



15th September 2016, Gothenburg

Start of Academic Year Letter from the Head of School

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Head of School Letter for the new academic year. A special welcome for those parents who are new to ISGR and to new to Gothenburg. We hope that all are settling in well to the Autumn Term and enjoying the nice Autumn weather!

Recently we concluded the Introductory/Open House evenings for each section in the School. Attached you will find copies of the presentations from the evenings for your revision or in case you were unable to attend. If you have follow up questions, please contact your student's class teacher or Advisor, who will ensure you receive all the necessary information. If you have additional questions about the school programme, please contact the relevant Principal.

Our Principals, Deputies (and International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinators) for each of the School sections are as follows:

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IB Coordinator, Lee Brown: Lee.Brown@isgr.se

Parent Council

Our Parent Council has been established to deal with broader school issues. Representatives for the parent councils are currently being finalised. Please contact your section principal if you are interested in applying to join or finding out more information about the parent council groups. Parent Council members will be listed in the Parent Zone of the ISGR website:

www.isgr.se/parentcouncil

PTA

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) provides vital links between the school and our families, old and new. You may have already seen the PTA in action at 'Newcomers' days and at the first big event for the year, the Welcome BBQ, where about 200 people enjoyed a very pleasant day with parents and students preparing BBQ food, salads, drinks and popcorn!

Further information on the PTA, including its country representatives, newsletters, t-shirt & hoodie sales, and many more social & fundraising events, is available on the PTA webpage at:

www.isgr.se/pta

Key dates for 2016-17 Academic Year

Fall term break: ('Week 44'), 31st October - 6th November, 2016

Last day of Fall Term: 21st December, 2016

First day of 2016 Spring Term: 10th January, 2017

Recruitment of Leadership positions at PYP

The recruitment process for Leadership positions at PYP has commenced with the advertisement of the PYP Principal position calling for applications by 10th October, with a short list of candidates to be ready in early November. The advertisement can be found on the ISGR website at: <http://www.isgr.se/int/job-opportunities.php> and also the Council of International Schools (CIS) website at: <http://www.cois.org/page.cfm?p=3144> Questions or feedback about the recruitment process and criteria for Leadership positions at PYP can be directed through the Parent Council.

Bus and Tram Cards

Bus cards are provided by the Municipality of Gothenburg for students living within the municipality of Gothenburg for free from the age of 7. It is free to use on weekdays. Please note that a student must be registered at the tax office and have a Swedish Personal Number.

It is the municipality that orders the bus cards, no longer the schools. Each municipality orders cards for students living in their municipality. If you and your child live in another municipality than Gothenburg, please contact your municipality directly.

Please find below contact details for the Gothenburg municipality, divided by sub-areas:

Angered: skolkort@angered.goteborg.se

Östra Göteborg: skolkort@ostra.goteborg.se

Örgryte-Härlanda: skolkort@orgryteharlanda.goteborg.se

Centrum: skolkort@centrum.goteborg.se

Majorna-Linne: skolkort@majornalinne.goteborg.se
Askim-Frölunda-Högsbo: skolkort@afh.goteborg.se
Västra Göteborg: skolkort@vastra.goteborg.se
Västra Hisingen: skolkort@vastrahisingen.goteborg.se
Norra Hisingen: skolkort@norrahisingen.goteborg.se
Lundby: skolkort@lundby.goteborg.se

The bus cards can be used during these times:

Students in grades K-5: 4:00am to 7pm

Students in grades 6-9: 4:00am -10:00pm

Lost cards: Please contact your municipality.

Students should be aware that if their card is lost or stolen then they will have to pay 50 SEK for a replacement.

ISGR continues to provide a contribution towards a bus card for students unable to obtain a card in municipalities outside Gothenburg Centre. Parents can apply for this contribution by emailing the Business Manager, Imre Tomasits: Imre.Tomasits@isgr.se

Facilities update

Much work has been done over the summer by a busy Facilities & Services team, along with various contractors, to help improve our facilities.

At Guldheden Campus, the Reception area has been refreshed with a nice face-lift. On floor B3 the classroom doors have been repainted. In the PE Hall new cupboards have been installed, there are new student lockers in the boy's dressing rooms. The Art room has a repaired floor with a new carpet. Work on the exterior of the building is continuing and is expected to be completed by October.

At Götaberg Campus, we are working on a new student centre arrangement outside the library. We are also looking at ways to improve the Götaberg Reception to align with the new Guldheden Reception. New lockers are also being installed at Götaberg Campus, beginning with level two. The Götaberg Bamba (lunch room) exterior has needed some extra work and it is now expected to be completed by the end of November.

Thank you for joining the ISGR community and we look forward to a year full of learning for young and old alike! I plan to write to parents in this way monthly, so please look out for my next letter soon.

Kind regards,

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