



ISG Newsletter

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Letter from the Head...

May I begin this newsletter by formally wishing you all a very happy and successful 2007. This is a difficult time for me. Ever since childhood the difference between school years and calendar years has always confused me. We talk now in education about starting a new project "next year", meaning, of course, September 2007. I talk, at home, about going away "next year", meaning, perhaps a planned trip in the summer of 2008! Looking at it another way, we, of course, now have two chances to make resolutions, make new goals and within school really pay attention to the new improvements and habits we promised ourselves at the start of the school year - *"now I really will get my homework done on the day it's set, rather than the day it's due!"* ... January 2007 - the perfect opportunity! I live in hope!

Whether you are setting new goals and resolutions or just refreshing old ones - I wish you lots of luck and every success for a great 2007!

Mike Weston. Head of School

Coming up...

- This Friday (19 Jan) the MYP5 students will be spending the afternoon preparing for an evening performance of **Shakespeare's Hamlet**. The performance will involve a "rehearsed reading" overseen by professional actors from the UK. It will be a great show - and I look forward to welcoming parents and all interested to the Aula in the Hemmenlaan at 19.00.
- The Maartenscollege **open days** are on the 2/3 February. Whilst not directly involving the ISG (we have our own open morning later in the year!) both Mr. Weston (Fri) and Ms. Eschweiler (Sat) will be present.
- Please see reverse for information on discounted **Jewellery Making** classes and our very own **Ballroom Dancing** workshop.
- 7 February: There will be an information evening on the IB Diploma Programme for all parents and students of MYP5 who would like to find out a bit more about the requirements for entering and the content of this programme. The meeting will be held at the Esserberg at 19.30.
- 9 February - there will be a **disco** for MYP1-3 together with the students of the Dutch section, in the Hemmenlaan from 19.30.
- 12 February - Maartenscollege closes at 13.00 for Team Meetings - therefore lessons 6 - 9 are cancelled for all classes.
- 14 February - **VALENTINE'S DAY** - information to follow from the PSG!
- 16 February - MYP5 will be making their Personal Project presentations and exhibition for parents and staff in the Aula at 16.00. Please put this date in your diary as this is an unmissable celebration of great achievement for our students.
- 21 February - at the time of writing all MYP classes will be cancelled from 13.00 for the formal assessment and moderation of the Personal Projects. DP students are expected to be in school for various compulsory activities. On 22 February DP students have NORMAL lessons.

Quote of the issue: Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits. Anon



Please see the latest information from the PSG on the school website. The newsletter (January 2007) and an important letter to parents are all to be found on www.isgroningen.nl. Then select the **Parents** menu, and head to **News Archive**.

For those who missed the information regarding the PSG contribution (€25) this can still be made over to ING bank, 670397458, Haren, in the name of the PSG International School Groningen quoting the name of your child.

Strictly Come Dancing

at the
ISG

01 Feb



2007

Learn the basics of
ballroom dancing with
Bas Niezing
Dutch World Cup representative

MYP1-5: 15.00 - 16.00
(compulsory)

DP1,2, teachers and parents
16.00 - 17.00
(all welcome)

In the Gym Hall (W032)

Please contact the ISG for further information
050 5340084



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Sparkle* sieradenatelier

provides workshops where you design and make your own jewellery (necklace or bracelet) with silver pieces, semi precious stones and other natural materials (like wood, coral, lava etc)

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sparkle-sieradenatelier@home.nl

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WORKSHOPS will be held at the International School Groningen

15.00 - 17.30

Friday: 26 January, 2 February or 9 February
Groups from 6 till 8 people.

Saturdays are also possible by request.

Reduced price - €7.50 for ISG parents/students

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www.sparkle-sieradenatelier.nl

Other news:

- **New timetable:** Maartenscollege issues its second half year timetable from the start of February. This will have an effect on our timetable. **Please watch the website carefully for changes from January 29.** We will also be making some changes within the ISG. The Dutch lessons in MYP2/3 will be separated by level with Dutch A being taught separately to Dutch B. The Dutch for Beginners lessons remain as present. French B in MYP2 and 3 will also be split into two smaller classes, specialized into ability levels, with reduced contact time. TOK will now be taught for two hours a week in both DP1 & 2 by Ms Heller.
- **Welcome back Rudi Voordes!** We are very pleased to welcome Rudi back to the school and, of course, to his DP Maths classes after his recent absence. Rudi also celebrates the release a CD of his 'tango ensemble' **Corrientes Cinco**. He will also be performing with his group at the Oosterport on the first of June 2007. Watch this space for more details!
- We were very pleased to welcome to the ISG a new member of MYP1, Frederick Mul. Frederick has joined us from Nigeria - but has also attended school at the GSV! Welcome to the ISG, Frederick, and welcome back to the Netherlands!