



7<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

## **Welcome to the Spring Term 2015!**

Dear Parents,

I hope that you enjoyed a pleasant time during the winter holiday and New Year period, and that our students are all refreshed and ready to come back to a new school term. We are also welcoming 25 new students to the international section, having said farewell to 15 students at the end of the autumn term.

A major objective of this term for ISGR is to work on the Council of International School's (CIS) accreditation process, to ensure we are on target to be renewed by 2017. The areas we will focus on are linked to our School vision and goals, including differentiation in the classroom, working with new technology for learning, and to utilize the advantages we have with two sections and many cultures.

I would also like to inform you that at the end of last term the PYP Principal Robert Butler resigned from his position for personal reasons. The PYP Principal for this term will be Marilyn James. Marilyn has previous experience in this position. The current PYP Coordinators, Ellen Trelles and Moragh Randall, will share the role of Deputy Principal and PYP Coordinator for the term. PYP parents are encouraged to contact these people with any questions about the programme. A review and recruitment process involving Parent Council input will be undertaken to determine these positions for the 2015/16 academic year.

In continued efforts to provide more information to parents about the organisation of the School, we are planning to send out translated summaries of Board meetings and major decisions. We will also send out a summary of the School budget, with the next letter in a few weeks' time. We hope that this information will provide greater insight to the running of the School.

We are excited about the term ahead with the many highlights it holds for us, including the reading and culture weeks, and various exhibitions - more details will be provided throughout

the term, and please regularly check the school calendars online in the “Parent Zone” of our website for the latest information on important dates: <http://www.isgr.se/int/calendar.php>

We are eager to see everyone safely back to school tomorrow and wish all parents and students a successful start to the Spring Term!

Yours faithfully,

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