

Director's Welcome

We very much look forward to seeing you at school next week after a long summer holiday of contrasts. As I write this it is just 15C outside and raining – very different to the 40C temperature of a few weeks ago. Many of you have travelled widely during the last two months, and below some of our new teachers have shared glimpses into what they have done during the summer – they are all excited to be here and are eager to meet parents and students from Monday onwards.

Over the summer months much has been accomplished both inside and outside the school building. Unfortunately due to some challenging geological formations found where the gym is to be built, the excavation of the site took a month longer than planned which has meant that the laying of foundations has only just started. A picture of the huge hole shows the scale of the gym-to-be. The structure of the gym is waiting to be brought here from Austria and will be constructed over three weeks from September 16th. So by early October the steel and concrete works should be complete ready for the interior fittings. In the meantime, we will continue to use the university facilities on Horsy Park and our gym in Devin. Further updates will follow regularly.

Student numbers have increased since last year as have the number of teachers. We now have 2 classes in each of Years 2, 3, and 4. Year 5 is full and probably by next week, some other classes will be full too. So a warm welcome to all our new students!

Many new resources have arrived over the summer and other interior work started, including on new laboratories in the roof which will be opened shortly.

So all-in-all, we have an exciting year of school to which to look forward – enjoy it!



First day at school information

- **Arrival time:** September 2nd between 08:00–08:30 in the morning, please gather in the school garden or basement area according to the weather
- The official 2013/2014 school year opening will start at 08:30
- The first day in school is a normal school day, and will end in the afternoon according to the timetables. The school will be open from 07:30 to 18:00.



Notices

Dear Parents,

Please note that both Uprkova and Ceresnova have been changed to one-way streets.



Summer greetings from our teachers

Take a look at what our teachers do when they are not sharpening the minds of our students ☺



David Wells (new Y3 class teacher) went to the 'Y Stadiwm Mileniwm' in Cardiff to watch the rugby. His favourite team - Newport-Gwent Dragons beat their rivals - Cardiff Blues.

Coffee mornings

Thursday mornings will be dedicated to meetings between our students' mums, though any fathers are welcome too.

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Our Deputy Director **Denisa Krizanska** diving in the waters of Montenegro



Our new History and Geography as well as Year 8 class teacher **Declan Hayes**: I visited my friends in the south of France. We did a wine tasting tour in a very old Chateau. The old man in the painting is a Duke who founded the Chateau in 1500s.

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Masoud Motlagh (Y3 class teacher) visiting the zoo with his son

"During my first lesson at university, my teacher told us these wise words. It is important to keep them in mind while preparing our students for their future: Non schoale sed vitae discimus (We don't learn for school, but for our life)."

Elena Turonova (German and Y7 class teacher)

"Welcome back to school! We will enjoy an amazing school year together. I am looking forward to meeting you all." **Mariana Lechmanova**, the new music teacher in front of the Azur window in Malta



"Dear Year 3M Parents and Students,

I hope you are coming back from a wonderful summer. Did you have all the fun you had wished? Even more? So much the better! Did you relax and enjoy your time together? I am sure all this fun has given you the energy to come back to school to start a new year.

The day the school starts is the day when we get ready to go on an exciting journey for another school year. I have been thinking and planning in order to maintain a high standard of education while making this experience as wonderful and fun as possible.

Just like when I was a child and was excited and happy to go back to school to be with my friends and enjoy my time with them, I am again waiting impatiently to see you all. Come to school prepared for a lot of learning, fun, friendship, new ideas, new experiences, and a lot more..." **Masoud Motlagh** (Y3 class teacher)



Our Director **Peter Radoja** enjoying the sea views in Cornwall, England

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"A very warm welcome from Miss Edita and Mr Jason who spent the whole summer with their families, in particular in Northern Cyprus. However, they got so tired of moving around and living out of suitcases on holiday that now they are extremely excited to settle down in their new home in Bratislava. They are looking forward to meeting their students, going to work every day and spending the weekends with their daughter Matilda."
Edita (Y5 class teacher) and **Jason Harrison** (Y4 class teacher)

Cécile Poirier, our French and Spanish teacher *"spent her holidays trekking around Crete, away from the tourist resorts and surrounded by breathtaking scenery and ancient culture. A pair of hiking shoes, a rucksack, a swim suit and a hat is all the gear she needed to go down the largest gorge in Europe, snorkel along a marble beach, climb a white mountain or meet the kri-kri (local wild goat).*

Ready to exchange the Greek island for the classroom, she is happy to be back to Cambridge International School to teach Romance languages."

"I'm very excited to be teaching here this year. I heard great things about the students. Previously I have taught in Ireland, the UK and the Middle East." **Declan Hayes** (Geography, History and Year 8 class teacher)



"I have spent the whole summer in England. For four weeks I was teaching in a language school which was very interesting and I had lots of practice using the interactive white boards so I look forward to using them in our classrooms here. I spent the rest of the holiday with my family and enjoyed some camping trips in Dorset which is in the south of England.

I am excited to be back in Bratislava and really looking forward to teaching Year 6 again. Most of you are already used to me teaching you so you know what to expect - lots of hard work but also lots of fun too. See you on Monday." **Judi Easton** (Y6 class teacher)



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