

Letter from the Head of School 9 October 2020



Dear Parents,

National Exercise Day

Today is National Exercise Day, and the teachers and students looked very smart and active in their blue ISIB sports kits. I was able to ride my bike to and from school, although I will need to do a lot more cycling if I want to burn off the calories in the many Danish pastries I have eaten lately.

There have been various activities today with the primary children, including an obstacle course, and the secondary students have an online fitness challenge to complete during the break. I look forward to seeing their results! My thanks to Mr Mate Aros for organizing these events, and to Sports 24 in Strøgcentret Ikast for providing prizes for the secondary students who complete the best challenges.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

My thanks to all of the parents who attended the first parent-teacher meetings of the school year, and to the teachers for working three long days in a row to ensure everyone had the chance to hear about their children's progress so far this year. The feedback I have received from teachers and parents alike has been very positive. Hjertet proved to be an ideal venue for the occasion, and I am grateful to parents for respecting the requirements for social distancing. We look forward to being able to invite all parents to our second parent-teacher meetings later in the year, Covid-19 permitting!

Community partnerships: Handelsgymnasiet Ikast-Brande and Ikast-Brande Gymnasium

Recently Ms Bell and I visited Elisabeth Egholm Hattens at Handelsgymnasiet Ikast, to learn more about HHX and the business-related courses they offer. These courses would be ideal for a number of our students when they graduate from ISIB, and we look forward to building stronger links with Handelsgymnasiet over the course of the year.

Our partnership with the Ikast-Brande Gymnasium (IBG) is also bearing fruit, in the form of the new Spanish Club which will run every Tuesday and Thursday after the break. Several students at ISIB have signed up to take part, and I encourage more secondary students to seize this valuable opportunity to start learning Spanish in a fun and interactive way. Four IB Diploma students from IBG will be running the club, with the support of Ms Anglada. We look forward to more such collaborative projects! Email Ms Anglada at noemianglada@isib.dk if your child would like to join (Year 7 upwards).



Learning beyond the classroom: our new co-curricular programme

We are planning to launch a full programme of co-curricular activities which will take place after school from Mondays to Fridays, for primary students (from 1420-1500) and for secondary students (from 1510-1600). This programme is due to start in January 2021. The ISIB teachers have already signed up to indicate which activities they would like to offer, and Ms Bell is drafting a schedule for how the programme could look in the spring term. We have been in discussion with several outside providers such as the Midtjylland Dance Academy, the Bridge Club, and Phil Brooks (instructor in the Kuk Suul Won martial art), so that we can broaden our co-curricular programme even further.

Raising our online profile

As you may have seen, we have now reached our initial target of having over 100 followers on Instagram and Facebook. I hope you enjoy following school news and events on these social media. As part of our online strategy, Mr Marshall is continuing his good work on the exciting redesign of the school website, which we hope to launch before the end of this year.

On behalf of everyone on the ISIB team, I wish you and your family a refreshing half-term break.

Regards / Med venlig hilsen

Tom Wilde, Head of School