



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Ikast-Brande

Letter from the Head of School 22 January 2021

Dear Parents

Online learning

We know that online learning is challenging: not only for children, but also for their parents. This week's survey of primary parents highlighted that online learning is not a substitute for the full in-school ISIB experience! However, we were pleased by the many positive and supportive comments from parents about the efforts being made by our teaching team to deliver high-quality online learning, and varied activities. Mr Mate Aros' recent Instagram video of a typical online PE lesson was a great example of this, and has proven to be an overnight internet hit! We look forward to seeing more examples of ISIB online learning, with a video one of Ms Milica Obucina's music lessons already in the pipeline. I am grateful to Mr Gert Broekema for offering to help our colleagues with his extensive video-editing skills.

If you are struggling to balance your own commitments at home with the needs of your children (for example, if you are also working from home), whether they are in Year 1 or are adolescents studying for their IGCSE examinations, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. We are here to help, both with academic issues and with your children's well-being.

Parent-Teacher Meeting, Wednesday 20 January

I am delighted by the feedback we have received from parents and teachers alike about this past Wednesday's online parent-teacher meetings. The online booking system worked smoothly, the meetings ran on time, and the conversations between parents and teachers were productive and useful for all involved. A short parents' survey will be sent out to the relevant parents soon, so that you can share your experiences with us. This information will be used to make future parent-teacher meetings as efficient and helpful as possible for you and your children.

Online coffee mornings

Our second online coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 26 January, starting at 10.30am. Invitations have been sent to twelve randomly selected families across the full age range of our students, from Early Years to Year 11. If you were among them, please confirm your attendance by Monday 25 January at 12 noon at the latest. We will be joined by Ms Kerry Bell.



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This is my last weekly newsletter to you all. For the remainder of the transition period I will continue to work in a consultative capacity on strategic issues, and to ensure that key initiatives will be sustained in the long term.

I would like to thank everyone at the school and in the wider community for your warm welcome, support, and friendship during this time. I am proud of what has been achieved by the ISIB team already this year, and I am excited by the changes that will take root in the years to come. The school is blessed with a talented, enthusiastic and skilled team in all areas, and you can be confident that ISIB is on course to continue growing and thriving, as are your children. It has been a privilege to have the chance to write a chapter in the school's history: had it not been for the family circumstances I wrote about last week, I would happily have written a much longer one!

With best wishes to you all,

Regards / Venlig hilsen

Tom Wilde, Head of School