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Letter from the Head of School - 20th Anniversary Edition

Dear Parents,

This week we are celebrating 20 years since the inception of ISGR!

Approximately 25 years ago, the need for an international school to facilitate the growth of the Gothenburg Region was collectively identified by politicians and confirmed by companies. The purpose was to enrich the Region both economically and culturally by ensuring crossover benefits for both the international community and local communities alike. The drive and support for the school came from both companies and politicians, and in 1997 ISGR was founded with just over 100 students. Today, including IHGR which is celebrating it's 15th year anniversary, we have well over 1000 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.



Celebrations commenced at Guldheden Campus with the cutting of the official anniversary ribbon and will culminate on Friday evening with a special dinner event. During the week we have lots of activities for students at both campuses.

Our School Values, which have been developed through student, staff and school community consultation over the past year, are the theme for the celebrations. Particularly we will focus on DIVERSITY and COMMUNITY, but hope QUALITY will shine through!



Quality

- We provide an education that is reflective, adaptive and challenging
- We guide students to reach their full academic and personal potential in order to create a better world

Diversity

- We view cultural diversity as a source of enrichment
- We embrace the academic diversity in our students

Community

- We nurture our school community with care and respect
- We make local and global connections

At Guldheden Campus our primary school students will be involved in commemorative t-shirt decorating; pyjama day dress up; outdoor activities with students wearing the colours of their country's flags; embrace DIVERSITY through a walk around the world with classrooms converted to countries; and an experiment workshop, which is part of The Gothenburg Science Fair 'Vetenskapsfestivalen'.

At Göteborg Campus our middle school students will be decorating commemorative tote bags; reflecting on what home and COMMUNITY means to them through a community art project; attending a workshop at the Museum of World Culture in an exhibition that is called "Crossroads"; and eating cake at the Cake Buffet in the Student Centre.

Helping Hand Day: 1st of June

Recently a small group of ISGR and IHGR staff members were in Uganda, teaching and learning at the High Standard Christian School. Next year some students and teachers will have the opportunity to spend some time there to strengthen the bond and exchange between our schools. The school in Uganda is also celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. On the 1st of June, 2017 all of our LGRM and MYP students will be working outside of school to raise funds to purchase specific supplies for the school in Uganda. This is the beginning of a new collaboration, strengthening our values DIVERSITY and COMMUNITY on an international level.

20 years of service is a significant achievement for our School and has resulted in many students and families joining our diverse community of learners. ISGR has grown and developed in many ways since its inception. With your support, we hope to continue fulfilling our Vision for ISGR/IHGR to be a leading international educator with a community of passionate life-long learners, inspiring global citizens to embrace diversity and explore the world!

Kind regards,

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