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The British School of Costa Rica

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Upcoming Dates

Saturday 6th June:	BSCR Open House
Saturday 6th June:	SAT Exams
Monday 8th June:	EY Activity - Learning about refuse collection
Wednesday 10th June:	EY2A Exit Point
Wednesday 10th June:	Year 6 Science Field Trip to Lombritec
Wednesday 10th June:	BSCR Cat. D Boy's Football Vs. Yorkin School
Wednesday 10th June:	Year 8 iGCSE Information Session for students
Thursday 11th June:	World Cup Inauguration - Dance Activity in EY/Primary
Thursday 11th June:	EY2B Exit Point
Friday 12th June:	Year 5 Passion Project Activity
Friday 12th June:	EY2C Exit Point
Friday 12th June:	BSCR Cat. E Boy's Football Vs North Dale School
Saturday 13th June:	Taekwondo Belt Ceremony
Saturday 13th June:	BSCR Chess Team Tournament
Friday 19th June:	Last day of Quarter 2



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

World Cup Kick Off

On Thursday the 11th of June all students and staff members are invited to come to school in football shirts of any country to celebrate the start of the 2026 World Cup. On this day, our Primary and Early Years students will participate in a special Zumba activity which will feature a medley of the various official songs from previous world cups!

Extracurricular Clubs Registration - II Semester 2026

We are pleased to inform you that registration for the Extracurricular Clubs for the II Semester of 2026 will take place from June 10th to June 30th. As part of our commitment to ensuring better organization and providing families with more time to plan their children's activities, we have moved up the enrollment process for the upcoming semester. Our offerings include a wide variety of sports, artistic, academic, and recreational activities, all designed to complement the students' comprehensive education, develop new skills, and strengthen values such as teamwork, creativity, discipline, and leadership. Registration will open on Wednesday, June 10th, and will remain available until June 30th, 2026.

Outstanding Performance in the Trojans Opening Tournament

We would like to congratulate our Boys' Category C, Secondary Girls' and Boys' Category D football teams for their excellent performance in the Trojans Opening Tournament, where they achieved the runner-up position in their respective categories. This achievement reflects the commitment, dedication, effort and teamwork demonstrated by our students throughout the competition. We are extremely proud of the way they represented our school both on and off the pitch. Congratulations to our students, coaching staff and families on this outstanding achievement!

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Thursday 4th June - Virtual Learning Day

Thank you to all members of our Learning Community for their support and understanding on Thursday 4th of June as a lack of water supply required us to work from home. We realise that this is far from ideal and greatly appreciate the hard work of both staff members and students to minimise any potential negative impact on learning.

BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY

Panini Sticker Swap Shop in Primary

As the FIFA World Cup draws ever closer the excitement and anticipation is building in Primary with many students (and teachers!) excitedly bringing in their stickers and albums. Recently we have set up a swap shop to allow students from Year 1 - Year 5 to exchange stickers in a calm and collaborative manner under the supervision of Mr. Mallon. Every lunchtime students and teachers are welcome to join the activity which has proved very popular so far and is a great example of a community working together and having lots of fun along the way!



Primary Public Speaking Competition

Last Friday saw finalists from Year 4 and Year 5 hone their oracy skills during the Public Speaking Competition based on the theme: How to make the world a better place. The quality of the speeches from all participants was outstanding and the panel of judges had a tough task before deciding on the final top three in each category:

Year 4

- 1st: Enrique Zamora
- 2nd: Julian Barquero
- 3rd: Victoria Thompson and Santiago Gonzalez.

Year 5

- 1st: Alberto Arrieta
- 2nd: Emiliano Salgado
- 3rd: Mariana Estrada



BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY

Art and Music Open House (Year 7 and Year 8)

On Tuesday 28th July 2026, the Year 7 and Year 8 parents are invited to an Open House event held by the Art and Music Departments in the auditorium on this day. The parents of Year 7 are invited to listen to the Year 7 Music performances in the auditorium from 8.10am- 9.10am and view the Year 7 artwork on display in the Art studio. The parents of students in the Year 8 option group for Music are invited to listen to the Year 8 Music performances in the auditorium from 9.10 -10.10am. Parents of the Year 8 option groups for Art, are invited to view the exhibition of Year 8 artwork that will be held in the Auditorium. Refreshments will be available and we very much look forward to seeing parents at this wonderful celebratory event.



Year 8 Drama Festival

Last Thursday, May 28th, the Year 8 students treated us to two plays during the annual "Theater of the Weird" Drama Festival. The students read a variety of science fiction and speculative fiction short stories, then worked together as a class to adapt them for the stage. The stories students selected were "Actually Naneen," which raises questions about the role of technology in our lives, and "The Lottery," which examines how tradition and rituals shape our beliefs. This experience led students to discover new skills not only in performance, but also props management, costume, stage, sound and light design, as well as teamwork and project management skills. We would like to specially thank the Maintenance staff, the Audiovisuals team, and the Social Media/Marketing team for helping make the performances a success. Congratulations also to Ms. Rojas and Mr. Lopez for continuing this well-established English Department tradition. You can see photos and videos of the performances on the [English Department Website](#).

Year 11 & 12 Biology and Year 11 ESS Field Trip

Last week, Year 11 and 12 Biology students and Year 11 ESS students participated in a field trip to Lankester Botanical Garden and Cerro La Asunción. The excursion provided a valuable opportunity for students to investigate biodiversity, conservation, ecological relationships, and environmental adaptations in contrasting ecosystems. At Lankester Botanical Garden, students explored a wide variety of native and exotic plant species, including orchids, ferns, and bromeliads, while developing their classification and identification skills. The trip was an excellent example of learning beyond the classroom, allowing students to apply scientific concepts in real-world settings while gaining a deeper appreciation for Costa Rica's remarkable biodiversity.



Save the date: Year 10 and Year 12 Mock exams

IGCSE mock exams for Year 10 students and IB mock exams for Year 12 students will take place from Monday, August 10 to Friday, August 21. These are essential exams for all Year 10 and Year 12 students as they are used to calculate the Semester II exam grade.