



ISG Newsletter

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Letter from the Head...

As the first two full school weeks draw to a close the buzz of the new year, confusion over which timetable is correct and the excitement of discovering new teachers, different classrooms and new curriculum activities slightly fades. Normality returns to the ISG... However, behind the scenes there is no let up. Information evenings, diploma ceremonies and staff/parent social events are coming up. This time of year is a chance for parents to meet with staff, with each other and new friendships to be fostered between students. We are working hard to improve communication via the web site (www.isgroningen.nl) and by e-mail - please check our calendar and look out for details of all these events. I hope to see you soon at the ISG and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Mike Weston. Headteacher

Coming up...

- **27 Sept:** MYP1-3 Information Evening: (at the Esserberg)
MYP Presentation: 19.30 - for new and interested parents
General Information: 20.00 - for all MYP1-3 parents
- **29 Sept:** **SCHOOL CLOSED ALL DAY** (International Schools Teachers' Conference)
- **6 Oct:** DISCO (Hemmenlaan) and Mentor group activities for MYP1-3. The mentors of these classes are planning to organise something with their classes after the lessons and before the disco, so that they can all go together. A letter will go out to inform you about details and times but please note down this date already in your agendas!
- **11 Oct:** Staff Meeting. No MYP lessons after 13.00. DP lessons as normal all day.
- **1 Nov:** Parent/Teacher Social at the Esserberg, 19.00: All Welcome

Please note that the full calendar is available for download on www.isgroningen.nl

Welcome to our new students!

After a formal introduction on Thursday 7th September, MYP 1 and the new students had an entertaining start to the ISG by doing a treasure hunt. Helped by students from MYP 2 and 3, who are already familiar with all the rooms, spaces and daily people, they roamed the Esserberg and the Hemmenlaan building, looking for correct rooms and finding out who is who in both buildings. They had much fun in solving the quiz and as a treat for their hard work they enjoyed an ice cream before they went home for the weekend.

Apart from the new MYP1 students we also welcome Vincent Davoust, Oliver Siemek and Kim Se Jin in MYP2. Thierry Davoust joins us in MYP4 and in MYP 5 we welcome Arie Kooij, Jan-Douwe Crediet and Ivo Jonker. Jill Horsefield will joining MYP4 very soon.

We are also very please to welcome several new students to our Diploma Programme. In DP1 Fleur van Beek, Wendy de Boer, Jan-Joost vd Bogert, Anne Korringa, Teun Verstraaten and Benidikt Zaki join us from the TTO department at Maartenscollege in order to continue their international education. Robert Giezen, Michael Haber and Michael Nonni join us from Canada as members of the FC Groningen jeugdopleiding accompanied, and also from Canada we welcome Brandon Bonifacio from FC Cambuur, Leeuwarden. In DP2 we welcome Fay van Zeijl who joins us for her final year from the American International School of Guang-Zhou. **We wish you all a very successful and pleasant time at the ISG!**

Quote of the issue: *Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending*

Carl Bard

And welcome to our new staff!

We welcome Jako Jellema as the new Maths teacher for MYP4

Not new to the ISG but new for the class is Kim Bergman who will be the teacher of English in MYP1 and 2. Ilse Hermie and Marieke Jonker are the new mentors for MYP1 and 4 respectively.

Other News:

SGS

Please note that the SGS courses start for MYP 1-3 on Tuesday 26th September. Ask your child which courses (s)he is enrolled in for the rest of the school year. They will receive this list on Monday the 25th.

CAS

On Friday 22 September DP1 had their introduction to **CAS**, one of the compulsory elements of the IB Diploma Programme. CAS stands for Creativity, Action and Service. For CAS, students have to participate in creative and sport activities and carry out community service activities. All students have to do a minimum of 150 CAS hours spread over the two years of the IB Diploma Programme.

This day was organised by Ms. Strikwerda, the CAS Coordinator and took place in Lauwersoog.

Activities included an outdoor programme with an art-project, organised by Ms. Ingram, the art teacher, a social lunch, prepared by the students, with a bonfire and an activity involving archery and a blowgun. All these activities are intended to explain the meaning and idea of CAS: students widen their horizons, do new things and explore their own possibilities. They will thus experience the aspects Creativity, Activity and Social Service.

There will be full report on this day on the website in the near future!

DP1 in Prague

The DP1 Prague Trip will take place from Monday 16 – Friday 20 October. Accompanied by Mr. Voordes and their mentor, Mr. Giusti, students will travel to Prague by bus, early Monday morning, where they will experience the Czech culture, go to the opera in a beautiful old theatre, visit the former concentration camp Theresienstadt and do lots more. We hope they will have a wonderful time.

Progress Checks: For all classes there will be also progress check after the first 6/8 weeks of school

For DP1&2: Parents of DP1 can expect a phone call from the DP1 mentor, Mr. Giusti (a.j.giusti@home.nl) in the week after the autumn break. In DP2 only parents of new students will be contacted by Ms. Bergman (K.Bergman@maartens.nl).

For MYP1-5:

In former years only new parents received a telephone call from the mentor. This year all parents will be contacted about the progress checks. This is just to establish a first personal contact with mentor and parents and, of course, to keep you informed about your child's progress and well being. In this phone call parents are also encouraged to ask any questions they have on the performance/well being of their child. You can expect this phone call in the week before Autumn break.

If you have any questions before this phone call please don't hesitate to contact

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Or for all MYP classes or general questions contact Jacqueline Eschweiler: j.s.eschweiler@maartens.nl

Mother Tongue Tutors

If any of you know a qualified teacher and native speaker of German, Swedish or Danish and if they are interested in (individual) tutoring for MYP 1-5 students, please ask them to contact Jacqueline Eschweiler.



PSG Meeting: 11 October at 19.30 at home of Connie Lavelle, Hereweg 110, Groningen. Tel: 050 364 0178

Vacancies in PSG Committee: - Class rep parent MYP1 and 2.
- Treasurer.

Please contact: Connie Lavelle: connie_lavelle@yahoo.com

WANTED: English language books. The PSG are building up a stock of English language books in the common room of the ISG. If you have any books left over from the summer holiday please pass them onto the PSG or bring them along to the Esserberg. All donations gratefully received...