



## International School Groningen

Postbus 6105  
9702 HC Groningen  
The Netherlands

Telephone +31 (0) 50 534 00 84  
Fax +31 (0) 50 534 00 56

E-mail [is@maartens.nl](mailto:is@maartens.nl)  
[www.isgroningen.nl](http://www.isgroningen.nl)



07 January 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians of ISG students

Firstly, my very best wishes for a most wonderful and inspirational 2011.

We started the New Year slippery underfoot but with a firm message to set off in the right direction. A meeting with all the students and staff on Monday 3 January reinforced the expectations and mission of the school. This year we are emphasising the 2 R's – 'Respect' and 'Responsibility'. I discussed with the students my expectations of their behaviour, and also what they can expect. This covered all matters from our expectations in the classroom, that in general, *"Teachers should be allowed to teach and Students should be allowed to learn"* to our expectations regarding their environment – for example, litter in bins and *please* not behind radiators! We will be instigating a cleaning up roster for the common room, extra surveillance using the assistance of DP students and we also welcome suggestions to improve the atmosphere in the common room – Ms. Ingram is already looking at providing paintings and drawings from our talented students!

Responsibility involves the ideas that, whilst supported in every aspect by teachers, the students are themselves responsible for their own learning. Completing agendas when homework is issued, reporting correctly when late, how to catch up homework when absent were all matters discussed.

We have simple and straightforward school rules: these are shown in the homework agenda. We will also be placing them on the 'new' website. I hope that you can support the school in your discussions at home.

On the subject of the 'new' website: we will soon be moving over to a totally new design: this is now to be seen by following the link on the current site, and will be become the main site by the end of this month. The new site is easier to navigate and also easier to update and will become the main source of information for the school. We welcome comments and suggestions so please have a look when you have a moment! We will be making sure that all the information required by parents, including a frequently updated "Frequently Asked Questions" page will soon materialize. We are also investigating a virtual video tour of the school as well as 'a day in the life of the ISG' blog written by some of our students!

To conclude, some dates for the diary. The complete calendar can also be found on the site, but in the meantime some additions should be noted.

- Tomorrow, 8 Jan, DP1 Dutch A will be going to the theatre
- **Monday 10 January, all lessons will be cancelled from 14.20 for a staff meeting.**
- 'Open Morning' for prospective students will be held on 21 April at 08.30 – 12.00
- Sports Day for MYP4 and 5 is on 16 February – more information from Ms Ten Kate
- Careers day, MYP4 and 5 will be on March 4.
- And, please remember, the PSG Games Evening on February 4<sup>th</sup> – all ISG families are expected!

A final plea, the driveway of the Esserberg is becoming dangerously busy between 08.00 and 08.30 every morning. There has been a near accident already this year and can I please request that you do NOT enter the driveway just to drop off your children at this time. There is limited turning space and not enough room for pedestrians, staff parking and also parents dropping off children. Please use the Shell garage if you are heading towards Groningen or the bus stop opposite the school if heading towards Haren.

My best wishes for a happy 2011,

Kind regards,

**M. B. Weston**  
Head of School