

## Letter from the Head...

*I have been lucky enough to meet many of you already at the various information evenings this school year and glad to see so many students back with news of the exploits in the summer and also to greet many (really—very many!) new students! Our total student number is now at 132, higher than ever before and we are pleased that this seems to show the way forward for the IS to become even more successful...*

*The move to the 'D building' is still in progress and some changes have still yet to be arranged. The common room is a welcome shelter in the rainy autumnal weather which has already hit our region. The Esserberg has returned to being a DP centre but many MYP students have lessons here too and so it is lovely to see the school more as one big group rather than scattered over the whole campus...*

*More news on the changes is shown below... but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly...*

**Mike Weston.** Head of School

## Coming up...

for the most up to date calendar please check [www.isgroningen.nl](http://www.isgroningen.nl)

- **Disco** with the Dutch school for MYP1-2: now on 24th September due to building work in the Aula
- **IBDP ceremony**—the class of 2010 collect their well earned diplomas this Friday, 17 Sept, at 16.00 in the Aula: Hemmelaan
- Informal Parent Teacher reception: 24 September (also 1st October in some editions of the calendar!) - is now **cancelled on both dates** (see below)
- **Parents Support Group:** Meeting: 6 October—directions/location to be arranged or please contact [Aletta Dessalegne](#) (PSG chairperson). The PSG is an open group and all parents are members and therefore welcome to attend any or all meetings!

## The Opening of the MYP and DP Learning Centres

combined with the Parent Teacher Reception

*all parents are officially invited to attend on Thursday 21st Oct*

The ceremony will start at 18.30 at the Esserberg Villa with a welcome drink.  
The reception will end at 22.00



To facilitate the evening, as always, we kindly request that all parents bring a snack, a traditional something from their own land or even a Dutch hapje...

The ISG will provide alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages.



New to the school? Questions? Need the advice from parents who have all been there before?!

All parents are automatically members of the ISG Parents' Support Group. The group is made up of YOU for YOU! So, please come along to our very social and fun meetings... once a month on a Wednesday... starting the 6 OCTOBER (and then the 3rd Nov and the 1st Dec)... Locations available from [Aletta Desselegne](#) and will be posted on the school website. *See YOU there!*

**Lateness** - one of our four main rules of the school is "Be on Time" - it is vital for the start of a lesson to be organized and uninterrupted - so that everyone can concentrate on the work in hand. Together with the Maartenscollege we have reviewed our policy on student lateness. From the start of the next week, if students are late to school, without a valid reason (such as a medical appointment), **then they must report at 08.00** on the following day. This is a requirement for all students of the ISG, with the exception of MYP1. For them, this rule will come into effect after the Autumn holiday.

This will be discussed in mentor lessons so that all students are aware of the change.

#### A big welcome to our new staff:

- **Geoff Hannauer:** originally from the US of A, now in Friesland, Geoff joins us teaching English B
- **Charlotte Norde:** from the UK. Charlotte teaches Technology to MYP3 and 4.
- **Warmold de Boer:** Warmold came originally to cover the maternity leave for Ms Ingram... but now finds himself teaching SGS, and DT to MYP1 and 2 as well!!!
- **Antje Gulbis:** from Germany, Antje is taking MYP1 Mathematics.

#### We need you!

On Wednesday 3rd November the **International Baccalaureate Organisation** will visit us to evaluate our Middle Years Programme. As a part of this visit they like to speak to parents about the school and about their children's experience of the programme. We therefore need at least *one* parent representative from each of MYP1-5. If you are available at **16.00 on Wednesday 3rd Nov** for about an hour and would like to take part in this meeting please contact [Mike Weston](#) as soon as possible. The exact details of the meeting will be confirmed with you nearer the time.



#### Where can I get information?

The best place to start looking is our website: [www.isgroningen.nl](http://www.isgroningen.nl)

- **Calendar:** On the home page, under 'latest headlines' (please note the right hand side— 'calendar entries' is offline)
- **Timetables (student):** on the left: 'Students' - this is the most recent version!
- **Curriculum Information:** on the left: 'curriculum'
- **MYP: SGS/Personal Project/Community and Service:** on the left: 'Students' > 'MYP'
- **Careers:** on the left, 'Students'
- **PSG:** on the left 'Parents'

**In January 2011 the whole website will be renewed and updated! Watch this space!**

#### Paper – paper – paper

**Whilst** 77 percent of paper is recycled in the Netherlands we, as web users, each print (on average over the world) 28 pages a day... As a school we are committed to reduce our copying and paper costs by €25000 this year alone, saving water, trees and energy—and not forgetting the fuel and pollution caused transporting paper to the school. Very soon all the printers and copiers in the school will be controlled by cards allowing students and staff limited access to print. To assist we are committed to reducing our paper as administrators—hence more and more information will be sent by email and be able to be downloaded from the internet.

We are currently investigating a web based grade and reporting system for all students as well as using the new web site to request information and view all school documentation.

**However** this will only work IF we have your current email address. This is vital for the school.

How do you know if we have the correct address? Very simply, if this newsletter is successfully in your inbox—yes we do! **If not**, then no we don't: please send it by email to "[is@maartens.nl](mailto:is@maartens.nl)" - with a note: "*please update my email*" in your subject line.

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