



20th August 2018, Gothenburg

Start of Academic Year Letter from the Head of School

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-19 academic year at ISGR! This is the first Head of School Letter for the new academic year, where I provide you with an overview of important information and highlights across the whole School. A special welcome for those parents who are new to ISGR and new to Gothenburg!

We hope that you have all enjoyed a nice summer and that you are ready for the various start of year activities, which are organised to welcome back returning families and introduce new families to the ISGR community. Information about start-up activities, including our Open House evenings and PTA social events, will be provided through our school Admin Systems: [ManageBac and SchoolSoft](#). Please check these systems regularly to ensure your details are up-to-date and you don't miss any important school information.

We encourage all parents (new and old) to read the 2018-19 editions of the Handbooks at www.isgr.se/handbooks and keep informed about ISGR procedures. We also suggest you review our pedagogical, health & well-being and admin policies which are listed on our website at: [ISGR Policies](#).

Community News

It is with regret that I report some sad news to our community. Our former colleague Göran Norby passed away this summer. Göran worked at ISGR for 20 years and retired in 2016. The funeral took place on the 2nd of August and flowers were sent on behalf of ISGR. We also had the devastating news that one of our graduating students, Christy Billow passed away. Christy graduated from MYP10 in June and was to start at Hvitfeldtska now in August. The MYP Principal is working with (EHT) the Health teams at ISGR, IHGR and Hvitfeldtska to offer support to her former class colleagues. We will also send flowers to the private funeral, being held by Christy's family. Our thoughts are with the family but we ask that their privacy be respected at this time.

School Facilities

At Guldheden Campus, we are looking forward to seeing students utilise the new playground facilities, which were completed over the summer. We are continuing planning with the same company to make improvements to outdoor areas at the Götaberg Campus.

Pedagogical Leaders

I would like to inform you that the principal for the national section, Ingegerd Löfroth Hildén is on sick leave until the middle of September. Kristina Stenvall will substitute for Ingegerd during her absence. Kristina has many years of experience as a school leader.

If you have questions about the school programmes, please contact the relevant Principal, Deputy or (IB) Coordinator:

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Parent Groups

Our Parent Council has been established to deal with broader school issues. Please contact your section Principal if you are interested in applying to join or in finding out more information about the parent council groups or visit: www.isgr.se/parentcouncil

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) provides vital links between the school and our families, old and new. For further information on the PTA, including its Country Representatives, Newsletters, t-shirt & hoodie sales, and many more social & fundraising events, please visit the PTA webpage at: www.isgr.se/pta The PTA also supports new parents in finding after school activities for students, which in Sweden are provided by municipalities and clubs, including the [ISGR Sports Club](#). The PTA Handbook contains a list of other providers, including lessons in music, dance, theatre, (e.g. [Kulturskolan](#)) computer programming (e.g. [Chalmers University](#)), and a variety of sports clubs in the region.

Key dates for 2018-19 Academic Year

<i>PTA Welcome Back Coffee/Tea Morning:</i>	Friday, 31st August, 2018
<i>ISGR Family Day BBQ:</i>	Saturday, 8th September, 2018
<i>Fall Term break ('Week 44'):</i>	29th October to 2nd November 2018
<i>Last day of Fall Term:</i>	Thursday 20th December, 2018
<i>First day of 2018-19 Spring Term:</i>	Tuesday, 8th January, 2019

Thank you for being a part of the ISGR community. We look forward to a year full of learning where we embrace diversity and explore the world! I write to parents in this way monthly, so please look out for my next letter soon.

Kind regards,

Birgitta Sandström Barac
Head of School

