



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ALTDORF

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## Editorial

Dear Parents, Dear Students

In the upcoming editorials of our Newsletters, it will be my joy telling you more about quality at schools. A structured quality management system is pivotal for ensuring consistent and effective education, and at International School Altdorf, we are implementing it step by step.

This approach establishes a culture of excellence, setting high standards and clear objectives. It allows for adaptability to changing educational needs, incorporating new teaching methods and technological advancements. The system promotes accountability and transparency, facilitating performance evaluation and continuous improvement. It also supports personalised learning, addressing the unique needs of each student. Moreover, this approach ensures efficient use of resources, enhancing the sustainability of educational initiatives. In essence, our gradual implementation of structured quality management at International School Altdorf is essential for maintaining educational excellence and preparing students for future challenges.

We are working on it with pleasure and passion.

Have a great start in our last month of the year: white, cold and jubilant!

Sincerely yours,



  
Hans Hürliemann

Director of the Board



# Academic

## End of semester Exams

All MYP and DP 1 students will sit for the end of semester exams, which will take place between 11-20 December, inclusive. This concludes the students' first semester. We wish all students great success and kindly remind students that proper preparation prevents poor performance in exams!

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## Mock Orals

The DP2 students will sit for their Language Mock Orals (excepting Chinese) during this time, in addition to following their regular timetable. They have been encouraged to take full advantage of this important opportunity to test their skills before the final exams.

The DP2 cohort will also benefit from extra classes for TOK and EE to make sure they will perform at their best when writing the TOK essay and finalising their EEs. A kind reminder that these two core components are mandatory to pass the IB Diploma; we encourage students to take these extra classes seriously, as they are great ways to get useful feedback on their essays.

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## CAS opportunity

One of our DP1 students, Uliana, has started ROUND SQUARE which is a fantastic opportunity for all our students in MYP and DP to work closely in service, action and creativity. If you want to know more, please come by on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in room 1.08.

If you want more information please go to [www.roundsquare.org](http://www.roundsquare.org)

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# Health, Resilience and Well-being

## Introducing The “Cool Talks”

Recently we have also introduced a new and exciting initiative that promises to bring us together, promote personal development, and contribute to the vibrancy of our community - "Cool Talks."

These engaging sessions explore into various facets of Well-being, Personal Development, Health & Safety, and everyday practical topics. Our primary goal is to make this content accessible to everyone, ensuring that each member of our community can benefit from these valuable discussions.

One distinctive feature of "Cool Talks" is the active involvement of our team. We encourage them to explore topics close to their hearts, addressing the unique needs of our community. As we move forward, you can look forward to team members hosting sessions on subjects that resonate deeply with them.

Our inaugural "Cool Talk" session, themed "Building Unity and Excellence," saw our Campus Director, Mr. R. Max Behesht, sharing his international journey as a leader in Business, Hospitality, and Education. His insights and personal stories inspired students and set the tone for future sessions.

Only last Friday, during his second "Cool Talk", he focused on building a strong Personal Brand. This concept involves creating a promise to the surrounding world about the type of character and personality one wishes to embody, shaping the image presented to the world. Practical recommendations were shared, also encouraging small adjustments to daily habits to further students' paths toward excellence.

“These sessions are more than just gatherings; they are opportunities for us to come together, learn, and grow as individuals within a united and vibrant community. Each individual on campus is a key contributor to the unique spirit of the Campus Altdorf community.”, R. Max Behesht.

Stay tuned for more enriching sessions ahead as we continue to learn, share, and collectively contribute to our unique community spirit.

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