

# NEWSLETTER 3 / 2022-2023

27th January 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers.

Firstly, may I wish you all a very happy New Year ahead on behalf of everyone here at BSL. We hope your winter break was a positive time for you and your families.

## New Staff

This Term, we would like to welcome a new staff member **Ms Maria De La Hoz**, Ms De la Hoz will be working as the Headteacher's assistant but as she is a fully qualified teacher, she will also be offering support and covering short absences within the school where needed. Ms De La Hoz is bilingual and has a Degree in Psychology and will be supporting our SENCo Mrs Rose and our Well-being Coordinator Ms Dieppa.

## Late arrivals

We would like to remind parents that school is open from **7:45 to 8:50 am**, which is 1 hour and 5 minutes! Which we are sure you will agree is plenty of time for you to leave your children, please be considerate of school staff and the rest of the pupils in the class and bring your children to school on time. **All students need to be in class for registration by 8:50am.**

Parents who bring their children late will be asked to **sign in the late arrivals book** which the school management team will be checking regularly and parents will be contacted if lateness persists.

## Late pick up

As before, we ask that you please be considerate of staff, whose working day finishes at 3:20pm, and **pick your children up promptly at the end of the school day.**

We remind parents that you need to **park your car before collecting your child.** Dropping children and picking them up by stopping outside of the school gate is dangerous for the children and causes other families to arrive late too.

## Meeting with Teachers

Please note that for appointments with teachers it is the parent's responsibility to bring a translator if needed. When a meeting is requested by the school, a translator will be provided by the school if necessary.

## School reports

**Secondary students** have already received reports on their progress during Term 1, there will be a **Term 2 report card issued to Secondary students via email on Friday 31st March.**

**Primary students will be receiving their Mid-year school reports via email on Tuesday 31st January.**

Please have a look at the **Curriculum Overviews** which were shared via email or Teams last week, where you will find clear information on the content of your child's subject learning.

**For our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 parents, we remind you that fees for your child's summer exams are due in the coming weeks.** For iGCSE Core subjects students are selected for entry to either a core or extended paper based on their level of abilities. The teachers will make this decision with the students in line with their Mock Exam

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**T** results. Please note that **once your child has been entered for an exam, changes are not possible and the fee**

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## After School Clubs

The following after-school clubs have places available for Term 2; **Dance for pupils from Year 1 to Year 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Spanish Language club with Mrs Dieppa for 2º 3º ESO on Mondays.** Mr Roberts is also offering a **Carnival Drumming club for pupils in Year 7 on Mondays.**

If you would like your child to join any of the clubs please contact Admin.

## School Uniform

Please be reminded that school uniform items should be **clearly marked with your child's name** so that any lost items can be easily returned. As all of the children are wearing the same uniform, it is easy to pick up an item that does not belong to your child. Please check the name tags in the uniform items you have at home and return any item that does not belong to your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

## School matriculation

School matriculation for September 2023 will begin next month. We remind parents that siblings have priority when joining the school, however in order to honour this arrangement, **it is essential that we have your child's application form on our waiting list before the matriculation period begins.**

## Carnival

Our school carnival celebrations will take place this year on **Friday 17th February**. All pupils are encouraged to dress up for the day if they wish. (Please ensure that children can remove their costumes easily if they need to use the bathroom!) Certificates will be awarded for the best costumes.

We remind you that the school is closed during **Carnival holidays from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

## School trips

Thanks to the end of the Covid restrictions, we are able to begin organising excursions and trips for different Year groups again:

For the Primary cycle, the trips will be of an inter-island nature, so that students have the opportunity to get to know other islands of the archipelago.

For the Secondary cycle, the trips will be abroad, where the students will be able to enjoy and get to know other cultures, landscapes, languages, etc. These trips, in which Y8 & Y9 and Y10 & Y11 will be grouped, will take place every two years. Thus, the current Y7 & Y8 and Y9 & Y10 will make their respective trips at the end of the next academic year.

For now, we can anticipate that, due to the excellent results, not only academic but also behaviour, attitude, punctuality, etc., of the current Year 7 students, the Headteacher will organise a special trip to the United Kingdom with those students, with the idea of visiting emblematic places such as Cambridge and its university (its campus

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and College system), where she carried out her doctoral studies and postdoctoral work, as part of Clare College, where the Nobel Prize and Professor James D. Watson, one of the authors of the structure of DNA was also based.

As for this school year, the excursions and trips that we have programs at the moment are the following:

Y6 and Y7: El Garañón Camp in Gran Canaria. Date: from 20 to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Y10 and Y11: Trip to Amsterdam. Date: 12 to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Y5: Gran Canaria (day trip) Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We remind parents that the **last day to confirm you interest in the Y10 and Y11 trip to Amsterdam and the Y5 day trip to Gran Canaria is this Friday 27th January.**

## Charitable donations

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your encouragement and participation with the wonderful events which took place at the end of the year which resulted in the school raising **130.08€ for the Asociación Española Contra el Cáncer; 81€ for Sara Protectora; 110€ for Asociación de Familias Oncohematológicas de Lanzarote; 75€ for Dislecan.es**, as well as a collection for **Royal British Legion** (amount still to be confirmed). We were delighted to end 2022 with some lovely experiences for our students.

We would also like to thank you all very much for your generosity in contributing to our collection of non-perishable food items: One Kilo, One Smile for the **Spanish Red Cross**, as always it was a great success with lots of useful products donated for families in need.

## Zapatillas Solidarias

We'd like to thank parents and pupils for donating sports shoes for this worthy cause. BSL have already donated 4 boxes of shoes to be sent to children and young adults in Equatorial Guinea. **Our collection box is in Admin and we will continue to collect sport shoes for the remainder of this school term.**

The entire BSL team wishes you an excellent start to 2023 and remains at your disposal.

Kind regards,



Dr. Socorro  
Director

