



# BCA Parent Newsletter

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# A Happy New Year to all members of the BCA Community

Dear Parents,

This Newsletter contains a number of important announcements and requests. Going forward we will use this Newsletter to collect all such general announcements in one place and at one time, in order to reduce the number of individual emails. Messages for individual year groups will continue to be sent by email. Please be sure to read this Newsletter carefully, once every two weeks!

We will continue to provide the much-loved photo galleries of students in class and at play, but these will be balanced by a more in-depth look at learning in different areas of the school, and digging a little deeper to look at the learning objectives and methodologies involved. This week the focus is Secondary Science, where Mr. Sam Shadbolt, who is also our Secondary Coordinator, has brought a strongly practical approach to this year's teaching, providing the students with authentic experiences.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, I want to thank all members of the BCA Community: students, staff and parents, for their understanding and support, and large amounts of goodwill and downright hard work in ensuring the learning continues and the education remains at the highest quality possible.

Finally, Monday 24th January is the [International Day of Education](#), a celebration of the role of education for peace and development. Well, what does that look like from here in Andorra, where one would need to go back at least a century to find war (though elsewhere in Europe peace is currently under threat), and where the development indicators consistently place it in the top league? The importance of education, and the opportunities it brings for individuals, is no less important for our students here at BCA. The education our students receive should equip them to engage, in time, with global affairs, so that all children have the same opportunity for the inclusive, equitable and quality education that they, and we, have enjoyed.

## Dates of Parent Evenings and Reports

Please save the dates. All conferences will be online, and between 17:00 and 20:00. Details and booking instructions will be sent nearer the time. There will usually be a choice of day for parents to attend.



Early Years and Primary:

- 21st February and 23rd February

Secondary:

- 14th February, 15th February (with translation service) and 22nd February.

There will not be a formal parent teacher conference scheduled for the Summer Term, but parents are of course welcome to contact the class or subject teacher where there is a question or concern.

The Spring Term (Term 2) reports will be published shortly before the Easter vacation, and the Summer Term (Term 3) reports shortly before the Summer vacation.

## Half Day for Staff Professional Development, 25.02.2022

On Friday 25th February (the last day before the half term vacation), school will finish at 13:00 (all year groups), before lunch.

Staff will then be involved in an intensive afternoon of professional development ('staff training'), at this important point, half way through the school year. This investment will deliver benefits to student learning.

I hope that this is sufficient notice for parents to make the necessary arrangements for an earlier pick-up (the school buses will be rescheduled too). Supervision and activities will be provided until 16:40 for students where an early collection is not possible.

## Lunch Service

I recently communicated to you some developments in our catering service, and the positive developments to constructive feedback from parents. An additional change is that from February there will be a change in the nutritionist who supports Irina Ponsico and her team: Berta Jiménez is the President of the Andorran College of Dieticians and Nutritionists, and already works with several other schools.

We will now take time to further improve our food offer, and will take another round of feedback on this topic shortly before the end of the school year.

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**Mr Harry Lock**  
Principal





## Request to all parents to complete a SEPA Mandate

Dear BCA Parents,

Last March Andorran banks, in agreement with the Government, joined the SEPA (Single Euro Payments Area).

This integration formally affects the school when making direct debits as a result of school fees and other bills.

Before, we have had tacit consent to send bills to the account you have provided us with, however, in order to comply with the regulations that impose SEPA integration, we need the signature of a consent given by the debtor to the creditor, formalised through a document called "SEPA Mandate".

Please find [here](#) this form, and we kindly request to complete it and send it back to [admin@bcandorra.com](mailto:admin@bcandorra.com), by the **15th of February**.

The document has been designed as an interactive form so that you can fill it in and sign it from your own computer. Thank you very much,

**Finance Department**

## After School Activities update

We remind you that ASA activities have begun. The following are available during this period:

Monday:

- Racket Sports

Tuesday:

- Taekwondo
- Cooking

Wednesday:

- Racket Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Music
- French

Thursday:

- Taekwondo
- Football
- Magic (Y7 or higher)
- Table top games (Y7 or higher)

If you are interested, send an email ([asa@bcandorra.com](mailto:asa@bcandorra.com)). Sincerely,

**Gerard Verdú**  
ASA Coordinator



## ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

Dear families,

Since our school opened its doors in September 2018 our school fees have remained unchanged.

Our school has grown rapidly and we are not far away from reaching our maximum student capacity, whilst maintaining our commitment of providing a personalised education at the highest standards.

Taking into account the increase in the CPI, the time has come to review the fees for the coming school year 2022-23, and to announce a 3% increase on the current fees.

Please find the 2022-23 [fees here](#).

Thanks as always, for your understanding and support.

Kind regards,

**Mr Rafael Valverde**

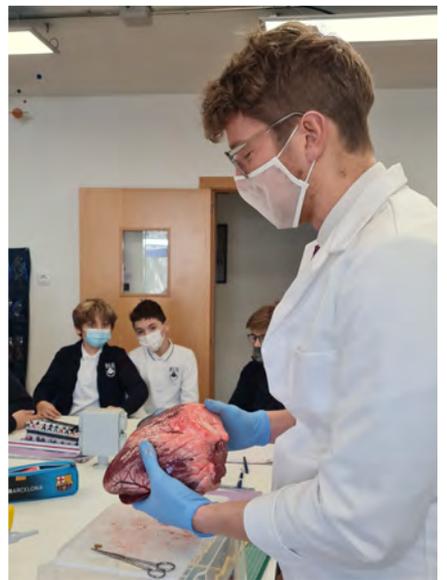
*Administrator*

## Science Dissection

In Year 7 students are learning about the human body. As part of the topic the students got to see a lung and heart dissection.

Students were able to feel the spongy lung tissue, the cartilage that protects our trachea and see the lungs inflated. It was a great opportunity to examine the organs of another organism, to learn about their own bodies.

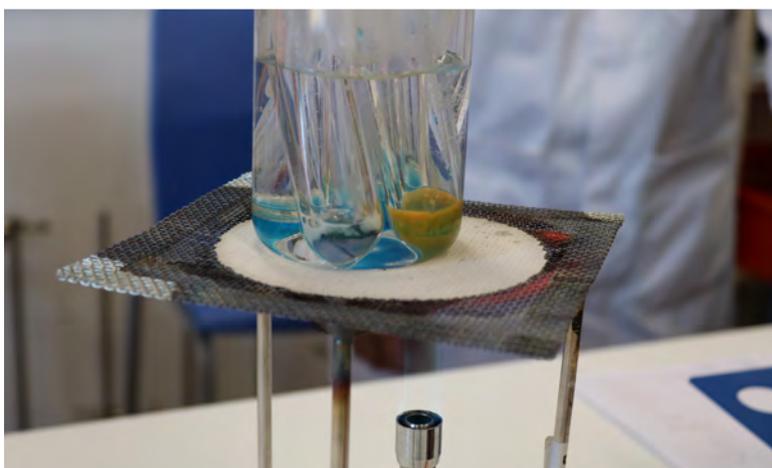




## Experiment Y10

In IGCSE Science, students have started a new topic called Nutrition and Digestion. The first part of the topic involves testing to see which components (starch, sugar, protein and fats) are in different types of food.

Although these are relatively simple tests, this kind of science is the basis of forensics, drug testing in sports, and testing for diseases. Students developed their practical and observational skills in this experiment.



# EXPERIMENT



# SKIING - YEAR 5 & YEAR 6



# SKIING - RECEPTION & YEAR 1



# SKIING - YEAR 2 & YEAR 3



# SKIING - SECONDARY

