



Please read this newsletter. It contains important information activities in school and upcoming events.

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Message from

The Head of Secondary School

For school leaders, the end of the school year is always an intense time. The holiday period is coming up and as we start the new school year, staff must be in place, schedules must be running, and students must be in the right classes. The timetabel must also be ready. And the S7 students will have taken their final exams and the graduation ceremony must be arranged. Everyone must have the right information at all times. Below, I zoom in on some parts:

1. The final exam students

The organisation of the orals went almost perfectly. Despite code orange on the Wednesday, everything could go ahead, the examiners were present on time and occasionally an exam had to be taken over by a colleague. I have nothing but praise for the organisation and everyone's flexibility and look forward to the Graduation ceremony! It is appropriate here to warmly congratulate our successful students and wish you a wonderful and meaningful future.

2. S1

When you say goodbye, that also includes a welcome: a warm welcome to our new students, most of whom have a place in S1. I wish you a wonderful adventure at our school and am proud of the trust you and your parents place in ESH Secondary.

3. The teachers

By now, the colleagues have already received their teaching timetable. Except for a single vacancy, we can start with a full team, and this in a situation of growth of the school. In a time of major teacher shortages, this means that we are pretty well on track and also that we are well positioned in the market: we are an interesting school for teachers.

4. The timetable

Still somewhat traumatised by last years' experience, it is wonderful to be able to report that the timetable is almost complete. This week, students will receive an overview of the choices they have made. They can immediately pass on any inaccuracies to us so that we can get off to a good start and every student can take the right lessons in the right class group. In the last holiday week, pupils will receive their timetable. Unfortunately for S6 and S7, there is no other way than that there can also be 11th hours (16.00-16.45). We are very reluctant to use this option but also want to fulfil our legal duty to provide education. With the many choices we have at (a European) school, we want to keep the middle ground between all this.

5. The Year Calendar

The school management is still in discussion with the Secondary Participation Council about the use of INSET days. We will communicate the schedule as soon as possible. In any case, Prince's Day, Prinsjesdag (19 September) and Good Friday (7 April) are days off. Also free for pupils are 18 September and 6 April, possibly also 5 April (this is still subject to consultation). In short, you can take into account a cluster of days off: 16-19 April and 5 or 6 April to 10 April 2024.

Furthermore, I can let you know that the sports field is now green as grass, and it is a miracle what nature is able to do in a week: a barren plain has now turned into a green sports mat.

I wish you peace and all the best, a precious summer holiday and much love. I am always surprised to see which pupils take a growth spurt during such a summer period and can change shape: from child to adolescent or from adolescent to adult.

Ber Leurink,
Head of School a.i.



The trip to Crete was truly amazing. Favourites this year were the cliff jumping at Matala beach and the stunning hike down the Samaria Gorge.

According to our guides our fast runners set the record for the gorge at 1 hour 45 minutes! Both S6 students and teachers absolutely made memories for life.



Facilities

July 2023

Dear Mentors / Teachers,

Please remind students that they need to keep their ID passes safe so they can continue to use them next school year. S1, S3, S5 & S7 will receive a new pass when the school photographer has been but all other year groups will need to continue using this years one.

Remind students to empty their lockers and return any day bages they have from reception.

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S4 London Trip

2023



CHINA PROJECT

S2L1 German

The students of German class S2L1 were busy with a project during the last weeks - "Explaining and describing China". Through detailed descriptions of Chinese people and art, the students have approached the culture of China. In their portfolios, they were able to depict a topic of their own, such as the Great Wall of China or the Chinese zodiac signs. The students and their teacher Mrs. Gottwald concluded the project with a delicious "Chinese picnic". Many thanks to the students of S2L1 for their creative and culinary efforts!



The Night of All Talents

June 2023



The Night of All Talents at the European Secondary School of The Hague was an epic event that surpassed all expectations. With over 50 students, from the fresh-faced S1s to the seasoned S7s, this event was a climax of youthful brilliance. And let us tell you, the whole school community couldn't resist the allure, as more than 250 eager souls filled the theatre to witness the magic unfold.

From music and dance to singing, acrobatics, and drama, the diversity of acts was simply astounding. These students not only delivered exceptional performances but also demonstrated a level of professionalism that would put seasoned artists to shame.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the NOAT commission, who dedicated over four months to meticulously organize this grand event. Special thanks also go to the PTA and the countless volunteers, including teachers, parents, and more students, for their invaluable support. It is without a doubt that the brave participants showcased their extraordinary abilities, making us all winners that evening. As a testament to the unforgettable night, an after-movie will be shared with the entire school community, ensuring that the memories of this extraordinary showcase live on.



Library at ESH

June began with a celebration of Empathy Day. We wanted to promote the idea of "reading for empathy". This means that through reading we can get a greater insight into other people's experience, and in doing so, be in a better position to understand and connect with one another. This tied in well with our book club book "Fish in a Tree" which is about a young girl with dyslexia who is bullied and alone until the kindness of others changes her life.

June was also Pride Month and the German class helped decorate the library to show support for our LGBTQ+ community. 10th of June was Portuguese day. We celebrated with lovely food, music and dancing. There was a lot of food and an even bigger crowd of students, all eager to taste the delicious Portuguese goodies!

In mid-June the library collaborated with the drama group to put on a lovely lunchtime performance. The drama group had performed earlier in the year, but this performance was not open to the whole school. By putting on the lunchtime show, more people were able to see the performance and the actors got a second chance to show off their talents. The library also collaborated with the French department to have a French author; Marie Varielle come talk to the students about her book. She also ran a writing workshop with the older students.

In June the library staff had the opportunity to visit another library in St John's International School in Brussels. There we met other librarians, exchanged ideas, information and learned about AI. All in all, it was a very interesting and informative day.

At the end of June, the library did a stocktake. In total we have 39063 Library materials! Hopefully this number will keep growing!

Lastly, we want to leave you with some statistics that you might find interesting.

Library Loan Statistics for the last school year

8,481 Loans

243 Audiobook loans (BorrowBox)

212 eBook loans (BorrowBox)

Top 3 Borrowers

Liam Dubeau Rieu

Alice Pierson Lagautriere

Marlon Knoflacher

PE - S3 and S4

Beach Sports Day



Greetings, students, parents, and staff!

On Monday July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th our S3 and S4 students hit the beach for a day filled with exciting activities. Beyond surfing, our students participated in a range of beach activities which they got to choose themselves, encouraging team building and healthy competition.



Let's recap the reasons behind our beach-themed Sports Days and the experiences they provided. Surfing, being an integral part of Den Haag's coastal culture, was the highlight of our Sports Days. As our students took to the waves, they experienced the thrill of riding the surf and discovered the joys of this popular water sport. Not only did surfing provide them with an adrenaline rush, but it also allowed them to appreciate the beauty and power of the ocean.



Wishing you all a fantastic summer filled with fun and exciting experiences!



As a project related to the syllabus topic Money, Banking, Stock market, S5 Economics students played a simulation game called 'Market Watch' following the real data of the NYSE New York Stock Exchange. During several weeks they joined this Virtual Stock Exchange in order to better understand the trading strategies and portfolio management.

-Bogdan B
-Lucas M
-Flore B



It has been great to see the high involvement of all students in this project. Three students of the German and French Economics classes won the 3 first places and received chocolates and a book voucher. Their market analysis and strategies have been the most efficient ones!

The S5 Economics German group visited the German Dutch Chamber of Commerce (DNHK) last Friday, 23th of June. The topic of foreign trade was on the curriculum in the 2nd semester. Now that the students had acquired the basic knowledge in class and got to know the most important foreign trade theories, it was a special enrichment to fill this with life. At the DNHK the students learnt more about the history and the scope of duties of this institution that strives for the improvement of trade relations. A representative of the DNHK hold a presentation followed by a round table discussion. One case study focused on the concept for Coolblue's entry into the German market. Another showed us how important trade trips, trade fairs and other networking events are. The different requirements for packaging materials/methods have led the DNHK to advise many import and export companies on these issues. The cultural differences in the labour market of the two neighbouring countries were also examined in more detail.



Yvonne Hellberg and Annunziata Leonardi, Teachers of Economics

S3 Science Day

Field Trip



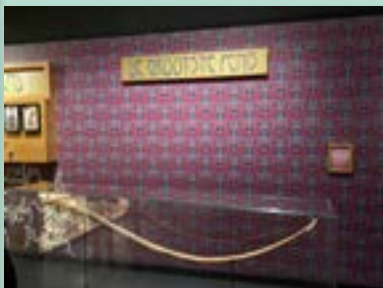
The Noordwijk Beach:

S3 student identified species they caught by trawling net and then discussed their role in the ecosystem. I



"Animal Love" Workshop - Naturalis:

S3 students learned about sexual reproduction in various species of animals.



ESH Secondary Mobile Device Policy

Mobile phones

No mobile phones are allowed to be visible and/or in use on school grounds during the school day (from 08:30 to 16:00). Mobile phones should be switched off and kept in the students' bag or locker during the day. It must be noted that for all students, the use of mobile phones during lesson times is at the teacher's discretion. However, students can look at their timetable on their mobile phone at the end of a lesson or shortly before the start of a lesson.

