



# ISG Newsletter

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## Welcome (...back)

The summer holiday is over (and of course the sun begins to shine). The classrooms are dusted off, the floors are shining from the new wax and the musty air from a closed Esserberg is blown away as the doors and windows are opened. School has begun again! For our students, maybe the same applies... the relaxed holiday feeling is giving way to the excitement of a new term...

- Who is in my class? (We are very pleased to welcome over 20 new students this term!)
- Who is my new teacher? (... and also three new teachers!)
- Which classroom am I in? (The redecoration of the Esserberg has finally begun!)

And, of course, the questions... which is the correct timetable? What are the new school rules? And, of course, when is the next holiday? (see below!)

I welcome you all back to the International School Groningen. I welcome you to a new school year, full of new challenges, new aspirations and new activities.

I look forward to hearing adventures of your holiday travels - where ever they may have been.

And, finally, I wish you all the most exciting and enjoyable school year. Lets hope that together we can make this year our best year yet!

**Mike Weston.** Head of School

## Coming up...

- Monday 3rd September: Lessons start as normal: 8.25
- Wednesday 5th September: MYP1-3 Parents Information Evening. This will begin at 19.30 with a presentation on the first three years of the MYP for all new and other interested parents. At 20.00 all parents are expected for further information from the mentors. .
- Thursday 13th September: MYP4&5 and DP1&2 Parents Information Evening. This will begin at 19.30 for all parents of MYP4&5 (in the Esserberg) and DP1&2 students (in the Hemmenlaan).
- Tuesday 24 October: Parent/Teacher Reception. All parents are invited to the Esserberg at 19.30 for our annual 'meet the teacher' social evening.

## Holiday Dates... 2007/8

Please note the school holiday dates are as follows (all dates are inclusive):

Autumn Holiday (Herfstvakantie): 13 - 21 October

Christmas Holiday: 21 Dec - 6 January 2008

Spring Holiday: 23 Feb - 2 March

Easter Holiday: 21 March - 24 March

May Holiday: 25 April - 12 May

Summer Holiday: 28 June - 18 August. *Please note that all students should be available to attend school from 19th August 2008. This is very early compared to previous years.*

It is compulsory that all students attend school outside these holidays dates. Absence for holidays outside of these times is not permitted by the Dutch ministry. For further information please see our website (students > rules)

Quote of the issue: "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."  
**Malcolm X** (1925 - 65)

## DP Results - 2007

We are very pleased to announce that the results of the 2005-2007 Diploma Programme students showed a 100% pass. All of the record number of 20 students passed their full diploma. A big congratulation goes out to all these students and we look forward to celebrating with them at the Diploma ceremony on the 21st September, 16.30 in the Mediatheek, in the Hemmenlaan.



## A big new welcome...

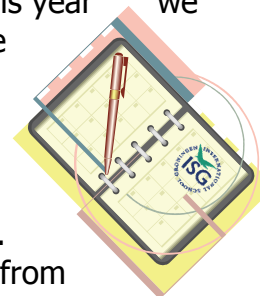
We are very pleased to start the school year with so many new faces! Firstly, a big welcome to three new staff: Deidre Lagas will be teaching MYP Science, Biology and Chemistry. Edwin ten Meer will be teaching DP Chemistry and Frank Haber will be teaching DP Dutch A.

We also welcome many new students from all around the world! In DP1 Nata Gedevanishvili, Alan Grundman, Tim Snijder and Joost Verstappen begin their Diploma. In DP2 we are also joined by Roseline Bruins. In MYP5 we welcome Anna Engelmann, Ruben Wilting and Emma Verhardt. In MYP4 Robur Box and Marco van der Zalm join us. In MYP3 we are joined by Hessel Hartmans and in MYP2 by Henry Martin, Andres Pirela and Kyra van der Zalm. MYP1 is our biggest new group for many years! Here we are pleased to welcome Sarah Abdalli, Andrew Bailey, Tijmen Box, Caolan Bringham, Ziad Elashmawy, Almirreza Eslamikalantari, Olivia Franklin, Maarten Gabriels, Kathe Groetsch, Doeke Hartmans, Monica Hodgson, Sebastian Jansen, Leoni Moninska-Rozema, Chiamaka Okonkwo, Sophie Stark, Ayano Tanimoto, DJ Unrein, Rachelle de Wijer and Yang Zhao.

A big warm International School **"WELCOME"** goes out to you all and we wish you a great experience at the ISG!

## The School Agenda

Parents and students may have noticed that this year - for the first year - they did not have to buy a school agenda! The arguments and struggle to find agendas without pictures, suitable for International School education has occasionally caused a few problems so this year we decided to provide an agenda. We hope in the future to personalize it for the school, but this year is a trial year. The agenda remains the property of the school but is issued free to all students. If lost a replacement must be purchased at a cost of 5€. One of the key features of this new agenda is to allow more direct communication between the school and home. On each double page is a place available for parents and teachers to write comments. Please can you check the agenda at least once a week and initial comments from teachers to show that they have been read!



## The PSG need you!

A big part of the strength of the social and extra curricular life at the ISG comes from the parents. Whether its organising a hot dog lunch, providing snacks at the social events or running a huge art exhibition and auction the PSG provide an invaluable service to the school. To support the PSG each family is asked to donate a small contribution of €25 at the start of the school year. However even more important we need time and help! So if you would like to get involved creating a year book, organising Halloween or any other of the many events please contact the school or the PSG! Further information is on our website!

**Trees and Newsletters!** We do everything we can to save paper and cut the costs of reprographics, both to the school and the environment - hence this will be the only 'paper' news letter sent out this year! Normally all such information will be sent by e-mail (please ensure that Charlotte has your e-mail address) and published on the website. Please check it regularly!

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