

Our mission states “We will work as a family to achieve both academic and emotional and social excellence, with our students at the heart of all we do”.

BISM COMMUNITY VOICE

A parents' coffee morning is a great opportunity for parents to engage in open communication and strategize on how to support their children's development in all areas. It's a chance for parents to work together with BISM to create a supportive and nurturing environment that fosters growth and success.

Our many new parents in primary (including EYFS) enjoyed informal but informative coffee mornings the senior team and other key staff. The purpose of these mornings was to explain 'How we do things' in primary and also to make sure that communication channels were all in place and they were fully briefed on the opportunities open to their child/ren. We were able to explain the importance of being 'In and On Time' every morning ready for learning and also we explained the need for the children to have eaten before school (or to have a pre-learning snack with them) so they are 'Fuelled for Learning'. Existing parents will remember these campaigns from this time last year, and we ask all parents to continue to ensure children are on time and ready for their learning. We thank our new parents for the fantastic start their children are enjoying, and their positive and communicative approach to joining BISM. We are looking forward to starting our programme of Parent Workshops (first one on Wednesday 11th October) which will focus on using the Positive Discipline approach to Parenting. We will publish a full programme of workshops for the coming year including many of the suggestions you have shared with us.





Secondary senior leadership team held 2 coffee mornings to introduce different assessment methods and enhance school communication which will boost the evaluation process in several ways. We explained CAT (Computer-Assisted Testing) assessment techniques which provide objective and standardized evaluation of student performance, it also gives us more accurate and detailed feedback regarding student's abilities. This can help teachers identify areas where students need improvement and adjust their teaching methods accordingly. During the Coffee Mornings parents were encouraged to elect their parent class representative to represent to communicate with the school administration or other parents as needed. We are using open-door policies to encourage these parents to be able to communicate easily, so they will be added to a WhatsApp group with the BISM senior leadership team to make communication more accessible and approachable, which will foster stronger relationships with parents and improve overall student outcomes. Our mission states "Immersed in an inclusive culture that encourages us all to think innovatively as global citizens". A key focus this coming year will be developing our young learners as global citizens to enhance belonging and responsibility to the global community, rather than just their national identity, we develop their skills and understanding to care about others who may come from different backgrounds and countries and the impact of climate disasters on others. One of our first awareness-raising and care initiatives is this Wednesday, supporting the fundraising for children and families in Morocco and Libya affected by the earthquake and floods. We will be wearing red for the day (a colour that appears in both flags), donating 10LE for the privilege and also making, baking, buying and selling cakes during break. Our 'Make a Difference' charity initiative last year in primary raised over 100,000LE for local charities as well as food, clothes and toy donations to children overseas. We could not have raised this much without your help, support and ideas as parents and we are really hoping to be able to repeat this year too.



Student Council

A Voice For Students

Empowered voices, inspired choices! Starting last week, our student council candidates took the stage, showcasing their passion, ideas, and dedication to serving our school community. From thought-provoking speeches to innovative proposals, they captivated us with their vision for a brighter future. We believe that encouraging students to get involved in their school community and have a say in decision-making develops leadership skills, and makes a positive impact on their school community. This involves keeping students informed about the election process, providing clear guidelines and timelines, and addressing any questions or concerns they may have. Effective communication can help build trust and encourage a higher voting turnout, ultimately resulting in a more representative student council. We believe that listening to our students' opinions, ideas, and perspectives encourages their creativity and critical thinking, develops problem-solving skills, enhances collaborative learning, fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, builds confidence and self-esteem, and promotes active participation and engagement. These councils can help create a more student-centred and inclusive school environment by giving students a platform to share their thoughts and concerns. Congratulations to the students' class representatives winners from primary school and when we approach the end of the week in secondary, students are getting ready to exercise their right to vote and shape the destiny of our student council. Stay tuned to be introduced to student council members soon!

