.30.

Are you interested in learning more about Korean food or alternative sources of energy? Would you like to find out how the Personal Projects in Grade 10 work? Please come and speak to the experts! All Grade 10 students have chosen the topic for their project themselves, normally it is something they love to do, they have always wanted to try out, or something they feel passionate about. Here are just a few examples from this year's list of more than 50 projects:

How can I raise awareness for the challenges in the education of disabled children by making a documentary?

How can I make the school a brighter environment by creating art on a wall?

How can I build a device that creates energy from flowing rain water?

How can I use Java to write a simple computer game from scratch?

How can I help someone improve their badminton skills noticeably?

How can I build a drum set that corresponds to my favourite drummers?

How can I document my family's history during the Holocaust by producing a documentary about it?

On the evening of the 25th of March, each student will be presenting their work to interested parents and members of the BBIS community, so please come and see all those amazing projects! All Grade 10 students will also present their projects to BBIS students during the school day on Friday, 26th of March.



Kind regards,

Michaela Jung
MYP Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The BBIS Science department would like to draw the attention of the school community to the following Essay Contest and is encouraging High School students to participate in

DNA-DAY 2010 - ESSAY CONTEST

Third Annual European DNA Day Essay Contest for High School Students

Deadline: Sunday April 25, 2010

DNA Day, April 25, is commemorated internationally as a celebration of Genetics and its promises. For the third year, the European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG) will be sponsoring a DNA Day Essay contest in European high schools. Once again we will partner with the American Society of Human Genetics in this initiative; using the same essay questions, thus allowing a better assessment of knowledge and perspectives on genetics among students from both continents.

The essay contest is meant as a learning tool and a means to promote knowledge of genetics within Europe. It intends to challenge students to examine, question and reflect on the importance and social implications of genetic research and its applications. Essays are expected to contain substantive, well-reasoned arguments indicative of a depth of understanding of the issues addressed by the selected essay question.

Questions 2010

1. Scientists can now determine the complete DNA sequences of organisms, including humans. Now that this milestone has been reached, is there a reason to continue learning about Mendel, alleles, and inheritance patterns? Explain your answer.
2. Genetic testing allows geneticists to determine an individual's DNA sequence, and research has identified a number of genes, such as HMGA2 and GDF5, that are associated with height. Will such associations allow scientists and physicians to predict a person's final adult height from infancy? Do you think that this would be useful? Explain your answer.

For information please visit <http://www.dnaday.eu/directions.htm> or talk to Mr. Schmelz.

Christian Schmelz
Head of Science Department
christian.schmelz@bbis.de

BBIS SUMMER CAMP 2010

We would like to invite your child to join the BBIS Summer Camp for the summer of 2010. Our camps are back during the last two weeks of the summer break, [from 9th-13th and 16th-20th of August 2010](#).

Apart from our fun and sporting Camps our English Enrichment Camp offers your child a great opportunity to brush up their English Language in a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere before they return to school. New this year in our program is a [nutritious hot lunch](#), which will be served daily in our brand new school canteen. We also offer a new, exciting camp: [Climbing & Sports Camp](#) where students will be learning the basic climbing and abseiling skills on our very own climbing wall.

Our highly professional, English speaking staff will provide an educational but fun filled Summer Camp on our very own campus. Students from both BBIS and the local community are welcome to join our Camps from the age of 5 until 16.

The following camps are available and students registration is taken on a first come, first serve basis.

English Enrichment & Activities Camp	5-7 yrs – week 1 5-7 yrs – week 2	8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	12-16 yrs – week 1 12-16 yrs – week 2
Fun Games Camp	5-7 yrs – week 1 5-7 yrs – week 2		
Football & Sports Camp		8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	
Adventurous Circus Camp		8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	
Climbing & Sports Camp (max 12 participants)			10-16 yrs – week 1 10-16 yrs – week 2

For detailed information about each camp and for the registration form please have a look at our web page http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/summer_camp_site.htm

For more information please contact Joost Langendonck or Remke Langendonck at remke.langendonck@bbis.de

Joost Langendonck
Summer Camp Coordinator

Remke Langendonck
Summer Camp Assistant

WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS PROGRAMME

Please find in this article:

- Match report Basketball last weekend in Poland and at BBIS
- Coming up fixtures and tournaments for Basketball
- Request for housing and housing guidelines for GISST Varsity boys 2010 at BBIS

Basketball Match reports

Last weekend was another full weekend for BBIS Basketball. We had our U14 teams travelling to Wroclaw in Poland and Varsity and Junior Varsity boys and girls playing at home against BBS, Bavaria International School. Please read the reports below to see how the teams performed.

U14 Boys

The U14 Boys traveled to Wroclaw, Poland where they emerged victorious in all 3 of their matches. The boys started the weekend with their best performance yet, crushing ___(school name)___ in a 38-14 win. The sound of swishes and delightful dishes were aplenty in the game, as well as some ridiculous rebounding on the offensive glass. The brothers Schaidhammer, Joey and Sam, each had over 5 offensive rebounds, providing ample second chance opportunities. Scoring was led by Taras,

while the defensive prowess of Frank and Paul shut down the opposing offense. Players off the bench came in hot as well, with Victor, James, Hansa, Fred and Guillerme all playing fierce defense and adding offensive spark. It was an especially satisfying victory, as the players went against a much bigger squad in a very loosely called game.

The following morning, the boys went over to the University Sports Hall for a much different atmosphere. With pump up music and national anthems, the boys were playing nervous to start and were missing opportunities. They managed to hang on to the lead down the stretch 28-23 after Wroclaw made a solid chance at a comeback.

The final game the boys were playing on all cylinders, as Sam Schaidhammer started the game on an 8-0 run by himself. The boys ran the fast break and outlet pass beautifully before the game settled down. Wroclaw didn't have the chance to catch up, as the BBIS boys hung on for a 39-19 final. The boys are really starting to gel as a team. The weekend was full of high fives, chest bumps, and a true team connection. Guillerme was awarded the boys team sportsmanship award for his heart, terrific defensive effort, and leadership supporting his team.

With only 2 weeks to go until GISST, the boys are feeling mighty confident that they can take down any opponent that dare crosses their path. Bring 'em on!

You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your own highest standards, and when you reach your limits, that is real joy.

Arthur Ashe

[Coach Chamberlain + Coach Smith](#)

U14 Girls

On Friday the U14 Girls travelled to Wroclaw to play 3 games. Their first game was against Wroclaw British School. It was a hard-fought game where the girls had to play against older students which they were undaunted by and they showed the team spirit that has been prevalent during this season. Although they performed very well, they were unable to convert the chances they had and they lost 10-18. The highlight of the match was the hard work of Zarina Danling on defense where she made the opposition feel like they were playing against 2 of her. On Saturday the girls got to play both their games against Wroclaw International School in the university sports hall which include them running out to a standing ovation and having music playing while they warmed up. The girls placed some hard basketball but at the start of the match they seem overawed by the arena and the new style of warm up. As the game progressed they came into it more and in the final quarter outscored their hosts 9-2. The highlight of the game was the defensive performance of Helen Kuhn. After a rest the girls returned to the court to play their host one last time. Again they did not start as well as they can but they never gave up and game storming back into the game shutting out their opponents in the fourth quarter. The highlight of the game was the defensive performance of Amelia Windemuth and the movement of offense of the whole team. After the matches had finished the coaches had to select a fair play award for the opposition team. The Wroclaw coaches had a tough decision to pick a single girl from the BBIS team but after much deliberation they decided on Emma Troy.

[Coach Darren Hornell](#)

Varsity girls

The Girls HS Varsity Team had a number of games the weekend of 5 & 6 March. After a month with no games, they were a bit rusty off the mark, and did not play as well as they have the potential to. That being said, there were some important lessons learned, and improvements made so that they are more ready for the GISST tournament next week. The first game was played against Bavaria

International School (BIS) on Friday 5 March, with a loss of 23-33. BBIS started out slow, but had a major improvement by the end of the game – in fact if you wiped out the 1st quarter, the game was dead even. On Saturday 6 March, the Varsity team again played BIS first. This time the girls played more solid on defense from the beginning, keeping more of a lid on Bavaria, but just could not get their own shots to fall. The second game of the day was one played back-to-back against the BBIS JV, which the Varsity won 19-18. After a tough loss against Bavaria, the Varsity team did not play with the passion that they possess, and so they did not rise to the level of play of which they are capable. The final game for the Varsity was against Berlin British School, with a win of 42-6. It was good to see the girls run the ball in this game, and get some practice with their lay-ups. Overall the weekend was good because the Varsity Team took away some important lessons on their work to be done in their drive to the tournament.

[Coach Lisa Pavlock](#)

[Junior Varsity girls](#)

The Girls Junior Varsity Basketball team played a tough weekend with 4 games over the Friday evening and Saturday against visitors Bavaria International School, Berlin British School and our own Varsity Team.

We started the weekend against Bavaria with a late game on Friday where the girls played hard to hold Bavaria's well seasoned team to a 12 point win, eventually loosing 10 to Bavaria's 22 points. Saturday morning began with a very close game against our Varsity Team. The Junior Team lead throughout the game by as much as 5 points for a time before being eclipsed by the seniors in the final quarter, an unlucky foul shot eventually being the difference in a very exciting game where the Junior Team showed that they deserve the name in age but certainly not by heart, with a final score of 19 to 18.

Our game against a tired Berlin British School was at an enjoyable pace with some great confidence building shots finding their way through the hoop, eventually winning 25 to 16. The final game saw a very tired Junior Varsity Team take on Bavaria for a second time in the weekend, this time the score was significantly higher with Bavaria scoring 47 to our 29. The girls learnt some valuable lessons this weekend with some brilliant defence progression and increasing confidence to drive to the basket.

Unfortunately as there is no final tournament for the Junior Varsity Girls Team this will be their final competitive outing for the season. The girls have learnt so much and really enjoyed playing and developing their skills. The development of this team is in the second year at BBIS and these girls have shown that there is room in our program for a Junior Varsity Team and that they can be competitive with the other varsity teams. I look forward to seeing all of these girls in the pushing their older schoolmates for positions in the Varsity team next year.

[Coach Graham Maltby](#)

The varsity boys basketball team played two quality opponents on Friday and Saturday and won all four games. The game from the first two quarters was very hard fought. At the end of the third and fourth quarter the opponents seemed to be lacking conditioning. We continued with a very fast pace and at the end of the results the game was won by 15 points or more.

Results of the games:

BBIS V vs. BBS – 42:36

Constantin von Storch was the top player with 15 points.

BBIS JV vs. BBS – 45:10

Frederick von Kayser was the top scorer with 14 points and Nick Otto with 14 points as well.

BBIS V vs. BIS – 53:39

The top scorer was Kim with 14 points and Constantin with 14 points as well

The next Basketball games for the Varsity Boys are on the 18th and 19th of March, when BBIS is hosting GISST.

[Coach Michael Williams](#)

[Coming up GISST Basketball fixtures](#)

If you have any questions, please let us know. Please come and support our students and teams, they need you all!

Month	Days	Date	Sport	Teams	Opponents	Where	Times
March	Thursday	11	Basketball	UI4 boys	BerIS	BBIS	3-5.15
March	Thu-Sat	18.19.20	Basketball GISST	UI4 girls	at Neuss		Dusseldorf region
				UI4 boys	at Bavaria		Munich
				Varsity Girls	at Hannover		Hannover
				Varsity Boys	at BBIS		Berlin

[Request for Housing for March 18th and 19th](#)

Dear parents,

The Athletic department is looking for families who can help to support us in housing 100+ students during the varsity Boys Basketball tournament, which will be held at BBIS on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th of March. Eleven schools will be visiting us and we need to house all their students with BBIS families.

This is a whole school event and we ask you for your help in providing a place to sleep for our visitors on Thursday night and Friday night, 18th and 19th of March 2010. If you can, would you be so kind to fill out the form below and return it to the Athletic Director Mr. Joost Langendonck in the PE office.

[Housing Guidelines for Host families](#)

1. When hosting students you stand in place of their parents. Please exercise all supervision and care that you would normally exercise with your own children.
2. Please pick up your students at the designated time.
3. No student is allowed out in the evening unless chaperoned by the host parents. This includes the journey home after the event has finished on the designated evening and the journey to the school on the following day.
4. Under no condition are visiting students to be left alone in the home without host family supervision.
5. Students are not permitted to change housing arrangements.
6. Please arrange for suitable transportation. Normally this is expected to be a private car to and from the designated events. Students, if possible, should not take public transportation.
7. Please provide your guests with a suitable meal at whatever time may be necessary because of the scheduling of their event.

8. If the host parents would like to take their students out for an evening meal they should not expect their students to pay for the meal. All students should be back home by the curfew time of 22.00/ 23.00 hours.
9. Curfew hours set cannot be extended.
10. The use of tobacco, illicit substances and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted.
11. Ensure the students have your name, telephone number and address.
12. Please provide your students with a packed lunch for their journey.
13. Should any problems occur while you are housing students, please inform the Sports Coordinator as soon as possible.

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To be returned to Mr. Langendonck

Please fill out the two tables below and indicate how many students you can house on that evening.

Housing Date	Teams visiting	Age group	Are you available to house?	If yes, how many students could you host?
Thursday 18 th March + Friday 19 th March	10 GISST schools GISST Tournament	Varsity boys (100 beds)		

Family name:		Child's name	Child's grade:
Parent mobile phone:	Family home phone	Family Email address:	

Parent/guardian signature: _____

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„SAMMELDRACHE“

The school needs your old/empty printer cartridges. We need as many as we can get because each container of cartridges gives us points, and when we have enough points we trade these in for electronic equipment. All types of cartridges are welcome.

Please send your empty printer cartridges to the IT Department.

Harry Klooster
Head of IT Department

