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THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT



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EMBRACE DIVERSITY, EXPLORE THE WORLD!

Since 1997, ISGR has been operated by the Gothenburg Region's municipal association (GR), and is owned by the thirteen municipalities within the region. ISGR is a school for the entire region of Gothenburg. ISGR is the only school in Gothenburg to offer the international program, International Baccalaureate, IB. It is a worldwide education which exists at 2700 schools around the world. Our education is provided in English for students between the ages of 5 and 18. For the past fifteen years we have increased from 180 students, to the current total of 950 students, who represent more than 60 different nationalities. The school also offers a national section which follows the Swedish curriculum LGR 11. The national section is directly subordinate to GR's municipal association, comprised of political and business representatives with a politician as chair person. The international section of ISGR is run as a company. The Board of Directors consists of politicians from GR's municipalities and representatives from businesses in the region. The chairperson of the board is Kristina Tharing and the vice chair is Carola Granell.

An international section with an IB programme

IB is an international schooling system which offers continuity in schooling, as well as a secure and qualitative education. Regardless of where the IB school is located in the world, the teachers work with the same work approach and methodology. This means that the student can do their first school years at an IB school overseas, and continue their schooling with us in Gothenburg, without their schooling being affected. Furthermore, all our teachers are internationally experienced educators. In this way, ISGR is an important school for the Gothenburg Region in terms of being able to offer an international primary and high school education, of high standard, to the children of employees at the businesses and academia within the region.

Welcome to ISGR!

Our vision for ISGR/IHGR is to be a leading international school with a focus on life-long learning, which inspires our students to appreciate diversity and to explore the outside world. Our international and Swedish sections work closely together in different projects. IT is more actively integrated into the learning and the education is adapted according to each student's prerequisites.

With students and staff of over 60 different nationalities, the school offers membership to a culturally diverse school population. We look forward to welcoming you to our community of students from across the world!

Birgitta Sandström-Barac, Head of school





AN IMPORTANT SCHOOL FOR THE GOTHENBURG REGION

Access to foreign experts is of the utmost importance for our region, and its development. Many overseas companies are established here, while domestic companies also need expatriates within their organisations. The single most important factor to attract these, is access to a high quality international education. Since 1997, ISGR has provided this service to industry and public organisations.

Since our Swedish and international sections work closely together, the integration of the expatriate students is facilitated. Furthermore, we have an agreement with the region to provide admissions to the international section at short notice, in order to ensure the region's continuing attractiveness for employers and employees.

International schools are often compared to one another. All international schools have similarities, but they are also characterised by the culture of the country in which the school is located. It is extremely important that the Gothenburg region is able to offer an international school of high standard. We measure well at the pedagogical and organisational level, as shown by our quality certification by the Council of International Schools, CIS, and by the IB organisation's regular check-ups of ISGRs work.

ISGR is currently divided into two school buildings. We hope to be able to become established in a suitable campus in the near future.

It is crucial for regional and indeed even national competitiveness and growth that we receive international experts, who live and work in our part of the world. In that context, the school is almost always a deciding factor in the decision of "whether or not to move". Therefore, it is important for us to affirm the international school's function, both qualitatively and in terms of the current challenge of finding larger and more modern facilities, so that together we can ensure a flow of new employees and ideas to the Gothenburg region.

The members of ISGR's Board – Peter Nyström, AstraZeneca Mölndal, Birgitta Claesson Roll, Volvo Ltd., and Björn Sällström, Volvo Cars

Criteria for admission to the international section is that the family has signed a contract with a company or an institution in the Gothenburg region, or that the family is returning home following a stay abroad. Families that have signed a contract and need to move abroad also have the opportunity to be placed at the school. We have a queue for the national section of the school. Siblings and local residents are given first priority, thereafter there is a lottery system.





INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN A SECURE AND DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENT

In a good pedagogical environment we offer a secure and dynamic schooling, where the students are prepared for the future! We care for our students and offer a schooling environment with a high teacher to student ratio, which offers each student the possibility of being seen. At ISGR we work according to differentiated learning, where the education is adapted according to every student, and where the student is allowed to work at their own pace.

Our teachers come from all around the world and have a shared interest in, and enthusiasm for international education. We also feel that it is important to create an understanding of the Swedish culture. The international and the Swedish sections work in close cooperation for linguistic and cultural exchange. We also offer mother-tongue education in all languages, and all of our students learn the Swedish language. At ISGR we believe in a vibrant school environment. Each of the classrooms have technological possibilities, there is a school library which supports the students in their learning, not to mention ac-

cess to a fun and safe outdoor environment and afternoon activities through ISGR Sports Club. These are just some of the aspects that create a stimulating school. That there is positive, daily contact between the school and home is a prerequisite for the students to achieve good results in their school work. Therefore, we have close contact with the parents. Together we will develop the school! Our recreation centre, PAL, caters to students who have parents that work or study. PAL is open before school starts in the morning and after school ends.





One internationally minded school culture

I love the physical education and that so much IT is used in the teaching. We often use ipads in the classroom, for various subjects. ISGR is so different to other schools, because it's international and I learn so many new languages and cultures that way. Mathematics is also fun – we do many experiments, for example when we had to close our eyes and do calculations. That was when I learnt how it would be to do mathematics if I was blind. My teachers are always extra helpful. I get help as soon as I ask for it. My classmates are really nice. I give ISGR 95 points out of a possible 100.



Begad, 11 years old, is in his third year at PYP.

I'm really happy at ISGR. There is a great atmosphere here. The manner of learning suits me really well. We get to work more by ourselves and think more for ourselves, and be creative. The music is absolutely amazing. I love the creative subjects and wish we had even more time for those. I have a lot of great friends at ISGR. Really great teachers. This is as close as possible to being a perfect school.



Hedda, 11 years old, has been attending ISGR's national section since she started in the fourth grade.

The move between Gothenburg and Mexico City was a difficult transition, so it was extremely important that the children felt at home instantly in another international school. When facing the choice of moving abroad, it is crucial that the schooling works for one's children, otherwise it is easy to refrain from moving. Naturally, this internationally characterised region should be able to offer a school like this, even for those who already live here. It is an important signal.



Lars-Göran Larsson, parent

I am pleased we chose ISGR for our 7 year old daughter, as the school is providing her with a good all round education. I like the enquiry based style of learning, it is similar to the approach she experienced in her English school, and is teaching her to be an independent thinker and learner. ISGR is teaching her that she is responsible for her education and progress. It is great that she is able to assess and discuss her strengths and identify areas that need more work. I know that this way of thinking and learning will be very helpful in her future education and career. I love the international experience she is getting at ISGR, she has learnt so much about different cultures and countries. I like the atmosphere at the school, it feels energetic and it is diverse, the teachers and leaders are visible to parents and children and the head of ISGR is always actively seeking to understand how it could improve.



Sarah Loddick, parent

OUR VISION - AN EDUCATIONAL CENTRE IN GOTHENBURG



Since 1997, our development has been positive and applications for ISGR are high. A continuous increase in the number of students means that our classes are now quite cramped. By using provisional pavilions, we can continue to admit students, but in a few years time we will have a lack of space for a larger number of students.

Our vision is to create an international education centre in Gothenburg. This would give us even more opportunity to offer an international junior and high school education. By collecting all the school's activities in the same place, the

school's identity will be strengthened. Resources can be used more effectively, while safety and availability can increase.



Our vision for ISGR/ IHGR is to be a leading international educator with a community of passionate life-long learners, inspiring global citizens to embrace diversity and explore the world.

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