



12th March, 2015

Mid-term Update 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this mid-term update as we start to see signs of spring and noticeably more light!

It is also a time for lots of activity in the ISGR community. Recently, the PTA has been very busy with events including the primary disco party. Thank you to the disco committee – led by Dorte Holm Egeskov and Karen Bannerman – who helped make it a success. For middle years' students, there was a Beach Volleyball event on Sunday the 1st of March.

We held an information session on assessment for PYP, at the PYP Parent coffee morning on 10th March from 10:30-11:30am. This session was led by both the PYP Coordinator, Ellen Trelles, and Deputy Principal, Moragh Randall, who explained our approach to student assessment. The next PYP Parent coffee mornings will take place on 14th April and 19th May from 8:45-9:45am to allow parents to attend directly after dropping off students for class.

A reminder, that there is an information evening for parents where we will explain one of our School goals, which is to further develop our differentiation methods used in the classroom to reach every student at their own level. The evening discussion on this topic will be held on Tuesday 31st March, commencing at 6pm in the Aula at Götaberg Campus, and is designed for both PYP and MYP parents.

Due to recent National and Municipality elections, the composition of the ISGR Board will be changing. The political representatives of the Board are determined by election results, and the company representation is determined by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

The new Board will be constituted in May. Due to the composition of the Board needing to reflect the political mandates in the Gothenburg Region, there could be many changes. We anticipated seeing changes by this time, but the election committee hasn't made a final decision on how the political parties will be represented. The current Board has therefore decided that the new Board should be involved in upcoming decisions affecting the future of the School. This includes the review and recruitment process for leadership positions in PYP.

This approach also aligns with common practice in international recruitment for school leadership positions, which usually occurs in the November/December period. In order to have a top selection of PYP Principal candidates, we will be opening applications before this time.

The PYP Principal recruitment process will follow the below schedule:

Date	Step
19 th March 2015	Head of School to meet with PYP Parents at the PYP coffee morning to explain the political process and constitution of the Board, along with the plan for the PYP Principal recruitment process. <i>– 8:45am at the Football Club</i>
4 th September 2015	Head of School to hold an open parent meeting to detail the recruitment process and discuss the involvement from school community stakeholder groups
October 2015	Advertisements to be placed in international media
November/December 2015	Candidates interviewed by selection committee
January/February 2016	Decision announced

Current PYP Principal, Marilyn James, will continue in the role until we are able to complete the recruitment process. She will continue to be accompanied by a Deputy Principal, Moragh Randall, and a PYP Coordinator, Ellen Trelles.

In MYP, the roles of Deputy Principal and Coordinator will also be separated for the next academic year. The separation of the roles is intended to facilitate pedagogical development of the IB programme and its implementation with student and parent involvement. It is also designed to allow the Principals to focus more of their time on matters relating to students and parents.

School dates for the new academic year (including holiday dates) are being published on respective section website calendars. 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>

Yours faithfully,

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