



**Bishkek
International
School**

Voices



Newsletter for BIS Parents and Friends. No: 1 / 2026-27

21st August 2026

WELCOME TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 7:40 MONDAY AUGUST 24th



The bliss of summer adventures gives way to the joys of new friendships, fresh discoveries and learning, as our students return to school - or join us for the very first time. Each new school year brings around 100 new students as families arrive and depart, new teachers join our community, and BIS continues to grow and evolve.

We look forward to welcoming you on **Monday, August 24th**, with students arriving between **7:40 and 8:00 am**, including those travelling by school bus.

All Homeroom Teachers, Co-Teachers and Form Teachers will be waiting outside on the basketball court, with signs for their classes, so that students can easily find their class group and reconnect with friends. At 8:00, we will have a brief welcome before students head to their Homeroom or Form class to begin the new school year.

The Parents Association will also be serving coffee and snacks for parents who would like to stay, chat and reconnect with other members of the BIS community.

Each class should have received an email from their Homeroom or Form Teacher with timetables and essential information for the first week. Staff profiles for all BIS staff will be shared with the community in *Voices* at the end of the first week.

As teachers will be busy welcoming and settling in students on Monday, you will have an opportunity to meet our teachers and other families at BBQ events from Tuesday to Friday. Tuesday for Grade 11/12, Wednesday Grade 9/10, Thursday Grade 6/7/8, and Friday all PYP up to Grade 5. Each event is from 16:30 to 18:00. Please join us for your event to meet their Homeroom and Form Teachers, ask questions, and find out more about the educational programmes and the BIS community.

Let's work together to make **2026-27** a joyful, inspiring and successful year of learning, friendship and discovery for all our children.

David Grant, Head of School

TEACHER IN-SERVICE ORIENTATION DAYS



From August 17-21, our teachers and staff came together for Orientation Week, with professional development, collaborative planning, team-building and time to reconnect with colleagues. It was a busy and inspiring week as everyone prepared for the new school year and the return of our students.



A special highlight was our Karabulak day on August 19, filled with fun team-building activities. The games brought plenty of energy, laughter, and friendly competition, giving staff a chance to strengthen connections and enjoy time together outside the usual school environment.



A SUMMER TO REMEMBER



BIS STUDENTS HELP MAKE A SPECIAL SUMMER CAMP MEMORABLE THROUGH THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT

This was the fifth year that I organized summer activities for children in Kurmenty village, Issyk-Kul. We welcomed 45 children to the day camp.

The camp was more memorable because the BIS MYP Student Council supported us by donating money they had raised throughout the school year. With their donation, we bought resources and small gifts for the children.

The children were very happy to receive the gifts and are grateful to all the BIS students who helped to make the camp memorable.

Ms. Elvira, Head of Languages, PYP



SCHOOL BUS

School buses operate from **Monday August 24th**.

Morning buses start at 7:00 AM, with pick-up points along each route, arriving at school by 7:45–8:00 AM.

Afternoon buses normally depart at 15:20 and 16:40 (after ECAs).

First week only: Since there are no ECAs, all afternoon buses will leave at 15:40. From the second week onwards, the regular schedule (15:20 and 16:40) will apply.

Bus Fees:

- 220 som per journey per student (440 som for morning and afterschool trips).
- A 10% Sibling discount is available.

Each bus will have a Supervisor who will be the main contact for students and parents.

If you have not already signed up for a school bus, contact Burmakan Birnazarova as soon as possible bbirnazarova@bis.kg



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ECAS) AND MUSIC ACADEMY TERM 1 SIGN-UP

ECAs and Music Academy lessons start on Wednesday, 2nd September, and finish on Friday, 16th October.

ECA and Music Academy Sign-up start on SchoolsBuddy on **Wednesday, 28th August and finish on Friday, 30th August**.

All information regarding ECA and Music Academy including the ECA list for Term 1 will be sent out to the BIS community on **Tuesday, 25th August**.



ECA and Music Academy sign-up will be a preference-system, meaning that parents will select first, second and third choice for each child on each day, and the system will automatically allocate ECAs and Music Academy spots fairly and objectively to each student based on preferences and the number of spaces available. This means that there is no need to rush to sign up as soon as it opens, meaning it is a much more convenient process for parents and students.

For any questions, please contact Bojana Askovic baskovic@bis.kg

LUNCH MENU

The lunch menu for August 24th to August 28th is **Menu A**.

You can view the [School menu](#) on our school website.

Form Teachers and our Chef are responsible for adjusting this menu to avoid any foods your child cannot eat, according to the information provided to us by you.



UPCOMING EVENTS – 2026/27 Calendar is [here](#)

- **24th August, Monday: First Day of School**
- 25th August, Tuesday: DP Intro/BBQ for Parents/Teachers 16:30-18:00
- 26th August, Wednesday: IGCSE Intro/BBQ for Parents/Teachers 16:30-18:00
- 27th August, Thursday: MYP Intro/BBQ for Parents/Teachers 16:30-18:00
- 28th August, Friday: PYP Intro/BBQ for Parents/Teachers 16:30-18:00
- **31st August - 1st September: School holidays**
- 2nd – 11th September: G6-12 Overnight Trips & MYP Experiential Week
- 19th September, Saturday: Asia Day Festival
- 22nd September, Tuesday: Dinosaur Day – no screen day
- 24th September – 2nd October: PYP ‘Bring your Parents to School’ days
- 25th September, Friday: All Parents Meeting – Parents Association

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have anything you want to discuss or suggestions for the school, please contact your child’s Homeroom or Form Teacher and they will either answer directly or pass the message on to the right person. Messages can be sent in English or Russian, or in your own language. If you do not know the correct email address for the person you want to write to, please write to info@bis.kg and our Reception will forward your email to the right person. Homeroom and Form Teachers for 2026/27 are given below:

Position	Name	Contact
BIS Reception	Aidana / Gulaiym / Aimira	info@bis.kg ; 0312 214 406, 0770 214 406
School Bus enquiries	Burmakan Birnazarova	bus@bis.kg
ECA (extra-curricular activities) enquiries	Bojana Askovic / Nazira Almasbekova	eca@bis.kg
ManageBac & SchoolsBuddy Administration	Esentur Dildebekov	edildebekov@bis.kg
Admissions Officers	Gulsara Sheraly kyzy / Begimai Urmanbetova	admissions@bis.kg ; 0706 200 200
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High School Principal	Nurbek Chagataev	nchagataev@bis.kg
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High School Academic Director, DP Coordinator	Makiko Inaba	minaba@bis.kg
MYP Coordinator	Claire Berger	cberger@bis.kg
PYP Coordinator	Daniel Bilog	dbilog@bis.kg
National Curriculum Coordinator	Chynara Abdyraeva	cabdyraeva@bis.kg
Learning Diversity, Inclusion and Counselling (LDIC) Coordinator	Kyzjibek Tekenova	ktekenova@bis.kg
EPIC Coordinator	Genevieve Maser	gmaser@bis.kg
Chair of the Governing Board	Fred Huston	gbchair@bis.kg
Governing Board Secretary	Alina Seitalieva	gbsec@bis.kg
Parents Association President	Seetha Malik	papres@bis.kg ; pamc@bis.kg
Parents Association Secretary	Secretary	pasec@bis.kg

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Grade 2 Yellow	Maria Van Eeden & Erkeaiym Karypbekova	mvaneeden@bis.kg ; ekarypbekova@bis.kg
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Grade 3 Yellow	Claudette Colinares & Nargiza Zhusupova & Altynai Kalieva	ccolinares@bis.kg ; nzhusupova@bis.kg ; alkalieva@bis.kg
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Grade 4 Yellow	Christine Fernandez & Aizirek Dzhakypbekova	cfernandez@bis.kg ; adzhakypbekova@bis.kg
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Grade 5 Yellow	Natalie Small & Sezim Tologonova	nsmall@bis.kg ; stologonova@bis.kg
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WHATSAPP & TELEGRAM

Most school communication is sent by email or in Voices. We also have Telegram and WhatsApp broadcast channels to repeat general email messages. The same info is on WhatsApp and Telegram, and on both English and Russian channels. If you do not check emails, join the channel that is easiest for you to follow.



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