



British International School
of Ljubljana
an Orbital Education School

Coffee with the Principal

Friday 5th March 2021



CHALLENGE.






Coffee with the Principal

Format

- Updates from the past 4 weeks by Paul.
- Please feel free to add comments in the Q+A area throughout.
- Questions at the end.
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Communication

	WHAT	WHO	WHERE*	HOW
	First Friday of the month	Coffee with the Principal <i>open to all parents</i>	Online through Zoom*	Actions shared in Update from the Principal as normal.
	Second Friday of the month	PTA Committee meet with Mr Walton	Online through Zoom*	Action points from the meeting kept by PTA.
	Third Friday of the month	Open PTA Meeting <i>open to all parents</i>	Online through Zoom*	Updates (welcome / event support / other items) shared with parents from the PTA.

**on site as soon as guidance permits*



Announcements 1/2

Thank you to all parents for your support during this last month. Lots of changes and a transition back to the school in different stages.

Building updates perimeter fence now up, 10 classrooms very spacious, lots of light, glass, assembly hall, bridge, technology Suite (Robotics), Library, Performance Theatre with 6 practice rooms all finished.

Block theme Block 5 is celebrating 'English'. Competitions, celebration and events.

Student articles on the Website - Pust and Pancake Haiku Challenge.

Return to School - As mentioned in the Update from the Principal. Reviewed daily.

Exams (Second Assessment) - some excellent results in Years 11-13. Staff and departments working through strategies to help support students in areas they did not perform well in and planning ahead. 51 days until the first exam in the summer...

Extended Supervision - starting on Monday for EY and Year 1 until 4.30pm. For Year 2 to Year 6 until 3.40pm.

Uniform - discount code for 10% emailed out to all parents to help through Brexit and for term 3.

International Days - Extended to 4 days to enrich our community, food, music, dance, presentations, activities



Announcements 2/2

All School Events - Available on our website <https://britishschool.si/events>

Staff - thank you for your positive emails + comments at drop off!

Drop off/Pick up - 103 cars this morning, very smooth and no problems. Pick up improving, 15.06pm queues finished.



BISL Parent Survey

Full article 17th February on the website: <https://britishschool.si/news/2021/bisl-parent-survey-2020>

The 3 areas that you believe the British International School of Ljubljana excels in:

1. Teaching staff
2. Personalised approach
3. Academic achievements

The highest improvement area in this year's Parent Survey was the Academic Achievements of Students, with 65% of parents rating this performance area as either Good or Excellent - a 13% growth from last year.

The 2 areas that you believe the British International School of Ljubljana needs to improve in:

1. After School Activities
2. Facilities

The top 3 '**Performance Areas**', with the highest percentage of '*Excellent*', are:

1. Care Given to the Students
2. Quality of Teaching Overall
3. Leadership and Management

Then, the top 2 '**Performance Areas**' for development, with the lowest percentage of '*Excellent*', are:

1. Fees
2. Location



BISL Parent Survey - more details

Here are some common themes that were raised that we have included in our planning, there is always room for improvement:

1. **After School activities** (Survey to ask what the students are interested in doing?, new? opportunities). External coaches, teachers and clubs offering fun or certificates e.g. ABRSM
2. Face-to-face **events** for families when guidance allows
3. Face-to-face **events** to meet teachers/get to know the teachers more.
4. Develop more **English provision** clubs and opportunities for students.
5. **Quality of Teaching and Education** - what we mean by this at BISL? how it is checked and monitored?
6. **Use of technology** - feedback after the online learning and pandemic waves.
7. Promote the **newsletter** (70% choose this as the number 1 form of communication).
8. **Language Teaching** and further opportunities for clubs, activities and different languages.
9. To further support **SEN students**, EAL provision and challenge students to achieve.
10. Facilities. Next steps and ideas to develop at BISL.



BISL Parent Survey - comments

Teachers are extremely dedicated, they see each kid individually and give helpful feedback. They seem to really care about their students. All new experiences for us, all very much appreciated!

Teachers are devoted.

The teachers are the best

my kids made progress in their school work

Class -teachers are fantastic. They are helping and supporting the children wherever they can.

Teachers are enthusiastic at teaching and caring to students

Excellent exams results.

we see great organization, discipline, knowledge and joy our child has got

class teachers carefully look at, evaluate, and support each student.

What I heard about graduates and where they enter for universities are promising

The school does a good job with helping the children achieve their academic goals.

After very difficult beginning during first COVID wave, BISL did its homework and improved significantly the organization of online classes.

most important are freindly and supporting approach

Teachers are trying to provide a good environment of education.

My children have improved a lot in various English courses. They like British international school of Ljubljana very much.

good level of support, teachers generally are very inspiring, our child enjoys learning



BISL Parent Survey - comments

the teachers have a personal approach to each child

Almost all the teachers are well-qualified with either native or excellent English skills. They are familiar with the British curriculum and deliver it well. Just as importantly, they are enthusiastic, creative and genuinely care about the students' learning and welfare.

the teachers are great, the after school activities numerous in quality and quantity and the school pays a big attention to each and every students.

The school is constructing new teaching buildings in order to provide a better environment for students.

Our daughter's teachers have been fantastic. Also, personal approach makes a huge difference in pupils' learning and this is fantastic.

Facilities are getting better then before esp comparing to other schools. Pastoral care is good, atmosphere in school is still very nice even with higher number of students.

I think that a lot of attention goes into selecting "proper" staff - which is then reflected in engagement with students.

The personal approach to learning is still on a high level, the facilities are approving

I created my own list for the areas in which the school really stands out and has had a really positive impact on my child.

No health/safety issues, tutors are great

Genuine care for students. Solid curriculum in place and excellent teachers in core subjects. Good communication from form teachers and daily check ins

My child is motivated to go to school, which is down to teachers that motivate and support. Personal approach is important to me.

Children do learn a lot and quicker than their peers in other schools and do that through an interesting and not boring way

There are awesome teachers who teaches us so many cool things and the facilities at school is very good.

The school has well prepared teachers and there's a organized the thorough curriculum



Calendar

Calendar for 2021/22 - I would like to hear your opinions on the following areas:

- Further aligned with the Slovene school holidays
- A longer / earlier summer holiday
- A two-week Easter holiday to enable a longer break
- More lessons before exams and fewer after (Current August start)
- Aligned with other international schools
- Longer Terms / Blocks

Format:

This is an annual review along with many other procedures. No changes made, or decided yet.

Calendar is confirmed in Term 3 each year

No reduction in the number of school days proposed.

We will gather information and decide on a plan moving forward.

Points raised in emails so far:

- More lessons for students before exams (August start not in September Slovene system)
- Prefer short summer/Prefer longer summer holiday
- Like the current unique system
- Shorter blocks for students
- Cheaper Holidays/not so crowded/avoid crowds/like the current holiday schedules/convenient to take holidays
- Less Traffic/travelling easier
- More free time for students during warmer days



Upcoming Events

March

Mon, Mar 8 International Women's Day

Fri, Mar 12 Reports issued

Mon, Mar 15 Parents Evening Week

Fri, Mar 19 PTA Meeting

Mon, Mar 22 World Water Day

Tue, Mar 23 Virtual Open Day ENG

Thu, Mar 25 Virtual Open Day SLO

April

Tue, Apr 6 INSET Day Staff

Fri, Apr 9 Coffee with Principal

Tue, Apr 13-16 International Days (4 planned in total)



General Questions...

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