



**The British College
of Gavà**
Education in Excellence

WEEKLY BULLETIN

February 14

Dear parents,

Once again it is my pleasure to write the introduction to the Friday newsletter. This week we have started to use the impressive facilities in the new building and the music rooms are hosting lessons involving keyboards, violins, the flute and drums. Assemblies are being held in the main gymnasium and as the science equipment is being rapidly installed in the new laboratories the first experiments have already taken place with Year 9. The new cafeteria will be in use after half term and we will be keeping you updated with photographs each week.

We also hosted the Year 6 to Year 7 transition meeting with parents and pupils from Year 6. In the setting of the impressive new Gymnasium we highlighted the care taken in facilitating this transition into secondary and in involving Year 6 and Year 7 teachers and Leadership working as a team to make the transition smooth, but also as interesting and engaging as possible for the children.



In Year 3, the focus of the weekly Assembly was Black People in History, with Nelson Mandela taking centre stage and in Sport the number of competitive fixtures against other schools continues to develop week by week.

Moving on to staffing matters, we have excellent news in that we have recruited an outstanding new science teacher to join us from April. Ella Lane is an exceptionally well-qualified science teacher of British nationality and is presently working in a school near London. She has family living in Castelfelns, already knows the region well and she will be an excellent addition to the Secondary teaching team.

Looking forwards to the week ahead we have carnival funny hair day, silly socks day and 'dress up non-uniform day' where I know the usual creativity of our families will come to the fore. I will participate as best I can, but sadly, the funny hair day will be difficult.

As always I am here for any questions or queries.

With kind regards,
John Prince

e-Athlete

First of all, I would like to apologise for the technical issue that stopped our e-Athletes from accessing their courses over the weekend and early part of the week. It was a frustrating time for everyone and I thank you for your patience.

Although a difficult start to the week we received the fantastic news that we were ready to move into the purpose built e-Athlete room in the new building! So on Wednesday, with great excitement, we packed our bags and moved into our permanent home. This is an important moment not only for the students but for the school as a whole and we would like to thank everybody involved in getting us to this point. Now, we continue to settle in our new surroundings and the fresh energy and enthusiasm is palpable. In the next few months we look forward to seeing the new building fill up around us.

In study news, most students will be starting to finish their first three courses of the year, Congratulations! Don't forget that you can browse all subjects on the FLVS website and should start to let me know by email which ones you would like to start in March.

Mr Pilcher

e-Athlete Coordinator



Sports

On Friday last week the upper secondary volleyball team travelled to the CEM Olympic Stadium to participate in a BISA volleyball tournament. The tournament included ASB, SEK, BFS and BCG. The girls played amazingly and came 3rd place. The team were playing in the U18 league so really did well considering they are in year 9 and 10. Keep up the good work girls!

On Monday the 17th February we will be hosting BSB for a year 9 boys football match. We hope many of you can attend the event and cheer the boys on. Kick off will be begin at 15:15, if you would like to come to the school at 15.00 for a refreshment please do.

Mr Steadman -PE teacher

Primary Assembly

"In their class assembly, Year 3 Robins, shared their learning about world history, social justice and citizenship with the rest of primary. We have been celebrating Black History Month, as it is celebrated this month in the USA (October in the UK). Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of Black men and women in the past and today. This is because Black history and their achievements are often not talked about.

Year 3 Robins commemorated people such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Diane Abbot and Barack and Michelle Obama- to name a few. The children have been fascinated by such resilience and have had some fantastic reflective discussions. As Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Ms Osivwemu - Year 3 Teacher



Year 9 - LAB

In Year 9 we looked at experiment design.

The students looked at the setting rate of jelly when fresh, tinned fruit as well as juice was added as well as remembering to leave on plain as a control. We found some interesting results! This was also the first time we have been able to use the new lab and this was a big moment for students and staff alike.

Ms Kirby - Science Teacher

Carnival 2019



In March 2019 we celebrated a whole week of Carnival. The theme of the week was a 'Celebration of Colour'.

Each day was set aside for a different fun activity for the children to do.

All the outfits and the effort put into them, were as they always are at BCG, absolutely spectacular.

We look forward to BCG creativity this year!



The Future is Now

*How we will take
The British College of Gava
forward*

**Thursday February 20th
16:30
Sports Hall**



It is a great pleasure for me to be joining the community as the new Principal and we can now look forward to a long period of stability. There are so many wonderful things about the school and I will be bringing it all together with a clear vision in the coming months.

I have extremely high standards for the children as well as the staff, and we will be creating a stimulating and purposeful culture right throughout the school. We have a very caring community and the size of our school means that every child is treated as an individual, encouraged to excel in whatever area they feel best suits them.

With our fantastic new secondary building, including whole school facilities and the introduction of IB on the horizon, there has not been a better time to join the British College of Gava. Please do have a good look at the website and follow us on social media. The very best way of truly knowing if the school is right for your sons and daughters is by coming to visit and I would be delighted to meet you and talk to you in more detail about our wonderful school and then you can see for yourselves what a beautiful environment and passionate teaching staff we have.

Simon Mower
February 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Egyptian Museum
Y3A & Y3B TRIP
February 17**

**Carnival 'funny hair day'
February 19**

**Carnival 'silly socks day'
February 20**

**Carnival - Primary 'dress
up' & Secondary 'no uni-
form'
February 21**

Our Students explain what they like about being a student at BCG.
Watch the video **here**.