



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ALTDORF

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Editorial

Dear Parents, Dear Students

As the winter season draws near, we are thrilled to announce the launch of a new and exciting communication channel for the ISA community. Starting this November, our newsletter will become a regular bi-weekly feature in your inbox, arriving every Thursday. We are eager to take you on an engaging and informative educational journey that will help us stay connected and informed throughout the colder months and beyond.

Communication is a key factor in fostering a thriving community, and we believe this newsletter will serve as a vital bridge between the ISA community members, providing you with valuable insights, updates, and opportunities. Whether you are a student, parent, teacher, or supporter, this newsletter is designed with you in mind.

We invite you to embark on this educational journey with us, and we encourage you to actively participate in shaping the content of our newsletter. Your feedback, suggestions, and contributions are invaluable in making this communication channel a success.



Warm regards,


Hans Hürlimann

Director / Member of the Board



Academic

MYP/DP News

English Support

Starting from 9 October, students ranging from MYP to DP will have extra focused English lessons twice weekly. Their improved English skills will be fundamental in strengthening and accelerating their learning process as they will be able to better access other lessons and communicate with their peers. We encourage students to make the most of these lessons. These lessons will be taught by Ms. Jayne Kyte, an IELTS examiner and trainer.

Mathematics Support

Starting on the week of 23 October, from MYP 5 to DP2, there will be extra support classes for Mathematics, taught by Ms Fanny Beaudier. All students currently achieving low grades will be automatically enrolled in these mandatory support classes. All these extra classes will be recorded in Managebac. We will post regular updates on academic progress in this area on Managebac.

Looking Ahead ...

From 11 to 20 December, MYP 4 and 5, DP1 will have their end-of-semester exams. They will have a special schedule so they would be able to sit properly for these exams. DP2 will have lessons as usual, and they will also have their Mock orals for languages.

The Academic team wish them all the best for these exams.

Author: Nicoletta Scalabrin & John Blake

University Counseling

It is full steam ahead with the university applications at International School Altdorf. Some of our DP2 students have sent early applications to universities in the USA, UK and Hong Kong. The rest of the students are busily working on their personal essays and personal statements to complete their applications by the end of December.

Our MYP and DP1 students are busily researching summer programmes to boost their applications in the future.

Author: Nicoletta Scalabrin & John Blake

Health, Resilience and Well-being

Student Survey

In a student survey focused on health, resilience, and well-being as part of quality management, 135 items were queried. The results highlight areas needing improvement, such as stress management, psychological support, and social interactions. Based on these findings, measures will be recommended to enhance students' well-being.

We are now in the process of interpreting the results and putting them into the overall context. We will be happy to keep you up to date.

Author: Hans Hürlimann

Activities and Clubs

This year, we already had many great activities and clubs. I wanted to share a bit about Cooking Club that I have the pleasure of organizing. Once a month we rent an external kitchen in the school of Flüelen with a specific outlet for a cooking club. It has five fully equipped cooking stations, which are great to practice. We start the cooking class by dividing the students into groups. Each group prepares a dish, which was decided in advance. Usually, we have a starter, a main dish with meat, supplements and vegetables and, of course, a dessert. The following cooking club is on the 27th of November, and our students voted to do Christmas cookies. We will of course share the results on our instagram.

Author: Lorraine Orth

Physical Education

Sports, Physical, and Health Education constitute an important part of students' life. In particular, physical and health education empowers students to understand and appreciate the value of being physically active and to develop resilience and the motivation for making healthy life choices. We have now expanded the physical and health education lessons during the week, and we have access now to indoor facilities nearby to ensure that our students can practice various sports and games also during winter. At the same time, the outdoor activities continue, with football, basketball, hiking and golf especially during the weekends.

Author: Csaba Szasz



Prefect election, october 2023



Future day at Mirabaud Group in Zurich



Cooking Club



European Day of Languages



Weekend trip to Lucerne



PE-Class in the facility of Dätwyler
International School Altdorf



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