

BIS Annual Report



2018/19



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An important element of the pedagogical programme at BIS: Design Technology.



Director's Welcome

BIS Pride & New Challenges

I so enjoy taking some time to allow myself to reflect upon the past academic year, and discover how we have grown. This year's Year-book theme of Lions and Pride made me think about the two sides of those terms. Depending upon one's perspective, they can be seen through either a positive or negative lens.

“There are two kinds of pride, both good and bad. ‚Good pride‘ represents our dignity and self-respect. ‚Bad pride‘ is the deadly sin of superiority that reeks of conceit and arrogance.” *John C. Maxwell*



When BIS parents are asked why BIS was chosen over other schools in the area, the answer most often given is the warm, inviting atmosphere and culture of our school. When people walk through our doors, they see our smiling and confident students, not ego and pretense. This is ‘good pride’.

BIS is not perfect and the 2018-19 school year presented us with many new challenges. We have experienced unexpected losses, had our ethics challenged, had to learn from mistakes made, had to learn when to tackle a problem alone and when to ask for help, just to name a few. The logical consequence of each new challenge may sometimes feel like more than we can bear, however, in looking back, we can proudly say not only that we survived, but we came through as an even stronger community.

“The one excellent thing that can be learned from a lion is that whatever a man intends doing should be done by him with a whole-hearted and strenuous effort.” *Chanakya*

BIS Lions have shared the joys of improving, competing, winning, and stretching our talents beyond what we thought we could do. Students, teachers, and parents have come together to set goals for our students and help them to attain those goals, whether that be learning your multiplication tables, presenting your findings at an exhibition, or successfully finishing your IB exams. This is the spirit of our motto: Believe. Inspire. Succeed. and is ubiquitous throughout our school – both in Haimhausen and the City.

“If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride - and never quit, you’ll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards.” *Bear Bryant*

Be proud of your 2018-19 BIS accomplishments and the few stories, which are highlighted in the following pages.

Go Lions!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chrissie Sorenson".

Dr. Chrissie Sorenson
Director

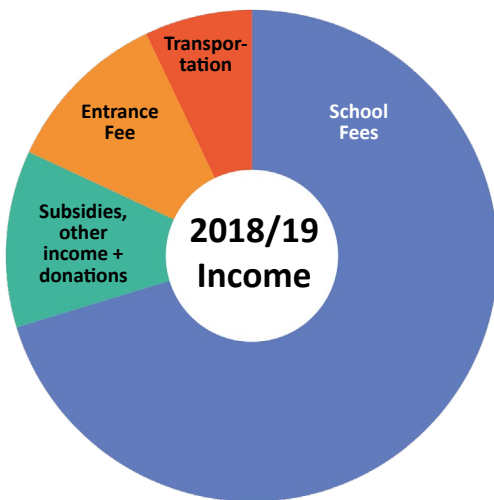


A Message from the Business Director

A Vibrant and Desirable Place to Be

The 2018-19 school year showed once again how many different moving pieces there are at BIS.

Operating Income 2018/19



Given our student numbers and diverse mix of around no less than 56 nationalities across both campuses, it's hard not to be a proud member of the BIS community. Each year we see already settled students reaching out to welcome new students and their families, which remains to be just one of the greatest assets of our international school's community. Together, students and families exchange experiences and stories of adapting to new situations whilst making friends. This kind of warmhearted and special connection is what makes BIS such a unique environment and a place where both students and staff members want to be.

The past year was another busy and successful school year at BIS. From personal project to becoming a more eco-friendly school, from music performances to productions, from athletics and after school activities to community events, everybody was contributing to make BIS a vibrant and desirable place to be.

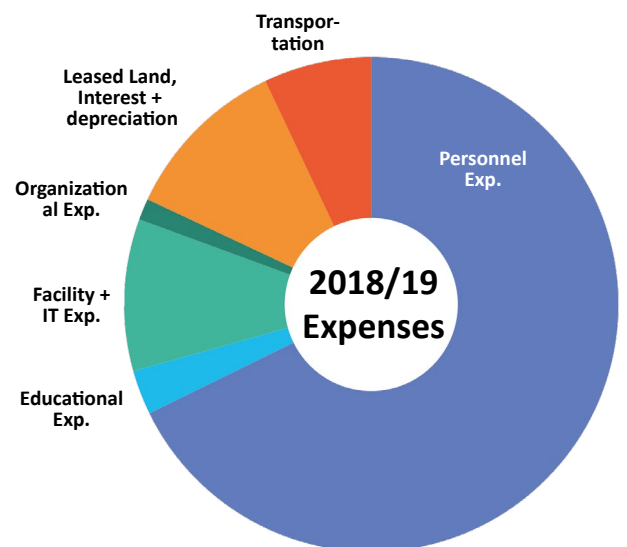
As is the case each year, we continuously work to improve our facilities as well as administrative processes on both the Haimhausen and City Campus. As most of this work is carried out during school breaks, mostly to avoid any disturbance, it tends to go unnoticed at first. Rest assured our teams are constantly working behind the scenes to make these improvements happen in a timely manner.

It is my great pleasure to work together with so many professional and dedicated colleagues and I look forward to continuing the good work in this half of the school year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Marco Dahl
Business Director and Executive Board

Operating Expenses 2018/19





Always in pleasant conversation: Marco Dahl (left) with BIS parent Marcus Fischbacher (Green City).



State of the Art: Design Technology.



Place to learn: The Bavarian International School with two campuses in Munich-Schwabing and Haimhausen (photo).



BIS Facts and Figures

IB Diploma average results of BIS (2019): **34,3**, Worldwide: **29,7**



170 teachers from **29** different nationalities



210 staff members in total



40 sport courses per week
more than **100** sport competitions p.a.

Top 15 companies whose employees send their children to BIS:

1. Eurofighter
2. BMW
3. Airbus
4. Samsung
5. Sandoz
6. Microsoft
7. Linde
8. EU Patent Office
9. Nokia
10. EU Space Observatory
11. Audi
12. Essity
13. Allianz
14. Siemens
15. Amazon





1 school, **2** campuses:
Haimhausen and Munich

Founded **1991**



1,200 students,
3rd largest school in Germany



56 different nationalities

17 languages taught in the
Mother Tongue Programme



Top 10 nationalities at BIS:

Germany	26%	Japan	4%
United Kingdom	12%	South Korea	4%
USA	11%	Italy	3%
Spain	8%	China	2%
India	5%	France	2%



Supervisory Board's Report

Stability & Development

We are excited to mark another successful year of growth and development for BIS. Our key focal points were to a) ensure financial stability, b) develop procedures to support ongoing organizational stability, and c) develop and maintain coherent and consistent communications with all BIS communities. The Supervisory Board continues to work with the Executive Board to develop a comprehensive fundraising and communications strategy.



Marc Aghili



Stephan Bauer



Silke van Wasen (centre), Lynda Sagrestano (left)

Fundraising goals include staff professional development, financial aid, fostering excellence and financing the Creativity and Innovation Centre (CIC). We were able to enlist Ilse Aigner (President of the Bavarian Parliament) as our patron for the Friends of BIS e.V. fundraising association, and emphasize that BIS is an important factor for the economic development of the greater Munich area. We continue to build relationships with economic and political leaders, local communities, and our BIS families, by enhancing communications through streamlined technologies and building the network of our community through public events.

We are committed to educating internationally minded students to become responsible global citizens. We remain dedicated to ensuring that all students fulfill their potential through continuous development of the curriculum and excellence in education, the cornerstone of which is our dedicated faculty, a committed administrative staff, and two progressive, beautiful campuses. We want to extend our thanks and congratulations to the entire teaching and administrative staff for their extraordinary efforts this year to inspire our students both in and out of the classroom.

The BIS gAG Supervisory Board





The BIS gAG Supervisory Board 2018/2019: Silke van Wasen and Vice Chair Dr. Lynda Sagrestano (first row), Roger Hamada and Stephan Bauer (second row), and Chair Marc Aghili.



Forming a new department: Communications, Public Affairs & Co.

Embarking on the Next Chapter

In the 2018/2019 school year, the Supervisory and Executive Board of the Bavarian International School gAG (BIS) decided that a different approach to how the school's media perception and reputation is presented to the public was necessary. Mid-January of 2019 Marko Mädge joined BIS as the Head of Communications & Public Affairs and his work was cut out for him. Mädge incorporated many facets as he constructed his department including content creation, social media, branding, fundraising, events and admissions.

"It is exciting to work in such an international, dynamic and innovative environment that embodies the motto 'Believe. Inspire. Succeed' every day. To be asked to construct a multi-faceted department for this community is a welcomed challenge," said the former PR agency head.

From day one, the team has needed to conduct strategic planning and begin operative tasks simultaneously. These topics ranged from the development of the core brand to basis content; from building relationships with the media, businesses and politics to igniting collaborations; and from organising school-based events to fundraising campaigns.

The primary focus was to create clever content and storytelling through the BIS website and social media. This past year BIS has been recognised in the media like never before with headlines such as "Erziehung zu Weltbürgern" (Süddeutsche Zeitung) and "Wissen, Weltbürger, Wirtschaftsfaktor" (Merkur). Meanwhile, this year the department was able to lay the groundwork for the auspicious rebranding of BIS yet to come.



Sharing stories: BIS student Katriina Talaslahti (Finland) graduated 2019 and signed a contract with the best women's football club of the world, Olympique Lyon.



Building relationships is one of the important tasks: Marko Mädge (left) with PAYBACK-founder and BIS parent Alexander Rittweger.



New start for the innovation & fundraising campaign – Friends of BIS e.V.

Friendraising & Professionalization

This school year also marked the start of the first innovation and fundraising events in the history of the Bavarian International School gAG (BIS) and the associated Friends of BIS e.V. Members of the BIS Executive Board, the Supervisory Board and the Friends of BIS welcomed a total of 87 participants at three breakfast events at “La Bohème” and a dinner in Holger Stromberg’s “Kounge”.

Although the first fundraising events were primarily aimed at providing information, involving strong personalities and building relationships (“Friendraising”), the first donations have already been received – including the largest single donation to date of over EUR 20,000. At the events, school director Dr. Chrissie Sorenson with her presentation and Dr. Manuel Cubero with his emotional keynote speech ensured that the participants were sensitized to the topic and enthusiastic about our larger goals.



Dr. Manuel Cubero (Friends of BIS e.V.)



Fundraising Dinner 2019 (from left): Wolfgang Clement, Marc Aghili, Dr. Chrissie Sorenson and Marco Dahl.

As a special highlight of the year, we welcomed the former Federal Minister of Economics Wolfgang Clement at the Innovation and Fundraising Dinner in Munich. “International schools like the Bavarian International School in Munich are indispensable,” stressed the three-time BIS grandfather and voluntary BIS ambassador. Like all dinner guests, Wolfgang Clement took home a symbolic spade bearing BIS branding as well as a letter of the future signed by students and the future itself. We were also able to gain the President of the Bavarian Parliament Ilse Aigner as a further prominent ambassador of the Friends of BIS – she was then officially presented as the Patron of friends at the City Campus in December 2019.

Fundraising, sponsoring and cooperation are not a 100-metre sprint, but a marathon run. For this reason, intensive work was done in the background in 2019 to develop a professional strategy, which is to be fully implemented from 2020 onwards. Interested supporters can choose from five different levels with correspondingly clear counterpart benefits. The three major fundraising goals “Creativity & Innovation Centre (CIC)”, the further development of the City Campus and the fostering of excellence will in future be under the major heading: “Rethink School – Innovation & Values for Bavaria and the World.”



BeInSp!red Innovation Summit in October 2018

Design your ideal School of the Future

At the third annual “BeInSp!red Innovation Summit” experts from innovation consulting, science, technology, and design partnered with 240 BIS students to develop ideas on the subject: “Design your ideal school of the future!” Using the principles of a process out of Stanford University Design School (d.school) called Design Thinking, students were invited to create ideas for their school of the future.



Keynote speaker Uwe Walther.



Teamwork & Design Thinking at BIS.

“Schools need to be more digital,” they said, “flexible and individual...more innovation and experimentation rooms...an Internet portal for easier appointment coordination between teachers and students.” Students also created a “New Student Voice” that aims to provide better teacher feedback through monthly surveys, open classrooms to increase transparency and group work, and requested less rote learning, more hands-on problem solving.

“Students need to be able to develop their creative and innovative potential,” said Head of BIS Dr. Chrissie Sorenson in her opening remarks at the summit. The Design Thinking Expert & Coach Uwe Walter gave a talk entitled “Find your voice - how Design Thinking saved my life” in which he called for more courage and self-confidence in education. Caroline Fiechter, founder of leaf republic, encouraged students, “to work in teams for their own goals, to develop their own ideas and to create their own environment.” Speaker Per Juul Poulsen, Strategic Innovation Consultant and expert on corporate strategy said, “events like the BeInSp!red Innovation Summit should be the minimum requirement of any educational organization.”



BeInSpired City Talk in May 2019 at City Campus

The Power of Positive Psychology

“Schools should strive to create more space than ever before for personal development, experimentation and inspiration,” said BIS Head Dr. Chrissie Sorenson at the opening of the 2019 BeInSpired City Talk, **“and should have the courage to allow for mistakes, which often prove to be the key to success“.** A record number of visitors attended the May event where experts from business, education, research and philosophy discussed **“positive psychology”** and its potential for use in schools and in the world of work.

The interactive panel at the BIS City Campus on Leopoldstraße began with a lecture by Dr. Martin Ebeling, Philosopher and Head of the educational company The School of Life for Business. Dr. Ebeling’s lecture on Leveraging the power of positive leadership for personal and professional success, stressed that, in addition to technical knowledge and practical skills, the employees of the future will need to possess empathy, creativity and a free spirit. Nina Eichinger then moderated a panel discussion on how positive psychology can be applied in the world of education and work. Panelists included Nina Zimmermann, Publishing Managing Director Digital Publishing, Burda Studios and Prof. Dr. Isabell M. Welpe, Chair of Strategy & Organization, Technische Universität München (TUM).



BIS City Talk 2019 (from left): Nina Eichinger, Prof. Isabell M. Welpe, Nina Zimmermann, Dr. Chrissie Sorenson, Dr. Martin Ebeling.



More than 100 guests attended the event at City Campus.



Parent Teacher Organisation (PTO)

Building Community & Supporting Staff

The mission of the PTO is to enrich the overall educational and cultural experiences for all families at BIS and encourage mutual support among staff, parents/guardians, and students across both campuses. The PTO builds community, encourages communication, and supports staff. We build community through our volunteer representatives' efforts and several seasonal events. We communicate with parents via our eNewsletter, BIS school PTO webpage, BIS Facebook groups (Moms and Dads, Sales and Wanted, Lost and Found), and PTO meetings. We support staff by utilizing all proceeds from Christkindlmarkt, International Festival, and other events to fund the Annual Grants Program.

The 2018/19 PTO Executive Committee was comprised of Ingrid Mulder-de Does (Chair), Milena Fiocchi (Vice Chair), Jo Giesen (Secretary), Leslie Halladay (Treasurer), Kimberly Underhill (Communication Coordinator), Becky Homes (Welcome Coordinator HH), Yvonne Bergmann (Welcome Coordinator CC), Stefanie Buckle and Saunders Smith (City Campus Co-Representative Coordinators). The following members represent the BIS staff members: Johanna Schiller (Administrative Staff Representative), David O'Keeffe (Secondary School Teacher Representative), Deborah Lee (Primary School Teacher Representative for Haimhausen Campus), Mark Thompson and Dale Sanger (Primary School Teacher Representative for City Campus). This was the first year that we had staff on the executive committee, which was a valuable attribute to the organization. This was also the first year we introduced evening General Meetings, which were well received by our working parents. We increased the number of PTO meetings at City Campus, and we introduced regular grade representative meetings with the respective principals.

It has been an incredible journey! We started in August with an *Orientation day* where new parents at both campuses were introduced to the PTO, the Administration, and representatives from school departments. This was followed by the *Welcome Coffee*, which gave everyone the opportunity to reconnect after the summer break. Then came the *Welcome BBQ* in August, October saw our *Primary Spooky Day* celebrations at both campuses. We hosted a *Wine, Cheese and Movie* evening at City Campus. The *Christkindlmarkt* on the first Advent weekend, gave us the opportunity to integrate with the Haimhausen community.

After the New Year, we had our annual *Quiz Night* for parents and staff. Our biggest event is the *International Festival*. This event celebrates the diversity and delightful cultures that make up our school. A lot happens at this beloved event: a parade of flags, traditional dress, ethnic foods as well as regional games, activities, and entertainment. In late spring we coordinated *Staff Appreciation* lunches at both campuses.





The highlight of all PTO events: The International Festival.

The Culture Club provided monthly opportunities to explore and learn more about our host country, Germany.

The final act of the PTO's school year was to coordinate the *Grant Program* wherein proceeds from PTO events are distributed across the three schools to many staff, students, or parent leaders who apply. The Grant Program promotes the learning experiences of our students and improves the BIS spirit amongst the entire school community. The school year 2018-2019 was able to grant almost 20,000 Euros back to BIS.

Under the umbrella of the PTO we have regional area, language, and grade representatives. These invaluable volunteers help their cohorts in so many ways. They organize coffees, lunches, dinners, and offer a personal connection to our new families. They are part of the reason our school is so vibrant. They are the heart and soul of our community and we on the PTO Executive Committee could not do our jobs well without them. We are grateful to all Reps for strongly supporting the school by organizing, communicating, drumming up support, and helping in person during events.

On behalf of the Executive Committee I offer my sincere gratitude to the staff and administration of BIS for their support and guidance this academic year. We are grateful for our student volunteers, and we are so very thankful and appreciative towards all our parent volunteers! Thank you for your time, tolerance, and hard work in helping to make our events, our year as PTO, a success! It is indeed a joy being part of the community of BIS!

Ingrid Mulder-de Does, PTO Chair 2018/2019



Success Stories



Charity initiative for Freunde Benin e.V.

1. Student Inspiration

Inspired by her belief in the importance of making a difference in the world, eighth grade BIS student Ines successfully launched a fundraising initiative at our last International Festival. Over 137 Euro was raised to support worthy causes, including Afrikahilfeverein Freunde Benins e.V. Funds from Ines's initiative were used to purchase Mosquito nets to protect against Malaria, which was the leading cause of death in Benin as recently as 2007. As the image of grateful women from Benin shows, a seemingly small gesture can have a life-saving impact.

2. ECIS Award for Dr. Chrissie Sorenson

Dr. Chrissie Sorenson, Head of School and Executive Board of Bavarian International School gAG (BIS), received the ECIS Award for 10 years of service and support as a member of the ECIS Board of Trustees and Treasurer. Founded in 1965, ECIS (the Educational Collaborative for International Schools) is a non-profit global membership organisation that provides professional learning, research, advocacy, and grants and awards for the benefit of its members.

3. International School turned into a living art museum

"BIS gives you every opportunity to try and develop yourself," says student artist Ivonne Ingle, one of 17 BIS 12th graders who exhibited works and gave artist talks on three floors in Schloß Haimhausen. Seventeen year-old Munich native Jacob Wichmann, "chose the issue of social injustice," for his projects and began his studies in Sep-



Great success: the Art Exhibition 2019.

tember at the University of Polimoda in Florence. "There I can combine my two biggest interests, business and fashion." The exhibited works were a component of the visual arts assessment for the IB DP. "It was fantastic to see our school transformed into a living, open-ended art museum," said Head of BIS Dr. Chrissie Sorenson.



Dr. Chrissie Sorenson and Dr. Arnie Bieber (International School Prague) received awards from Dr. Kevin Ruth (centre), CEO of ECIS.



4. BIS as a model for the International School of Debrecen

Not for the first time, BIS is serving as a model for the launch of a new international school, this time in eastern Hungary. Opening in September 2019 with 50 students, the International School of Debrecen is expected to grow to 500 students within five years. BIS Head Dr. Chrissie Sorensen welcomed a delegation from Debrecen, including Dr. Lajos Barcsa, Deputy Mayor for Economic Affairs, János Öreg, Director of the International School Debrecen, and Dr. Ing. Andrea Horváth from the University of Debrecen. “Debrecen is a great example of how important international schools are as a factor in promoting business, location marketing and the international character of an entire city,” said Dr. Sorensen. Impressed by “how enthusiastic and self-confident the students are,” Dr. Lajos Barcsa said, “we take home many valuable impressions and ideas.”



Dr. Chrissie Sorensen with a delegation from the International School Debrecen (Hungary).

5. BIS student Olivia Le Blanc receives The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Gold Award

“You have to leave your comfort zone, become more confident and learn to plan better,” said BIS 12th grader Olivia Le Blanc, recipient of the prestigious “The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Gold Award”. The sixth student in BIS history to receive the award, Olivia was joined by the thirteen BIS Bronze medal winners, all of whom received their awards from British Consul General, Simon Kendall at a ceremony in the auditorium of the Haimhausen Campus. “Self-confidence, new skills, team working and perseverance,” are central to the awards which, since 1956, “have encouraged the personal development of young people between the ages of 14 and 24.” Olivia’s achievements include development projects in India and Tanzania, two expeditions to the Peak District National Park in Northern England, and voluntary work in refugee homes in Haimhausen and Lohhof.



Olivia Le Blanc received the International Award from British Consul Simon Kendall (left).

6. 1.000 happy faces: International Festival at Bavarian International School

Featuring a student-led flag parade and 24 booths representing various nationalities, the 2019 BIS International Festival was a resounding success, drawing over 1,000 visitors to the Haimhausen campus. “The International Festival shows the impressive diversity at BIS,” said South African parent and 2018-19 Chair of the PTO Ingrid Mulder. “We celebrate different cultures under a global rainbow”. The annual event would not be possible without the hundreds of hours put in by an army of volunteers, led by main organizers Milena Fiocchi and Ingrid Mulder as well as Leslie Halladay, Jo & Steve Richards, Kappy Sanladerer, Yvonne Bergman, Katherine Moss, Kim Underhill, Jo Giesen and many others.





Graduation 2019: Valedictorian Constantin Bauer.

7. An inspiring call to action at the BIS graduation ceremony

Before an audience of approximately 500 guests, BIS Head of School Dr. Chrissie Sorenson and BIS Secondary School Principal John Barker awarded diplomas to the 84 students of the class of 2019 at June graduation ceremonies. Representing 25 different nations, the class of 2019 also displayed considerable diversity in its choices for future destinations. From university studies in Germany, the UK, North America, Europe and Australia to career-focused gap year internships, social service projects and a professional football contract, 2019 graduates spread their wings to meet new challenges near and far. In an impassioned speech, Valedictorian Constantin

Bauer urged fellow graduates to step up and take on responsibility for solving the urgent problems currently facing the world.

8. Finnish BIS graduate Katriina Talaslahti joined world's best women's football club

Four years before she graduated from BIS in June, Katriina Talaslahti signed her first professional football contract. Today, she is regarded as one of the top goalkeeper prospects in the world, now playing for Olympique Lyon. "BIS has made me a true global citizen," says Katriina. "That's why the opportunity to go to France was so personally appealing to me. I'm getting to know a new country, a new culture and a new language," Olympique Lyon won the Champions League four times in a row with a line-up consisting exclusively of top players from all over the world. "At BIS I learned so many new things that will be important for my whole life: Language skills, open-mindedness, living together in different nations and cultures, community and teamwork," says Katriina. "BIS is like a family for life."

9. Hear my Voice Festival

Through poetry, short stories, visual arts, acting, writing dramatic scenes, musical composition and performance, 176 Grade 6 and 7 BIS students from 37 nations participated in the "Hear My Voice Festival" at Haimhausen. Formerly called "Poetry Evening" the event was expanded to include a greater variety of media so that students could express themselves in unique ways about the things that truly matter to each of them.



To be continued: The Hear My Voice-Festival 2019.





“Believe. Inspire. Succeed”: The Grade 5 Exhibition.

10. Grade 5 Exhibition

“Inspiring Weltverbesserer“ is an internal BIS slogan with a twinkle in the eye. When you look at the fantastic work of our Grade 5 students, it’s really them who will make the world a better place. Over 80 students from dozens of nations showed their personal projects to parents, teachers and classmates at the big “Grade 5 Exhibition“. Their top themes: Environment and sustainability, equality and human rights, animal husbandry, technology and robotics. Great job, Grade 5 students!

11. BIS Achieves Prestigious Two Star European Eco-School Award

BIS received two stars for environmental sustainability within an international school with the European Eco-School Award. Under the guidance of Emma Morris, BIS Eco School coordinator, hundreds of students engaged in projects focused on waste, biodiversity and healthy living within the school. These passionate students proceeded to document how environmental sustainability is integrated into their daily school life. “We actually only applied for one star, but it is incredible that our environmental sustainability efforts over the past school year were acknowledged and earned us two stars,” said Ms. Morris. “At the same time it is a great incentive for us to achieve the third star for this school year!” The Bavarian State Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, Prof. Dr. Michael Piazolo, presented the award at a ceremony to acknowledge these efforts.



Eco School award for BIS.

12. Zac Jayachandran Publishes scientific results

This past summer, BIS student Zac Jayachandran (16) was able to publish the scientific results of research he conducted while on his Grade 10 work experience at the European Southern Observatory (ESO) in Garching, Germany. Using data taken from the world’s largest optical telescope, Zac and his supervisor Dr. Mario van den Ancker discovered new properties about a cluster of young stars in our Milky Way galaxy. “It was a real privilege to be able to research the star cluster NGC2367,” said Zac. Their article was published in the Research Notes of the American Astrophysical Society. “My work experience was ultimately a small step towards answering the big questions of the universe.” Also very active in sports, Zac is a Track & Field team captain and was voted “Athlete of the Year“.



Clever & smart: Zac Jayachandran.

13. 8th Annual Careers Day

With a clear eye to the future for students when they inevitably join the workforce, the BIS Annual Careers Day, started in 2010, has become an important component of the senior school calendar. At this year's event, twelve presenters from the BIS community spoke to students about their careers, their life and work skills and to give hints, tips and inspiration about the 'world of work'. Presenters included corporate CEOs and VPs, a Business School Academic Dean, a design engineer, social worker, dentist, senior researcher, astronomer and sustainability consultant. Students visited four sessions each and had the opportunity to ask questions and could join the guests after the event over a networking lunch.



Strong tradition: The 8th Career Day 2019.

14. City Campus – Tree Planting with the Environmental Warriors and Green City

A film crew from BR-Rundfunk interviewed City Campus students and filmed some of them planting trees for a programme called Xenius, airing on Bavarian Television. Members of Green City, who had been working with the students of Ms. Zorn's 'Environmental Warriors ASA', brought the trees and guided the tree planting process while students were filmed by the crew. The planting was a great success and although our part in the final documentary will be quite small the children really enjoyed all of it.



Co-operation with Green City: planting trees programme.



15. City Campus – Aladdin performance

Performance of 'Aladdin' by the Grade 3-5 ASA Production Students: Aladdin, Princess Jasmine, the Sultan of Agrabah and, of course, the Genie came to life most colourfully thanks to the talents and hard work of City Campus Grade 3-5 ASA production students. The production provided "a great opportunity for the students to express themselves in a creative and joyous environment," said a production leader from Haimhausen Campus. "It takes an amazing team effort, time, dedication and skill to create such a production," which featured great acting, spectacular singing, amazing dancing, stunning costumes and scenery. "So well done on this fabulous performance!"



Great performance: Aladdin production at City Campus.

16. Haimhausen Primary Humming Bird Community Building Project

The Humming Birds project was our biggest community building initiative in the Primary School Haimhausen. What does it take to start a school tradition? Haimhausen Primary students began by making pledges for how they could make a positive difference to our community. These pledges have now been displayed as a welcome to all visitors. What began as a project for one group of students will offer the opportunity for successive classes to contribute, making a difference in their own colorful way, and building on a new tradition.

17. Haimhausen Primary provides messages of support to grade 12 students on their final academic challenge

Messages of support and encouragement for 12th graders came from some of their smallest but most fervent admirers as they made their way to exams. During the last buddy reading time Primary students created posters containing personal messages of encouragement for display on the way into the exam hall, "so they will feel a little less nervous as they walk into the room." Primary students were "delighted to unveil our final surprise for the Grade 12 students."



The Hummingbird project at Primary School Haimhausen.



Lovely messages from Primary School students for the Grade 12 students.

Quotes & Headlines about BIS



Ilse Aigner with Grade 5 students at City Campus.

“It was great fun to read and discuss with the BIS students. They were very friendly, curious, bright and confident. You can see that BIS is a truly international school – internationality, diversity and open-mindedness can be felt in every hallway, in every classroom. I also like the fact that children learn at a very early age to work together and help each other, and that the latest technology is sensibly integrated“.

Ilse Aigner, President of the Bavarian State Parliament & Patron of Friends of BIS e.V.

“Die Welt bewegen” *Süddeutsche Zeitung, 27th July 2019*

“Erziehung zu Weltbürgern” *Süddeutsche Zeitung, 25th May 2019*

“Die Schule der Zukunft schon heute” *KITZ Magazin 2019*

“Without BIS it would be much more difficult to attract the qualified managers and experts from around the world to come to Munich.“ *Dr. Manuel Cubero – Former CEO of Kabel Deutschland Holding AG*

“With your projects you have made an active contribution to the environmentally friendly shaping of everyday school life. It is impressive with how much commitment and initiative you take on responsibility for our future. Environmental education is very important at your school – you have earned the award as an environmental school.“ *Prof. Dr. Michael Piazzolo, Bavarian State Minister of Education and Culture*

“The pronounced self-confidence that the children are developing at BIS is what impresses me most. The school’s personalized approach to each child in the classroom, combined with the genuine attention paid to each one as an individual with a unique character, is preparing the children to go into the world self-confidently, fully capable of presenting their own thoughts in front of any audience.“ *Wolfgang Clement, Former Federal Minister of Economics*



Wolfgang Clement in conversation.



Wanted: Tell your Alumni Story

The Communications and Public Affairs department of BIS will increasingly focus on telling our exciting and relevant stories in the future. On the way to quality content, we would like to cordially invite you to help. “We have so many exciting stories to tell from school - from students, from alumni, from staff. We just have to find them. Just as the students and alumni are proud of their BIS, we are proud of every single student and alumni – among others we want to recognise that with the stories”, says Marko Mädge, Communications Director of BIS.

If you haven't done it yet, please register as Alumni via our online portal. And tell us your success story or provide input and ideas under our motto “Believe. Inspire. Succeed”. These can be stories from your studies, success in your profession, the establishment of own start-ups or private initiatives and voluntary projects. Send us short keywords or detailed information – up to you ...! Thank you very much for your support!

Tell a story: <https://www.bis-school.com/alumni/alumni-outreach>

Registration: <https://www.bis-school.com/alumni/contact-alumni-coordinator>

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