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Sportlov Update 2015

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have experienced a good start to the Spring term. We have been fortunate to have some snow falling and brightening up the days. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the term break we know as “Sportlov” (week 7), but perhaps this is an indicator of a smooth start to the term. For those families who are new to Gothenburg, Sportlov is the traditional time for ‘Gothenburgers’ to go skiing or enjoy other winter activities with their families.

After the break, there will be an information evening for parents where we will explain our differentiation methods used in the classroom. In simple terms, differentiation means reaching every student at their own level, but this concept will be explored in-depth during the session. The evening will be on Tuesday 31st of March, commencing at 6pm in the Aula at Götaberg Campus and is designed for both PYP and MYP parents. More information will be sent via your Principal in the coming weeks.

Recently, we have been discussing our approach to student developmental talks, which are an important part of the IB programme. At PYP, the intention is to have the student involved in the learning process. Parents are always welcome to make separate appointments with the teacher throughout the year. However, upon request, a portion of development talk can be allocated to just a parent and teacher discussion. For MYP, it is optional for the student to be in attendance, and families can decide on what they feel is most suitable for them. Development talks are occurring on 26th March for PYP, and for MYP they occur on 21st and 23rd of April. Sign-up information will be provided closer to the dates.

The results of the standardised tests undertaken at the start of last term will be sent to each participating MYP student on Tuesday 17th February. At PYP, the results were sent out at the end of last term. We are using the ‘International Schools’ Assessment’ (ISA) from the ‘Australian Council for Education Research’ (ACER). The ISA is especially relevant for us as it is based on results from sample international schools all over the world. Results are indicating that we are in good standing compared to similar schools, however more longitudinal data is needed to make comparisons and identify trends.

Applications for students to join ISGR in the new academic year are beginning to be submitted and activity in the admissions department will increase over the coming months. We have appointed a new Admissions Officer to assist with the demand in this area. Her name is Vanessa Molina Gabinus, and she has a background in administration and relocation services.

School dates for the new academic year (including holiday dates) will be published on the website calendar after the break. Please remember to regularly check the school calendars online in the “Parent Zone” of our website for the latest information on all important dates: <http://www.isgr.se/int/calendar.php>

I hope you have a safe and refreshing break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in week 8!

Yours faithfully,

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