



ISG Newsletter

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Letter from the Head...

Autumn is now really here!. As I drove to school this morning the temperature gauge registered 3 degrees centigrade and the wipers brushed away leaves from the trees. In a couple of weeks the clocks go back as everything seems to slow down for the winter. Unfortunately this is not the case at the ISG! Teachers have been busy preparing the progress checks for all the IS students - the first glimpse into how things are going. They are a quick check to make sure that everything is on track for the school year and a chance for the students to catch up and address issues before the first school reports at Christmas. Mentors will be directly in touch with parents very soon. We are still busy with the Esserberg building. Students are enjoying the newly painted, brighter classrooms and a data projector and computer is about to be installed in one of the bigger rooms, making presentations and visual aids really come to life. A monitor linked to the main building will be placed in the common room, giving the students up to date information of changes in the timetable, classrooms and other important school news. As mother nature prepares to rest to survive the cold winter weather, life at school is still in the fast lane. Enjoy the Autumn Holiday and come back ready for a further fast and furious time!

Mike Weston. Head of School

Coming up...

Parent - Teacher Reception

Wednesday 24 Oct 2007

19.30

Esserberg Villa

You are invited to join us for an informal social event to meet all the teachers of the International School.

Drinks and light snacks will be provided

- 23 October - 'Community and Service Assembly' to introduce MYP1 to the expectations of C&S at the ISG.
- 7 November: 'Area of Interaction Assembly' for MYP2 and 3.
- 13 - 16 Nov - MYP4 Ypres Trip (information to follow soon by letter)
- 23 November: MYP Certificate Evening for last years MYP5 graduates!
- 5 Dec (MYP) and 10 Dec (DP): First Full School Report Issued

Quote of the issue: One kind word can warm three winter months.

Japanese Proverb



The **PSG** needs YOU!!! There are still some vacancies for class parents and members of the committee. Are you a Dutch speaker and would you be interested in sitting with the Dutch Parents/School group (OURA/MR)? Please contact the chairperson, Connie Lavelle, on 050 3640178. Thanks also for all your contributions for the PSG: this money is used to support student activities and facilities in the school. If you haven't yet contributed please can you do so - any questions to Connie or the school. The next meeting is on 7 Nov, 19.30. Phone (see above) for more details!

Other news:

Wow... The DP ceremony! What results! 100% pass with our biggest ever group! And some of the highest grades ever! A fantastic afternoon of congratulation and catching up formally said goodbye to our DP 2005/7 students. If you haven't yet looked at the report and the photos on the website please do so.

Website... the technology of digital cameras and the hard work of our student website contributors mean that photo and stories regular appear reflecting the events and daily life at the ISG. If you have any particular objection to your son or daughter's photo appearing please let us know and we will do our best not to show individual photos.

Rudi Voordes... As you most probably remember we said a very sad goodbye to our DP Maths teacher who passed away unexpectedly last summer. To remember and reflect his enormous contributions to education and life at the ISG we are formally naming the staff workroom in the Esserberg as the "Rudi Voordes Room". The short ceremony will take place on Monday Oct 22 at 16.30 in the Esserberg. Parents and students who knew Rudi are very welcome to join us.

Homework Club (MYP1-3): Supervised homework club will start after the break (7 Nov, Wed, 14.10) for all students of MYP1-3. If students would like a quiet place to work on their homework after school then they are welcome to join the club. If there are any parents who could help the teachers with supervision at this time please let the school know. (is@maartens.nl or 050 5340084)

Extra - extra - extra... have you got any particular skills or hobbies that you would like to share with our students? We would like to set up a series of extra curricular activity sessions or workshops for our younger students on Monday afternoons... but need some inspirational volunteers! Can you help or do you know anybody who could help us provide such activities? From photographic courses, juggling to ballroom dancing - all ideas and help are very welcome!

Staff news: I am sure you all aware that Liesbeth Betten, our music teacher, is away on maternity leave. She is about to be joined by Cleo Rijgersberg our DP Maths teacher, who will be leaving at the end of November. We send our fondest greetings and look forward to hearing the news!!

Website news: The website is getting bigger and better! We are please to welcome James Mantel (DP1) onto the team. He will be writing and updating our stories so keep checking for new items! The team are also working on subject related sites as well as a real look behind the scenes at the ISG. We will be corresponding more with students (and parents) by e-mail so please encourage them to check their 'webmail' (login is the same as the school network) and please, parents, can you send any new email address to the school (is@maartens.nl). Individual student timetables (updated **daily**) can also be checked under the link: student > timetables.

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