



ISG Newsletter

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Letter from the Head...

Christmas is here again and as the snow falls we are busy at the ISG recovering from a wonderful visit from Sinterklaas (see website!) and now making preparations for Christmas and the end of the calendar year. As well as looking forward to the new year, Christmas is also a time to reflect back on the last few months. How has the new term been? How have new students (and their parents!) settled in to a new routine at the ISG, and for some a new home in a new country? For others new classes, new curriculum and for some a whole new way of living? What have been the best things (DP results! MYP certificates! Ypres! - and many more!) and the worst things (rain - rain - wet snow) of the last few months? And as 2009 approaches, what are the targets, the expectations and, of course resolutions of the new year? Just at the start of this week the students have received their first full report. A time now to reflect back, to celebrate the academic successes of the first term and make targets and resolutions for the new year. However simple these may be they all have a role to play. My Christmas message is therefore enjoy your holiday, reflect back on the year and resolve to make a difference in the new one. Have a very happy Christmas and a successful 2009!

Mike Weston. Head of School

Next Week

Christmas Activities

Please Read Carefully

18 December - Christmas Activities:

This year - something different! All students will be involved in various activities and we will conclude in a traditional '**Pot Luck Lunch**'! To enable the lunch to be a success we ask all students to bring something to share to eat. Preferably something traditional to your own nationality, it can be something savoury or something sweet, but should be able to be eaten cold!

To cater for dietary requirements we ask for dishes to be clearly labelled:

"M" - containing meat; "F" - containing fish; "V" - suitable for vegetarians; "H" - suitable for Halal; "D" - containing dairy products.

Please bring contributions to **Z1** at 09.00! (Drinks will be provided by the ISG)

09.00: **All** students arrive at Esserberg with contributions for lunch

MYP1-3:

- 09.00 - 10.30: Xmas Activities (Z2)
- 10.30 - 11.00: Break with Xmas snacks
- 11.00 - 12.30: Xmas Activities
- 12.30 - 13.30: Carols and 'Pot Luck Lunch'

MYP4,5 and DP1,2:

- 09.00 - 11.00: Xmas Activities (Mediatheek)
- 11.00 - 11.30: Break with Xmas snacks
- 11.30 - 12.30: Xmas Activities (Mediatheek)
- 12.30 - 13.30: Carols and 'Pot Luck Lunch'



Thanks to the PSG for their help with the break time snacks

Quote of the issue: *May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!* Author Unknown



The **PSG** needs you! The PSG is still desperate for some new help... with the sad departure of Stephanie Unrein, who has been a devoted and extremely hard working member of the PSG (her chocolate brownies will never be forgotten) we need more volunteers. Please see the '**Parents**' section of the website or contact Aletta on **050-5370104**. Meetings are shown in the School Calendar and on the latest [PSG newsletter!](#)

Coming Up: Check your 2009 agendas!

- **19 December:** Christmas Holiday begins (school closed).
- **Monday 5 January:** Term starts. All lessons as normal from 08.25.
- and also on **Monday 5 January:** Area of Interaction Afternoon. **All students in MYP1** and all other MYP2 and 3 students new to the school since August 2008 will be involved in a special MYP afternoon. The activities will begin at 13.20 and end at 15.00. Please note that some students will be home later than usual.
- **Parent - Teacher appointment evening:** will take place on **Wednesday 7 January** starting at 18.30 in the Aula of the Dutch school building: the Hemmenlaan. Please see the letter with the school report for more information. Reply slips should be returned as soon as possible!
- **Monday 12 January:** there is a staff meeting at 14.15. Lessons *may* be cancelled: please see the website nearer the time.
- **Friday 30 January:** School Closed for all IS students due to the Dutch International Schools Conference in the Hague.
- **Monday 09 Feb:** School Closed for all MYP students due to an MYP all teachers meeting. Separate arrangements will be made for DP students.
- Students in **MYP5?** Thinking of **DP?** Come to the information evening on **Thursday 12 February:** 19.30 at the Esserberg.
- **Friday 13 Feb:** Area of Interaction Day for MYP1 together with TTO1. Put what you have learnt on the 5 January in to practice! The day will start at 09.00 and end at 16.00. Details to follow!

Shakespeare in one day!: On the **13 Feb** the MYP5 class together with the TTO4 will skip a day of classes to rehearse one of Shakespeare's complete plays! In the evening the play will be performed in front of an audience of teachers and parents. Can this be done? You are all welcome to join us for this fantastic performance at 19.00 in the Aula of the Dutch Building (the Hemmenlaan).

- **Krokus (Spring) Holiday: 14 Feb - 22 Feb (inc)**
- **23 -27 Feb: Mock Exams (DP2) and Test Week (DP1 and MYP4,5).** All MYP1-3 lessons as normal but all these classes will be transferred to the Hemmenlaan for this week.

Good - byeeeee:

We are sad to see Troy and Denis Unrein, Rachelle and Ryan de Weijer, Chatree van Ark, Caolan Brigham, Jack Perryman leave... we wish them well in their new schools and hope that they will keep in touch!!

Helloooooo:

We welcome: Kirsten van Deventer MYP2, Gianna Dimarco MYP3, Stefan Dimarco MYP1, Maarten Schoonbeeg MYP4, Wouter Schoonbeeg DP1 - we hope that your time at the ISG will be stimulating and enjoyable!

New, Present and Past Students: Check out the Alumni Site! New to the IS - on the Home Page, link: [Alumni](#)

Changes to the Timetable: Please note that paper copies of new timetables will no longer be distributed by the school. They can be downloaded direct from the website.

See link: Students > [Timetables](#)

KEEP UP TO DATE with all the news, photos and happenings at the ISG. (as well as the timetable changes!) Check out the website: www.isgroningen.nl