

NEW CAMPUS CONCEPT



**Bishkek
International
School**

DESIGN CONCEPT

BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (BIS) IS A VIBRANT DYNAMIC FOUNDATION, ESTABLISHED AS A LIBERAL SECULAR NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN 2010, THAT HAS GROWN FROM 20 STUDENTS IN 2011 TO 300 TODAY.

The school is truly international, with students from over 30 countries, and is focused on providing excellent education in a happy environment. Excellence is recognized by accreditation as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School offering the IB Diploma Programme, Middle Years Programme and Primary Years Programme; Cambridge Assessment International Education for IGCSE; Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic for national examination; and the New England Association for Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for overall school assessment.

Inclusivity and diversity are highly valued at BIS, with admission open to everyone and merit-based scholarships available for those who cannot afford school fees. Thirty five percent of current high school students receive scholarships, which provide a 50% to 90% reduction in school fees.

BIS owns its current campus and has constantly developed to expand capacity but this development has natural limits. Further expansion to provide all of the facilities expected from a leading international school requires a new campus.

To help bring the new campus vision to life, BIS held a 'Design Concept' open competition in summer 2019 and received numerous entries. The two displayed designs are by:
FIRST PLACE AWARD: Tom Brock & Mario Shllaku, Ethos Urban, Australia (Design by TB & MS)
PRIZE-WINNER AWARD: Ekaterina Ignatova & Oleg Zharov, Agrarhi, Russia (Design by EI & OZ)

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

OUR VISION FOR THE NEW CAMPUS IS FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES WITHIN A TEN TO FIFTEEN HECTARE CAMPUS, INCLUDING SPORTS FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS.

The campus will include at least 15,000 square meters of internal space to accommodate up to 750 students, with boarding facilities for some of our international students. The campus will incorporate the following concepts:

- Green, natural, sustainable environment, zero carbon, zero waste.
- Low maintenance, energy efficient, attractive and stimulating environment.
- Happy, creative, relaxing, inspiring, motivating.
- Inclusivity and diversity, open to different cultures.
- Inspiring architecture, modern, creative, colorful, personable, enduring.
- Excellent international education, achievement, success.
- Full facilities for all school activities, including math, sciences, creative arts, languages, humanities, community service, and sports.

The new campus will be within 30 minutes of the center of Bishkek by school bus, on the south side of the railway as the city expands towards the mountains. The current campus will be retained as the Primary School if the new campus is within walking distance, or retained as an additional Primary School close to the city center if the new campus is much further from the center. Various locations are available for new development, and land will be secured as soon as funds are available. Elements of both winning designs will be used in campus development.



Design by EI & OZ

BUILDING ON A RICH HERITAGE

The Kyrgyz Republic is the jewel of Central Asia with vast mountain landscapes, endless summer flowers, deep alpine lakes with sunny beaches, high mountain glaciers, lowland pastures and a truly welcoming culture. This land of six million people is in transition following independence in 1991 and is building on the openness and transparency of its democratic system, with a freedom and creativity that is unrivaled in the region.

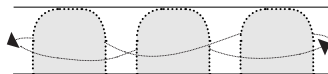
The capital, Bishkek, is a city of trees and parks and is home to over one million people in the foothills of the Tian-Shan mountains. Bishkek has a flourishing educational sector, as the low cost of living and cultural freedom make it one of the most attractive cities to live in Central Asia. Students come from all parts of the country, from neighboring countries and further afield.

Both winning designs have taken elements of cultural heritage from the traditional nomadic yurts of Central Asia, in both form and function.



01 MAIN MASSING

Sequence of individual education rooms under the same roof



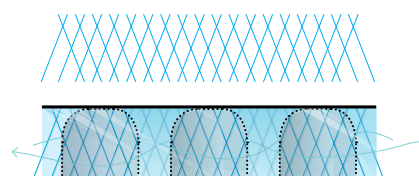
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AS TOM BROCK AND MARIO SHLLAKU EXPLAIN IN THEIR CONCEPT, THE YURT HAS INSPIRED A 'HARMONIC RHYTHM' TO THEIR DESIGNS AND A 'SENSE OF REACHING OUT', AS THE YURT REPRESENTS FAMILY, EARTH, AND THE UNIVERSE WITHIN TRADITIONAL CULTURE.



02 STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS + RHYTHM

A grid pattern of structural elements stitching the mass



Design by TB & MS



03 HARMONIC RHYTHM + SENSE OF REACHING OUT

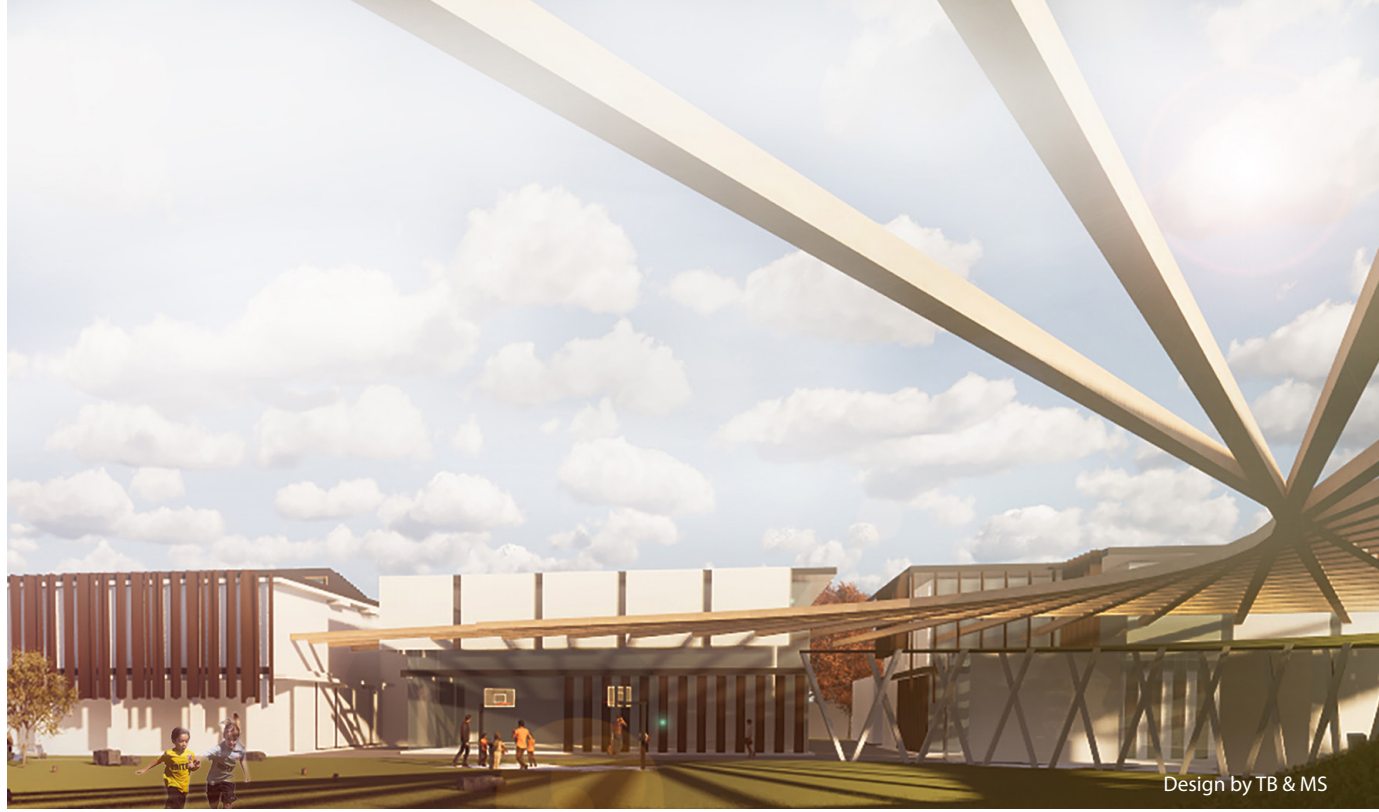
The structural element provides a sense of harmonic rhythm and closure which was used as the axis of the School master plan



OUR VISION

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OUR VISION IS TO BE THE BEST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN CENTRAL ASIA, PROVIDING INSPIRATIONAL EDUCATION IN A HAPPY ENVIRONMENT FOR GLOBALLY MINDED STUDENTS WHO ARE THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE.



Our mission is to enable our students to:

- Develop their intellectual curiosity and achieve their academic, sporting and creative potential;
- Be confident in their abilities and respectful of others;
- Learn about local and global issues and prepare to tackle common challenges.

In a school which:

- Delivers and celebrates excellent teaching for internationally accredited education;
- Values diversity and inclusivity;
- Promotes the well-being of the whole school community;
- Contributes positively to the development of the Kyrgyz Republic.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

Academic excellence is achieved through our values, environment and standards. We celebrate student-centered, inquiry-led learning in a critical thinking environment. Our graduates have the breadth of education and the practical experience required to succeed throughout life.



MANY OF OUR GRADUATES ALSO
WON UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
TO ENABLE THEM TO FOLLOW
THEIR DREAMS.

Students from our graduating classes have entered universities worldwide, including:

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, USA
ROLLINS COLLEGE, USA
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, UK

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK, UK
IE UNIVERSITY, SPAIN
UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, GERMANY
LEIDEN UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS

TWENTE UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
HANZE UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
TOKYO INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, JAPAN
CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

CREATIVE AND INCLUSIVE CULTURE

The school provides a family environment based on mutual support and integration across age groups, which leads to a school which is friendly, inclusive and diverse. Students learn to work and play with other students with a very wide range of abilities and characters, which prepares all of them for success later in life.

Our creative, inquisitive students are as engaged in art, music and dance as they are in science, math and languages. The BIS Anniversary Show in the National Philharmonic Hall is a renowned event, with 'The Wizard of Oz', 'The Sound of Music' and 'West Side Story' being notable performances in recent years. The spring festival of Nooruz and the annual Art and Poetry Evening are equally loved.

BIS is also widely recognized for the breadth of sporting opportunities. In addition to a wide range of Extra Curricular Activities, including a ski club, rock climbing and swimming. Our boys' and girls' sports teams compete in Central Asia for basketball, soccer, volleyball, and cross-country competitions. Team activities engender a strong school identity based on fairness and respect. We promote healthy competition and a culture that celebrates both participation and achievement.

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PARENTS DESCRIBE BIS AS “THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN BISHKEK, WHERE CHILDREN LOVE TO LEARN AND NEVER WANT TO LEAVE”.



Design by TB & MS

TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT

BIS IS A COMMUNITY SCHOOL WITH A STRONG COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY.

This approach is seen in:

- Community service by our students in middle and high school;
- International teaching staff providing mentoring to local teacher training programs;
- Internship opportunities for English language teachers from state schools;
- Merit-based scholarships for able students, who are unable to afford school fees.

We aim to achieve a transformative impact on Bishkek and the Kyrgyz Republic, as a model of a non-profit community school with a progressive curriculum, high academic standards and a safe, friendly, inclusive and diverse learning environment.

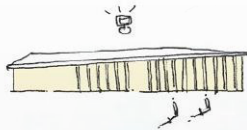
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LIBRARY



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MULTIMEDIA LEARNING CENTRE



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STUDENT SUPPORT & INFO HUB



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LEARNING & TEACHING ENVIRONMENTS



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ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SPACES



JOIN THE COMMUNITY

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY TO HELP ACHIEVE THE VISION FOR EXCELLENT EDUCATION AND TO TRANSFORM THE COUNTRY FOR A POSITIVE FUTURE.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPERS AND FINANCIERS

BIS is open to partnership in new campus development, while retaining our independence and non-profit community vision.



Design by EI & OZ

PARENTS

Reserve places for your children for their future world of education!

STRATEGIC GOVERNMENT

Fifty percent of students at BIS are local students, including those with scholarships who are prepared for good universities and future service to the country.

The availability of excellent international education for children is also one of the deciding factors when investors choose investment locations, as a good school is essential to attract international staff. BIS promotes investment, as seen by the enrollment of children by leading investors in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Supporting a new campus promotes economic growth and demonstrates environmental best practice.

VISIONARY PHILANTHROPISTS

BIS is a non-commercial organization which only exists for education, to make the Kyrgyz Republic a better place to be in future. There are no shareholders and no investors, so all finance is reinvested in the school and the education sector.

Your support is needed through substantive donation to kick-start new campus development and to invest in many more scholarships for disadvantaged students.

ACHIEVE THE VISION

Bishkek International School is a liberal secular non-profit organization, founded by parents in 2010 to provide excellent international education in a happy environment for both international and local students at reasonable cost. This includes scholarship opportunities for those unable to afford full school fees. The school opened in September 2011 with 20 students, and now has 300 students from age 2 to 18 from over 30 countries, with scholarship students taking 35% of High School places.

BIS is a fully authorized International Baccalaureate World School, offering the IB Diploma Programme, Middle Years Programme, and Primary Years Programme. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Commission on International Education (CIE) to offer High School Diplomas; and by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic Ministry of Education and Science for Grade 9 and Grade 11 examination for the State Certificate of Secondary Education. The school is also accredited as a Cambridge International School by Cambridge Assessment International Education.

For more information, see: www.bis.kg and www.instagram.com/bis.kg and www.facebook.com/biskgz

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OUR VISION IS TO BUILD A NEW CAMPUS TO ACCOMMODATE A WIDER COMMUNITY AND TO PROVIDE ALL THE FACILITIES EXPECTED FROM A LEADING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.

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INVEST

INSPIRE

SUCCEED!