



ISG Newsletter

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Letter from the Head...

As the cold weather continues we at the ISG begin to look forward to spring. We have had a busy past month with oral exams beginning and test weeks for MYP4 & 5 and DPI. DP2 realized how close their final exams were as they sat their mocks just after the January break. For the younger students Ms Mehra organised a trip to see exactly what goes on at NAM in Assen. Many thanks to her and Mr Balstra for getting this trip off the ground. MYP5 and interested DP students were treated to a behind the scenes look at a veterinary surgery in Zuidlaren - again thanks are due to Ms Evans and Mvr Meijer for the organization of this event. This week I am escaping the cold weather to attend the international IB MYP conference in Lisbon along with Ms. Eschweiler, Ms. Heller and Mr. van Es. Ms. Jansma and Ms. Evans will be attending the IBDP conference in Paris for Languages A2 on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March. Closer to school redecoration has been approved for the ground floor of the Esserberg and the new televisions and dvd players have been installed in all the classrooms. A busy time lies ahead with final exams for DP2 students (we wish them lots of luck!) and our open morning for new students and parents. As light relief the PSG are organizing great events to fill our social calendars. More details follow. The ice is slowly melting in the pond and we hope that warmer weather is now actually on the way...

Mike Weston. Headteacher

Coming up... for DPI & 2

• DP2 oral exams:

Dutch A1: 21 March;

English A1: 23 March;

French B: 28 March

Dutch B: 30 March

All students will be issued with an individual exam timetable.

On **27 March** DP students have a special activity day. Further details will be confirmed but DPI will have support to begin their extended essays and DP2 will have extra subject support lessons and activities to help with exam preparation.

From **18 April** lessons for **DP2** are by appointment only - their first exam is English A1/A2 on Tuesday, May 2nd.

DPI have a busy time ahead - their May break will be spent in Luebeck, Germany attending the model United Nations. This is an annual event and gives a wonderful experience (organised by Mr. Wilcox) in the working of the UN. Our students will be representing two of the following countries: Iran, Argentina and India. More details about the event can be found on

Quote of the issue: Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. (Mark Twain)

SAVE PAPER! We are trying as an environmentally concerned International School to cut down on unnecessary paper! We would like to begin to use e-mail for items such as short information bulletins and newsletters. This means we need your regularly checked, up to date e-mail address. Please help us by completing the form below and returning it (or sending an e-mail!) - **TOMORROW** - to Charlotte Percival at the ISG (is@maartens.nl). E-mail address will be kept confidential to the school and PSG.

Full name of student: _____ Class: _____

Name of parent: _____ e-mail address: _____

We are happy to receive general communication by e-mail only

We would like an e-mail copy **and** a paper copy of general communication.



The PSG have been busy, busy, busy! Big thanks to them from all of us!

Up to date information and PSG minutes are now on the parents section of the website (www.isgroningen.nl) and the following events are waiting for you to join in!

- Friday 31 March - The Great Art Auction: 19.30 - 21.00, at the Hemmenlaan.
- Saturday April 08 - PSG at the MPC Capitals (Basketball). Tickets (and further information) available from Stephanie Unrein (mother of Troy) on 050 535 2737

Hot food orders and other activities are all happening - please contact the PSG (addresses on the website) if you can help out or have any great fundraising ideas! Watch out for more news on the big ISG Open Day on June 16th!!!

Coming up... for MYPI-5

Monday 27 March all lessons are cancelled for MYPI-5 for the MYP teachers' training day.

Tuesday 28 March MYP4 receive their first introduction to the Personal Project. The Personal Project is a compulsory part of the MYP certification and MYP4 will have from then until January 2007 to complete this activity. Topics have to be chosen, research undertaken and products completed over the rest of this year. A challenging and exciting time for all!

Wednesday 29 March all MYP students will have their student progress day. They will have individual time to discuss their second term reports with their mentors and identify support required as well as setting targets for further improvement.

Monday 30 March MYPI-3 will join in on the HSE assembly on the theme of: "How does Music affect our Health & Society?" Working all day in the Esserberg with TTO1 the students will begin at 10.00 and end at 15.00. Parents are invited to view their outcomes and presentations from 14.00 (in the Mediatheek - Hemmenlaan building).

REPORTS OUT!!! DPI and 2 should expect their Term 2 reports by Monday 20th March. MYP 1-3 Reports will be issued on 17th March and MYP4&5 reports on the 24 March. Please make appointments for the parents' evening (19.00, April 3) as soon as possible after the issue of reports.

Easter Break: The school will be closed for Easter on Friday 14 and Monday 17 April only.

OTHER NEWS: We feel it important to bring your attention to the following information. Thanks to Connect International for making us aware!

"We would like inform you about the importance of the Identification ruling in the Netherlands, especially for children from the age of 14. From 1 January 2005, everyone from 14 years and older MUST carry a valid identification. This should be in the form of a passport or a residence permit card. A copy of these documents is NOT acceptable. With regard to 14 plus minors, on request if they are unable to produce the original documents the child will be taken to the police bureau and parents will be prosecuted (Regional Police Groningen).

According to the law in many European and non-European countries it is not required for minors to carry ID, however this is not the case in the Netherlands. If your child has Dutch citizenship an ID card (NIK) can be issued from the municipality/council for approx 31.25 euros. If you have any further questions or comments regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Connect International at 050 521 4541 or connect@inn.nl"

Changes to the timetable: Due to Jetty Meijer (teacher of Dutch) beginning her maternity leave her classes have been taken over by Marieke Jonker. This has meant some timetable changes such that Dutch is now taught by mentor group in MYPI and 2. An extra lesson for individual support has also been arranged on Fridays in the 7th hour. This lesson is by prior arrangement only and so students in MYPI are generally free after the 5th hour and students in MYP2 are generally free after the 6th hour.

LATIN CLASSES - due to limited interest these will now NOT go ahead... We are looking at alternative ideas - suggestions welcome!

NEW STUDENTS 2006/7 - for all prospective students due to begin in September 2006, we have our annual open morning on Monday 27 April. Students will attend some actual (and fun!) classes in the school and their parents will receive curriculum information and a tour of the facilities. All are welcome - but please contact Jacqueline Eschweiler for more information and an invitation. (j.s.eschweiler@maartens.nl)