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The British School of Costa Rica
19th of September, 2025



Upcoming Dates

Friday 19th September:	Last day of Quarter Three
Monday 29th September:	First day of Quarter Four
Monday 29th September:	Start of Year 10 IGCSE Exams
Wednesday 1st October:	Year 7 trip to the National Museum
Wednesday 1st October:	Primary Parent Teacher meetings
Thursday 2nd October:	IGCSE/NB/IB Art Exhibition



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

Independence Day Celebrations

The British School celebrated 104 years of Costa Rican independence last Friday with a number of different activities, including a wonderful Acto Civico and a shared lunch for community members. We would like to thank all participating students and staff members for their hard work both before and during the day to make it such a special celebration. Please see our social media pages for pictures.

BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY

OLCOMEP Final Qualification

Congratulations to Kai Larionov (Year 1) and Julian Barquero (Year 3) on qualifying for the OLCOMEPE (Olimpiada Costarricense de Matemáticas para la Educación Primaria) final for the San Jose - West area.

Primary Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday we held the Primary Public Speaking Competition. It was fair to say that both the audience and judges were left astounded by the high quality of speeches from our Year 4 and Year 5 students. All students spoke with such wonderful poise, confidence and purpose. Their topics were personalised and very much pertinent to their own areas of interest. There were also two outstanding musical interludes to keep the audience entertained. A special thank you goes to Antonio Cordero (Y4A) and Joaquin Pereira de Queiroz (Y5C) for demonstrating their incredible talents on the piano! We would like to say well done to all those who participated in the event, but a special congratulations goes to the following students:

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Year 4

1st Place:

Penny Paradis (Year 4B)

2nd Place:

Emiliano Salgado (Year 4C)

3rd Place:

Montserrat Ballar (Year 4C)



Year 5

1st Place:

Olivia Arias (Year 5B)

2nd Place:

Olivia Arce (Year 5B)

3rd Place:

Paulina Arguello (Year 5A)

EY and Primary Parent Teacher Meetings

To facilitate the EY & Primary Parent Teacher meetings on Wednesday 1st of October, all EY and Primary classes will end at 12 noon. EY & Primary clubs and afterschool care starting at 2pm are cancelled for this day. The schedule for Secondary students is not affected.

BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY

Year 11 National Baccalaureate Talks

Last Tuesday, September 16th, the Year 11 NB students had their chance to share with the school community their ideas and the issues they care about. We saw quite a range of topics and confident delivery of their speeches, turning it into a very special day for everybody. The English Department would like to congratulate all Year 11 NB students for all their hard work in preparing their speeches and the motivation to do their very best at communicating with the audience.

Universidad de Navarra visit

On Tuesday, September 16th, we were pleased to welcome representatives from Universidad de Navarra. Several of our high school students attended the information session and learned about the academic opportunities offered at this prestigious university in Spain.

PSAT 2025 - For Year 10 and Year 11 students only

The PSAT/NMSQT is the digital pre-SAT exam or practice test for the SAT; a test widely used for university admissions in the USA and other countries. The test measures knowledge and skills in reading, writing and maths that students learn in the classroom and which they need to succeed in college and a career. The exam will be on Saturday, October 18 at 7:45 at the school Auditorium. The deadline to register is Friday, October 10th. The cost of the exam is 25,000 colones. To register your student there are two payment options:

1. **Sinpe** - 8782-2796 (The British School of Costa Rica)
2. **Wire Transfer** (Transferencia Bancaria):
COLEGIO BRITANICO DE COSTA RICA SOCIEDAD ANÓNIMA
Céd: 3-101-047574
Cta Iban Colones: CR32010400000118030119
Banco Davivienda

The wire transfer or SINPE payment should include the name of the student and PSAT in the payment detail. A copy of the wire transfer or SINPE should be sent to smadriz@bscr.ed.cr. If this information is not received, the payment cannot be processed. If you have any questions please contact Ana Lourdes Baumgartner at abaumgartner@bscr.ed.cr at 2220-0131 ext.171

Spanish Spelling Competition

The Spanish Department held its annual Spelling Bee over the past few weeks, with the final taking place on Wednesday, September 16. All students from Year 6 to Year 9 participated in elimination rounds within their classrooms, where they practiced their spelling skills and competed for a spot in the grand finale. The students who qualified for the final were Leticia Chavarría, Valeria Nanne, Diana Ramírez, Antonio San Martín, Nassim Canales, Stefano D'Arsié, Lucía Ceciliano, and Thomas Gray. For the second consecutive year, Stefano was the winner. In second place, with a tie, were Lucía and Thomas. We extend a huge congratulation to all our contestants and highlight their dedication to using the Spanish language correctly and properly. Excellent work!

