



19th April 2018, Gothenburg

## Letter from the Head of School

Dear Parents,

After a late Gothenburg winter the days are now noticeably longer and we are welcoming the warmer weather and springtime activities! It is a busy time in the academic year, with assessment periods, student development talks, and preparations for various exhibitions of student projects.

### Evaluation Visits

We continue our work on accreditations with the International Baccalaureate (IB) organisation and final phases of our five-year IB evaluation for the MYP. Final documentation was submitted in early February and the next step is the IB team visit from 7th-9th May 2018.

The Swedish Schools Inspectorate 'Skolinspektionen' is responsible for evaluating and assessing schools to ensure compliance with Swedish rules and regulations. Skolinspektionen previously postponed its visit in Spring 2017 and is now scheduled to visit this year in early May. The visit will focus on our international section, looking at the teaching and learning offered in PYP and MYP. It will also look at our routines for supporting special needs, including the role of the health team (EHT), and our school well-being plan with regard to how we work to prevent discrimination.

### Nordic Network Conference

From 27th-29th April 2018, ISGR will host the annual Nordic Network Conference. It is an international event with significant regional importance for educators. The event attracts approximately 300 international education professionals over the three days. Attendees are from a mix of predominantly Nordic country international (IB) schools, but also other (international) English speaking schools, and local schools from the Gothenburg Region. Many ISGR staff are taking key roles in organising the conference to ensure it is a productive, professional development event. Last time we hosted the conference was in 2013 and we are again preparing for a significant and successful event!

### PTA Fundraising

Through fundraising efforts, including the annual Winter Bazaar, the PTA have raised approximately SEK 100,000 for ISGR. This year, funds are being allocated to IT equipment,

and contributing to our goal of providing students with Chromebooks - 1 to 1 for students in grades 5-10 (international) and 5-9 (national).

A big thank you to the PTA for their ongoing contribution. The events help build our community and the funding helps to continue developing our school.

### **School Facilities Improvements**

#### *Guldheden Campus*

Construction of a new weather shelter will commence at the end of April. The weather shelter will provide a new place for students, staff and parents to use during various weather conditions. Towards the end of May, work on improvements to the playground will begin. The first area to be addressed will be by the Hill around the 'Friendship' swing. Existing equipment will be renovated and additional play equipment will be installed. New multipurpose surfaces will be laid to increase safety and assist with drainage. Renovation work in the PE Hall changerooms has been completed. Broader renovation work in the gyms, previously scheduled for this term, will now be planned for the new academic year - PE classes will therefore operate as normal.

#### *Götaberg Campus*

New classrooms in the portable cabins are now fully installed and currently being used for two LgrM grade 6 classes, with the other two rooms utilised for additional classes for other grade levels in both sections. Teachers also have a new resources in the facility, and it has allowed us to reopen the Student Centre in its original room on the fourth floor of the main building. Planning to develop outside areas suitable for middle years students at Götaberg Campus is also continuing.

### **International Section Withdrawals & Fees**

The deadline for submitting student withdrawal forms for the international section of ISGR is 30th of April. Please submit a withdrawal form prior to this date if your child will not attend the New Academic Year 2018-2019 at ISGR. You will otherwise need to pay the late withdrawal fee to cover the costs of holding the place in school. Withdrawal forms can be found online at the following link: <http://isgr.se/documents/forms/>

Completed & signed withdrawal forms should be emailed to: [admissions@isgr.se](mailto:admissions@isgr.se)

Please also note that the last installment of the School Fee for the spring term must be paid by the 31st of May. Further information is available in the attached copy of the 'School Fee Payment Plan' letter, which was previously sent to you with your invoice.

Kind regards,

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