

# BULLETIN No. 7

The British School of Costa Rica  
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## UPCOMING DATES

Saturday 14th March:	SAT Exams
Monday 16th March:	Start of Neurodiversity Week
Monday 16th March:	Central American College Tour at Lincoln School (Y11 and Y12)
Tuesday 17th March:	Year 4 Exit Point
Tuesday 17th March:	Student Council Debates (Secondary)
Wednesday 18th March:	Start of voting for 2026/27 Student Council (Y5 to Y12)
Wednesday 18th March:	Year 2C Exit Point
Wednesday 18th March:	Eco-committee visit to United World College Costa Rica
Wednesday 18th March:	Year 9 Estudios Sociales visit to Alimentos Jacks
Thursday 19th March:	Complete of voting for 2026/27 Student Council (Y5 to Y12)
Thursday 19th March:	Year 2A and 2B Exit Point
Thursday 19th March:	Firefighter visit to our Early Years section
Friday 20th March:	Early Years 3 Exit Point
Monday 23rd March:	Primary Acto Civico - Battles of Santa Rosa and Rivas
Monday 23rd March:	Start of Sports Week
Monday 23rd March:	Start of Y11NB MEP Diagnostic Exams
Wednesday 25th March:	Year 6 to Year 8 Science Fair
Friday 27th March:	Last day of Quarter One
Monday 13th April:	First day of Quarter Two

## BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

### Grand Classic Race

We regret to inform you that the XXXVII Grand Classic Race, scheduled for 21st March, 2026, has been cancelled due to an insufficient number of registrations to cover the costs of the event. We understand that many members of our community were looking forward to this event and we sincerely appreciate your understanding and continued support. Our Clubs Coordinator will be contacting families via email with further details regarding the refund process for those who paid the registration fee.

### Eco Club in Action in Primary

Well done to Elena Bulgarelli (3A), Cristina Herrera (3B) and Catalina Gamboa (3B) who were " caught in action " the other day during lunch break enthusiastically collecting litter around the school. A wonderful example for displaying the school value of *Responsibility* in action. Well done girls!



### Tea & Talk

Mr.Mallon was delighted to receive the following Year 3 students last Friday to enjoy a nice mug of British Tea and Biscuits whilst they proudly shared the learning they had been nominated for. Well done and thank you to

- Federico Yglesias (3A)
- Natalia Sanchez (3A)
- Miranda Berridge (3B)
- Cataline Gamboa (3B)



### Personalised Learning Period (PLP)

Year 4 and 5 students continue to enjoy their weekly PLP sessions. The Mandarin sessions are providing a wonderful context for our Secondary School students to experience what it is like to be a teacher and for our students to learn another language in a fun and interactive way.

Congratulations to our following Secondary Students who continue to inspire and foster a love of learning amongst their Primary peers

- Cindy Wu (Year 11)
- Vivian Hang Hsu (Year 11)
- Kevin Lize Song (Year 12)



## BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY



### Y4C Assembly Blurb

After a beautiful musical performance led by senior students, Year 4C started off the week by celebrating women worldwide. They spoke about the importance of International Women's Day and gave historical examples of inspiring women. Thank you to all the women in our lives for your daily support and care!



### Scout Organization

Congratulations to Bastian Dietrich on his official enrollment in the Costa Rican Boy Scouts.



### Primary Library

The Primary Library would like to inform our community that primary students can return all books they have at home from March 16th to 27th. Students can bring their books during the breaks or when they visit the library with their teachers.

Besides, we are very happy because we are planning all the activities to celebrate BOOK WEEK in April. So, be attentive to the next bulletins because we will inform you about all the special activities, photography and custom contests, and much more, we will have for the Early and Primary community.

Attention: Our first book week contest is coming!: Do you like to read? If you do, this is your opportunity to share a good book with your whole family and take a wonderful picture to show us how funny it is to read together.

## BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY

### Physics Olympiads

Congratulations to Santiago Calvo (Year 12) on his qualification for the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) in Bucaramanga, Colombia, and the European Physics Olympiad (EuPhO) in Gothenburg, Sweden, as part of the Costa Rican delegation.

### Lincoln Model United Nations

Last weekend, 16 students from the BSCR Model United Nations Club participated in the Lincoln Model United Nations. The delegation received several recognitions:

- **Honorable Mention:** Lucía Herrero Chavarría (Y11C), Mariana Chartier González (Y11D) and Gabriel Sánchez Carazo (Y11B)
- **Verbal Mention:** Gabriela Martínez Arana (Y11C), Arturo Latuche Araya (Y10C), Sofía Cordero Ibarra (Y9B), Sara Dokhani Villalobos (Y9B) and Fernando Díaz Salas (Y6B)

We would also like to recognize the valuable participation of Sofía Martínez Munive (Y10A), Constanza Donato Valenciano (Y10A), Judy Wu Wu (Y9B), Mariano Ramos Barquero (Y11A), Arianna Martínez Munive (Y10C), María José Alfaro Van der Laat (Y11B), Luca Laitano Abarca (Y6B) and Verónica Delgado Jimenez (Y9A) for representing us in this enriching experience.

### Class Representatives 2026

We are pleased to introduce the students who have taken on the role of class representatives this year. Their commitment will be essential for communication and teamwork within our educational community.

- Year 6:** Felipe Rojas Loría, Olivia Arias Quesada and Adriano Vázquez Sandí.  
**Year 7:** Zoe Fernández Cordero, Emma Fernández Ocampo and Jonathan Mora Kharitonov.  
**Year 8:** Diego Vega Sandí  
**Year 9:** Andrés Alvarado Hernández, Ignacio Ceciliano Menacho and Lucía Madrigal Ramírez.  
**Year 10:** Felipe Rodríguez Marín, Agustín Mejía Gómez and Stefano D'Arسيè Cordero  
**Year 11NB:** Camila González Rodríguez  
**Year 11IB:** Mariana Chartier González  
**Year 12:** Nicolás McCrea Salguero

We appreciate their dedication and leadership in representing their classmates. Wishing each of our representatives great success in this important role!

### Participation of Political Parties - Student Council Elections

We are pleased to inform the student community that three political parties have officially registered to participate in the electoral process with the intention of becoming the next Student Council. This marks an important moment in the democratic life of our school community, as it provides students with the opportunity to present proposals, share ideas, and assume leadership in service of their peers:

#### RASTA:

Elena Bonilla Desanti, Thomaz Pereira de Queiroz, Emiliano Mejía Díaz, Lucía Madrigal Ramírez, Luca Visoná Bagnarello.

#### OASIS:

Stefano D'Arسيè Cordero, Leila Campabadal Chavarría, Natalie Lipschitz Kesselman, Mateo Delgado Guillén, Alessandro D'Arسيè Cordero.

#### GUANA:

Cecilia Obón Montenegro, Julián Pontigo Céspedes, Camila Vázquez Sandí, Elena Casafont Bonilla, Antonio Rodríguez Balma.

We encourage the entire community to follow the process with interest, respect, and a democratic spirit, valuing the ideas, commitment, and creativity of those who have decided to take part. We thank the students who have embraced this challenge with responsibility and enthusiasm, helping to strengthen a culture of participation, dialogue, and leadership within our school.

## BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY

### COMATEQ Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to Luisa Rodriguez, Naima Álvarez and Judy Wu for their outstanding participation in the COMATEQ International Mathematics Team Competition this past Saturday, March 7th at the Universidad Tecnológico in Cartago. These students accepted the challenge to compete against other teams from around the world. Well done!



### IB 5 Year Evaluation Visit

For the past 18 months BSCR has been involved in its IB 5 Year Evaluation process. The process has three areas: Preliminary Documentation Review, Self-Study Questionnaire (SSQ) Committee work, and the full cycle of a Programme Development Plan (PDP). Secondary teachers, staff and administration have worked on documents, participated in committee meetings and piloted a development plan related to International-mindedness and embedding Theory of Knowledge (TOK) in lessons. The process culminated with a two-person IB visiting team here at BSCR on March 5th and 6th. The team spoke with students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators and owners over the two days.

The team wanted us to share their appreciation for the warm welcome and critical thought put into the conversations around how to keep on improving our BSCR IB programme. Their report will be available in a few months. We sincerely thank all involved in conversations and classroom visits that showed our BSCR IB pride.

## BSCR NEWS - Student Development Services (SDS)

### Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 students recently embarked on an unforgettable camp in the breathtaking mountains of San Ramon de Tres Rios. Those who participated enjoyed a fantastic time engaging in a number of activities such as tree climbing, team-building exercises, and hiking, all while immersed in the stunning scenery surrounded by friends. The experience fostered camaraderie among the students and allowed them to connect with nature in a meaningful way, leaving many with lasting memories and valuable lessons. Please check our social media pages for photos.

### Neurodiversity Week

In other news, as mentioned before, Neurodiversity Week will be celebrated from 16th to 20th March. Throughout the week, students will take part in various activities aimed at raising awareness of different types of neurodiversity. We also invite everyone to participate by wearing odd socks on Friday 20th March, in recognition of World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March. Let's come together to promote understanding and inclusivity!