



**GEMS**

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# ECA KICK-OFF

BISM is a place where everyone feels secure, valued, accepted and able to grow by learning. We firmly believe in creating a balanced educational environment that nurtures both academic, social and emotional excellence as stated in our mission. ECAs play a pivotal role in achieving this goal. ECAs offer a multitude of benefits that extend beyond the classroom, providing students with opportunities to explore their passions, develop new skills, and build lifelong friendships. Here in secondary, we offer a wide range of ECA options tailored to suit the diverse interests and talents of our students. From sports and performing arts to debate and chess club, as well as community service initiatives, our ECAs encompass a rich variety of activities that cater to every student's unique strengths and passions.

One of the key benefits of participating in ECAs is the positive impact they have on students' well-being. Engaging in activities they enjoy helps students reduce stress, improve mental health, and develop a sense of belonging within the school community. Through ECAs, students have the opportunity to pursue their interests outside the academic curriculum and find joy in the process of learning beyond textbooks. This holistic approach to education ensures that our students are well-rounded, global citizens who can thrive in various aspects of life.





# ECA In Primary

ECAs have begun! Last week students in the primary school began their eagerly anticipated ECAs or Extra Curricular Activities. Based on a range of subjects, academic, sporting and just plain old fun, students met, learned and enjoyed their time with new teachers as well as students from different year groups.

The purpose of the ECAs is central to the Values of BISM, where

“we aim to unlock the potential of every child to achieve academic excellence alongside extensive enrichment opportunities and develop well – rounded students”

By taking part in ECAs children learn to work independently from their normal class teacher and become immersed in the inclusive culture where all are equal and part of the same family. They are able to learn skills which are not always there in their everyday classroom situation and further their interests and passions on the way meeting and socializing with those of the same mindset as themselves.

So yes, it was tiring , it was noisy – but most importantly it was great fun!



# STUDENTS REVIEWS



Asya 4A said this about the sewing ECA-  
 "I really liked the sewing ECA as this is an activity that I enjoy doing so it is nice to be able to do this in school."

Mohamed - Year 2 "We had fun making our maps, I'm looking forward to learning how to use code to move characters on computers"

Ahmed- Year 1 "it was so fun learning about what coding is. We are going to be moving characters using code"

Yousef - Year 5 "Something I like about my ECA ( coding) is that we design and test our own games"

Mohammed - Year 5 I love the Percussion ECA because we play the drums and I like to play with the instruments. In it, we do beats with other instruments

Ahmed - Year 3 I love ECAs because we get to work and play with other children not in our class or year group.

