



BCA Newsletter



SUMMER EDITION

We end the school year in the typical BCA way: accelerating rather than decelerating! I hope you enjoy the pictures and stories in this edition. There's no stopping our children, or their teachers, or our supportive parents behind all this.

The leadership and administration team are already focussed on the upcoming school year, with many exciting activities and curriculum improvements in the pipeline, as well as ideas for further strengthening communication and sense of community. As usual each summer holiday, significant construction work, inside and outside, will take place to improve infrastructure and spaces for learning. There will be a significant number of new teachers and assistants joining us in September, bringing new skills and experience and fresh ideas and opportunities to the school and for the children.

For BCA children attending the Summer Camp, I wish them a great time, and for all families and staff, enjoy the summer break.



Mr Harry Lock
Principal



English · Adventure · Growth

SUMMER CAMP

6-31
JULY



3-16
AGES

MontMagic | 360°eXtrem | Games & Sports
Challenges | Workshops | English Sessions

Monday -Friday 9:00 -17:00 | 260€ per week

Optional transport · T-shirts, lunch & morning snack included
10% discount for siblings & multiple weeks



ABC Calendar

In Early Years and Lower Primary, the children followed an A-to-Z Calendar, where each day they completed a special activity linked to a different letter of the alphabet.

Some examples included **B** for Bubbles, **I** for Ice Lollies, and **H** for Hats. These themed activities brought lots of fun and excitement to the final weeks of term while helping children engage with the alphabet in a creative and memorable way.

Looking back

This Year in KSI and Early Years has been filled with meaningful and impactful learning activities, ranging from immer-sive classroom zones themed around cross curricular topics such as “under the sea” and “dinosaurs” to forest days and working with older pupils from across the school to support literacy and reading engagement.

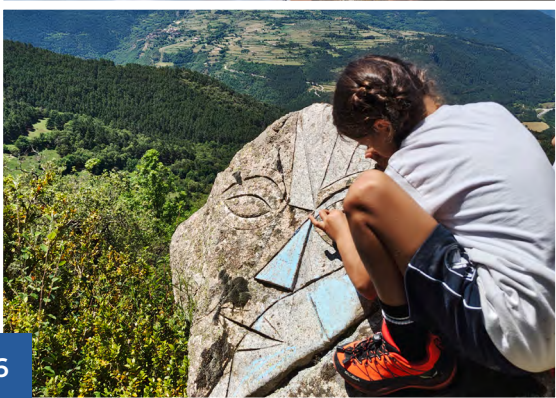
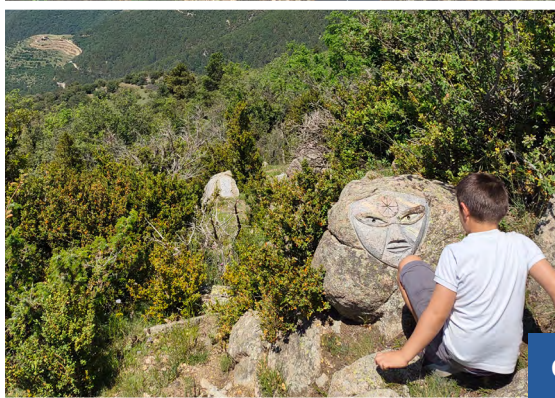
Most recently our end of year trips for each class have been a successful and enjoyable way to round up our learning in this final term. Each trip was practical and immersive, truly allowing pupils to connect their classroom learning with the wider world and expand this through play and investigation.

*Ms. Amanda McIntyre and Mrs Anne Newlin
Heads of Early Years and Lower Primary*









In KS2, it has been a busy and fulfilling year! The children have had a wide range of learning opportunities this academic year; both in and out of the classroom.

Some highlights include: our recent Sports Day, a house photography competition and art workshops run by the Thyssen Carmen Museum.

Visit Thyssen



The children have also enjoyed various different activities together with their families this year too, such as classroom open afternoons and mini shows, the Christmas fair, and International Day.

Julia Costin
Head of Upper Primary

SUMMER TRIPS

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Year 4 students spent two days at Naturland, making the most of the outdoor activities and creating lasting memories with their classmates.





BCA Family Open Afternoons

In Primary and Early Years, we strive to maintain a strong connection between families and their children's learning. For this reason, we frequently invite parents to visit the school and see firsthand what their children have been learning in class.





In addition, parents are often encouraged to take part in activities, allowing students to guide them through their learning and helping to strengthen family involvement in the educational process.





In the case of Year 3, students enjoyed an exceptional experience as part of their topic on Prehistory. They stayed at school until the evening and even had dinner here on a Friday to celebrate and bring the term's learning to a close. The following Monday, they had the opportunity to share all the work they had completed with their families. It was a wonderful and memorable experience for everyone involved!.



Every year, Year 6 students elect two representatives to attend the student council of each parish regularly.

They meet with local politicians and put forward proposals for improvements within their respective parishes, actively participating in a real-life democratic process and learning how civic engagement works in practice.

At the end of the school year, they celebrate this experience in a big way with a party, where all students from the class are invited. This event serves as a celebration of democracy and student participation in community life.





KS3 Projects and Trips

KS3 students have enjoyed a busy and rewarding year filled with exciting opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. A particular highlight was the end-of-year trip to the Boi Taüll Valley, where students stepped outside their comfort zones, strengthened friendships, and further developed their teamwork, compassion and problem-solving skills. Rafting stood out as the highlight of the trip and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved.

Throughout the year, students have also taken part in a wide range of project-based learning opportunities, enjoyed learning beyond the classroom through fieldwork and collaboration with primary students, and led meaningful assemblies linked to our termly values. Extracurricular clubs have been varied and extensive, ranging from STEM and Food Technology to crocheting, while House events have become bigger, fuller and more inclusive than ever before.

We are incredibly proud of all that our KS3 students have achieved this year and look forward to another equally exciting and successful year ahead.

Chelsea Spillane
Head of Lower Secondary







KS4 Summer Trip

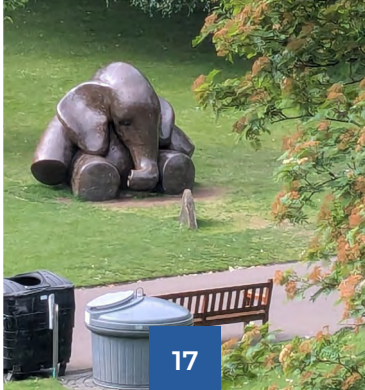
Most of the KS4 students were away on their residential trip to Scotland from 14–19 June. It was an incredibly successful experience filled with historical tours, breathtaking landscapes, cultural exploration, and, of course, plenty of fun along the way. Throughout the trip, the students demonstrated wonderful responsibility, maturity, kindness, and support for one another. It was a fantastic way to end the year together and created many lasting memories.





As we near the end of the academic year, we would also like to make a special mention of all our KS4 pupils. For those completing their KS4 journey, we commend them for their focus, determination, and hard work during their IGCSE examinations, and we wish them every success in the next stage of their education. For those continuing into the second half of KS4, this year has been one of adaptation and growth. We encourage them to learn from challenges, embrace new opportunities, and continue developing the skills that will lead them to future success.

*Nastasia Mastilo
Head of Upper Secondary*





The Y12 Transdisciplinary Project and Team-building Afternoons

The Y12s have had a multi-faceted experience this past week, brimming with intense academics and afternoon fun.

In the mornings, they worked together in teams developing “2050 Energy Transition Plans” for specific regions of the world. They studied the ethics, the science, the economics, and the visual & oral rhetoric needed to develop and pitch their concepts for a carbon-neutral energy future. On the final day, they presented in front of peers and teachers, fielding tough questions and defending their plans. Their knowledge, poise, and professionalism impressed one and all!

Every afternoon involved a different team-building experience: they raced karts and blasted each other with paintballs in Spain; they hiked up to and cold-plunged in high mountain lakes still glistening at the edges with glacial snow; and they gorged themselves on succulent, fire-charred meats like the Stone-Age hunter-gatherers of yore. To finish the expansive week of activities, they joined the little Owls in primary, supporting the creation of beautiful collaborative artwork for the children’s end-of-year celebration.

It was truly a week of vibrant learning and indelible memories!

Conor Bennett
Head of Diploma Programme





IBDP Graduation

The Y13 Graduation Ceremony was a heartfelt and memorable celebration, marking the end of an important chapter for our students.

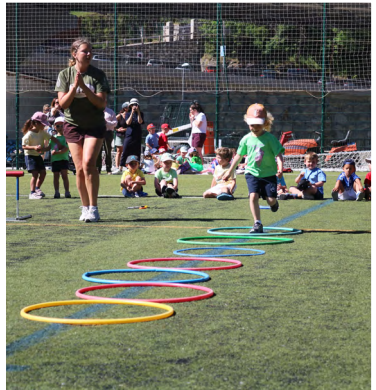
The event was followed by a wonderful gathering in the iconic gardens of the Park Hotel, where everyone enjoyed the beautiful setting and exquisite weather while celebrating this special achievement.

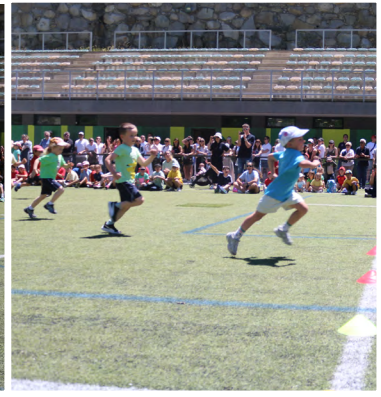




Prize Ceremony









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