



# NEWS LETTER

*“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.” Margaret Mead*

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**Student led,  
democratic  
learning in  
Performing Arts**

Dear ISCS community,

This has, again, been a busy week at ISCS full of news and initiatives.

On Tuesday of this week, we had the visit of Mr. Helfenstein and Mr. Mangis, the President and Business Development Head, respectively, of Cham Gemeinde. We presented the evolution of ISCS in recent years, our future plans and we explored opportunities where we can collaborate with the local schools of Cham and our community in the future. The meeting was very positive and they showed their support for the development of ISCS.

On Monday, we welcomed back Mr. Jackson, our ICT and Performing Arts teacher, who did not start the new year with us as a result of a wrist operation. Mr. Jackson will be in charge of two ISCS initiatives this year; a School Production in Spring and the Soirée at Christmas. These two initiatives are in addition to our current complement of clubs for Primary and Secondary school, plus the new addition of 'Youth Theatre' after Half Term that will be led by Mr Jackson.

Before the Christmas holidays in December, families will have the opportunity to see the Primary Winter Performance entitled 'Eddie, the Penguin that Saves the World' that is being prepared by our Primary students and the Primary Team.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our students participating in these opportunities in the area of the Performing Arts. Not only will they be fun, but they will also help to develop important skills for life, such as oral communication, creativity, self-discipline, team work, respect for deadlines, adaptability, self-image and many more!

Finally, from next Tuesday until Christmas, the NGO Team will resume the kiosk on Tuesday break times. The NGO has launched a student contest to design an NGO logo, banner and menu for the kiosk. The winning design will become the official 'Kiosk' merchandise and the winner will get a free Kiosk item between the October and Christmas holidays! Take advantage and participate!

Wish a great weekend.  
JOSE ANTONIO PARRA



# PRIMARY NEWS

## EYFS

This week we said Goodbye to our Giant friend from Jack and the Beanstalk and moved onto a new Giant themed story 'The Smartest Giant in Town' we found out he was a very kind Giant, always helping others in need. We received lots of dojos for being kind to our friends, just as the giant was kind to all the animals in the story. In maths we have started to solve simple problems by finding ways to make numbers to 5 and we have also explored the difference between squares and rectangles. As part of science we have been exploring magnetic materials! We have had lots of fun! We have also noticed the signs of Autumn and enjoyed some Autumn walks collecting leaves and natural objects which we will be using in our learning throughout the next couple of weeks. In German we are going to link our existing knowledge of colours with numbers in a series of exercises.

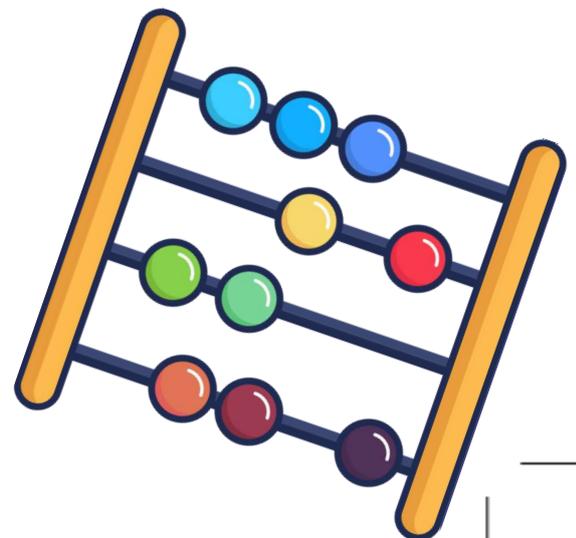


## Years 1 and 2

In maths we began learning about the concept of subtraction and played a fun game called 'subtraction smash' with playdough! In Year 1, this helped us to visualise and understand the idea of taking away an amount. Year 2 enjoyed expanding upon their knowledge from last year by using a numberline to support them with their calculations.

Year 2 loved using and spotting our spelling pattern of the week ('gn' making an 'n' sound). We learnt several new words whilst using this sound including 'gnaw' and 'gnome'!

Year 1 learnt the 'ar' sound and enjoyed playing 'splat' whereby they use a fly swat and race to find a word containing this sound. Perhaps they could teach you how to play this at home!

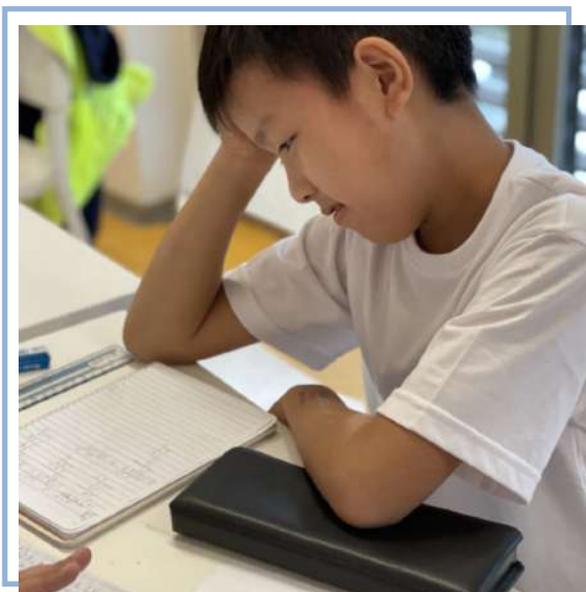


## Year 3 and 4

This week saw the children learning about alphabetical order in English. It all seemed so easy on Monday as we looked at words with initial letters to categorize. Then we moved onto words with the same initial letter and the children learnt that they had to look at the next letter in each word. They had fun making a list of the class' names and putting them into alphabetical order. In maths the class did some great work on adding 2, 3, and 4 digit numbers with and without crossing over. Some kept asking for bigger and bigger numbers! The children enjoyed mixing colours to make colour wheels in art this week. Did you know that some colours are considered 'cold colours' and some 'hot colours'?



## Year 5 and 6



Masato thinking hard in Maths

This week we have been exploring division with a focus on the bus stop method. As the week has progressed the student's have become more and more confident and fluent in this area. In English, we have been developing our descriptive writing with a focus on a setting description of a haunted house. This also involved the process of re-editing to improve our work further. In Science, we looked at how condensation forms and situations where condensation can form. In German this week we are going to continue learning how to talk about school possessions, and how to conjugate regular verbs, but also we will revise and reinforce the numbers.





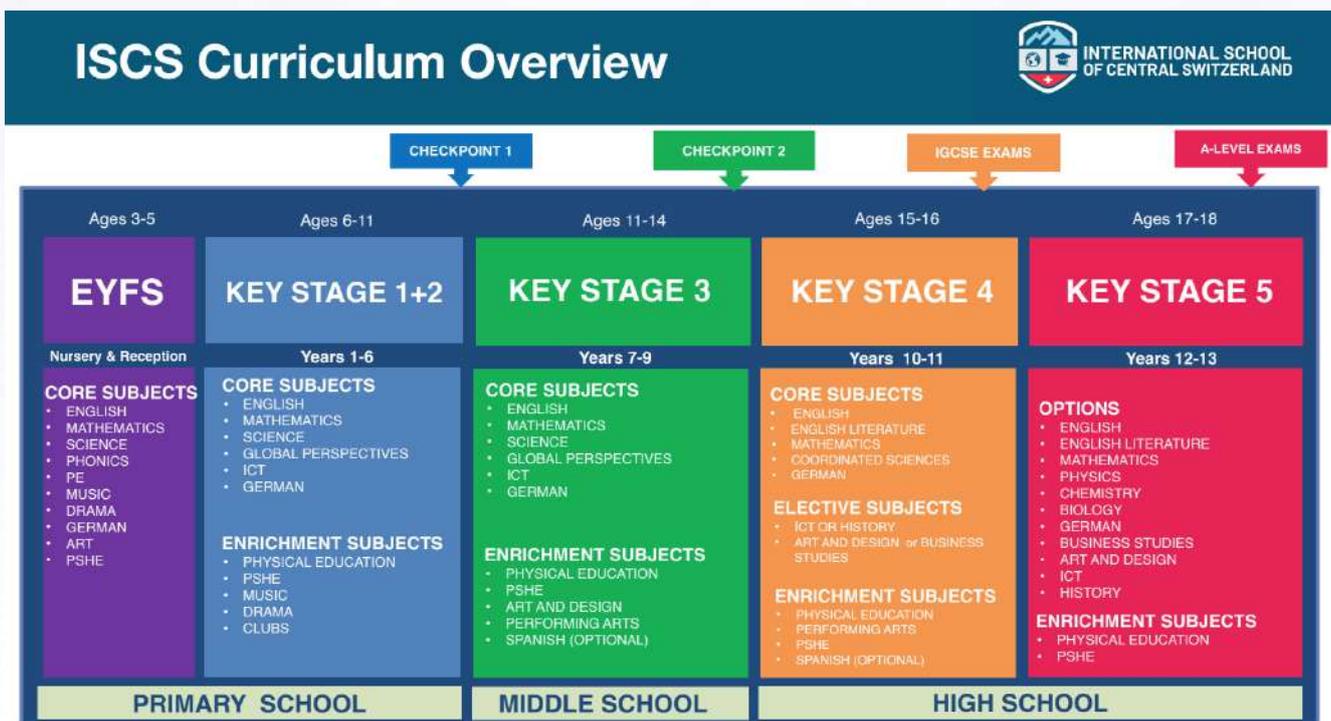
## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

**DR CARACHEO, HEAD OF KEY STAGE 5 PROVISION, KS4 & 5 MATHS & PHYSICS**

Going through a long and International academic journey encompassing an Engineering Degree, a Master and a PhD in the history of science and two postdoctoral positions in Swiss institutions, I am aware not only of the challenges students will find on their paths, but also of how relevant a solid base knowledge is for their future. For this reason, at ISCS we are committed to offering our students a competitive upper secondary programme that will prepare them to enrol in a university course, either in this country or abroad. We are looking forward to teaching new generations because we know that during the coming years our programme will excel and students will get the best opportunities.



## THE ISCS CURRICULUM: WHERE DOES KEY STAGE FIT IN?



### What is Key stage 5?

Key Stage 5 is the stage of learning from 16 to 18 years old.

### Key Stage 5 at ISCS

At ISCS, our students choose 3 A Level subjects from the list and the level is highly academic and accredited by Cambridge International Exam Board.

### Can I do A Level?

If you have 5 IGCSE qualifications at Grade C or above, you have the entry requirements to study A Level with us at ISCS. We recommend that students have an IGCSE Grade B in the subjects they want to take at A Level so that they can access the level of content.

### How can I find out more information?

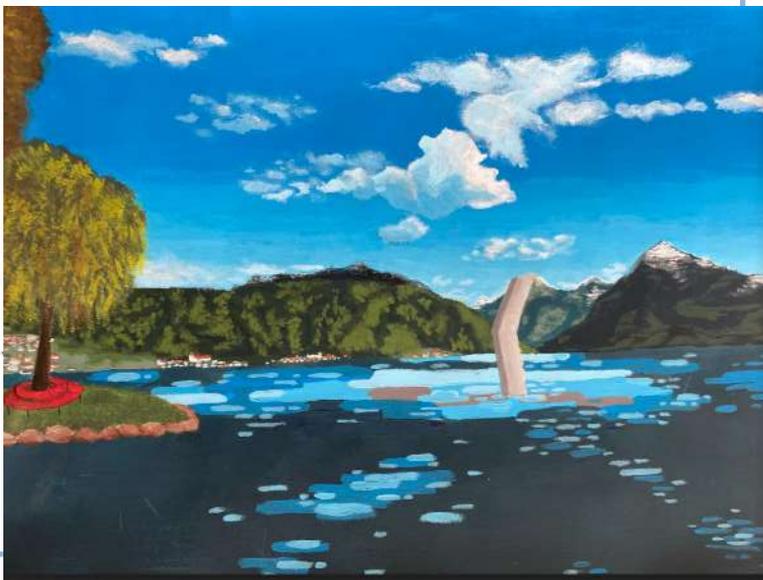
**We are hosting an A Level Curriculum Evening at ISCS on Thursday 14th October for Year 11 students and their parents to discuss the courses and their options for next year with their teachers!**

# SUBJECT SPOT LIGHT ON KEY STAGE 5: YEAR 12 & 13 A LEVEL

## A LEVEL ART

The A Level Artist are following a half-term to embed the foundation of Art practice. They have worked in the local environment to produce landscape pieces and are now using the artist Tahlia Stanton as inspiration. Our artists will be producing pieces inspired by her style and motivations, entitled 'Identity'.

**Mrs Bradley**



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## A LEVEL GERMAN

Our group of dedicated linguists in German A Levels had a great start into the year. With both native speakers from Switzerland and very advanced learners, who speak German as a foreign language, we are a diverse set, keen to delve into all aspects of German language and culture.

We have so far explored the topic of family in German, looking at various facets of the theme including picking up on recent topics of debate and local elections in Switzerland such as paternity leave for fathers and gay marriage. We have been practising our reading, analysis and summarizing skills and are now diving into literature with the students starting on the first of the set texts, which is a popular German bestseller called "Tschick" that explores themes of adolescence and the quest for identity.

Our students are also enthusiastic communicators and we have just launched our first cycle of A Level mock presentations, in which students present different topics of interest to the rest of the class and answer questions on them. Starting with a very interesting presentation on "Home schooling in Switzerland" we are looking forward to many more to come.





## A LEVEL BIOLOGY

With the November exams just around the corner, our Year13 students experienced in-lab techniques and the exam procedures imparting wisdom to our Year12.

Fabio and Marco were demonstrating serial dilution which is a method used in testing for biological molecules in solutions.

**Ms Predouli**



## A LEVEL ENGLISH

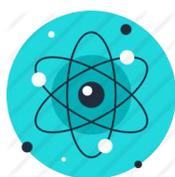
### Year 12

They are learning about context, audience and purpose. They have been reading and writing the text types they will need to understand for Papers 1 and 2. They have produced a speech and a piece of descriptive writing by applying their knowledge of the features of each.

### Year 13

They have re-capped on Paper 1 and 2 skills and have produced a descriptive piece of writing.

For Paper 3 they have been learning about language change. They have learned about the history of the development of English from Old English to Late Modern English. They have done presentations on the history of the development of English and have been involved in presentations and discussion about the main theories of language change.



## A LEVEL PHYSICS & MATHS

Year 12 Physics students have been learning about uncertainties and measurements, motion and gravitational fields. Year 13 are learning all about thermodynamics and electric fields.

In Year 12 mathematics we are exploring series and sequences, whereas in Year 13 students are gaining more knowledge on derivatives and parametric equations.

As preparation for the November session, students are revising concepts and methodologies useful to take their practical exams.





# SPORTS NEWS



## ISCS Basketball Tournament



Basketball became the top sport over the last few weeks at ISCS and we are happy to start our annual ISCS Basketball Tournament. Six teams entered the competition this year and no matter what the weather is we play the games outside.



## Back to BaseFit

Our Secondary Students are back to BaseFit as the weather sent us indoors for autumn and winter sessions. After some team competitions in August and September, we are happy to work on our individual goals.



## House Points Competition

ISCS Yellow House continues their dominance with 641 points. Green House however was the one to achieve more points last week and took the second place with 521 points. Red and Blue House continue the battle for the third place.

	480	521	
	489	641	

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>A LEVEL CURRICULUM EVENING FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS: 6:00-8:00pm</b>	<b>6pm-8pm, Thursday 14th October 2021</b>
<b>END OF HALF TERM (ALL STUDENTS)</b>	Friday 15th October 2021
<b>STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>	Wednesday 27th October 2021
<b>SECONDARY HALLOWEEN DISCO</b> (SECONDARY STUDENTS): 6:30-8:30pm	Thursday 28th October 2021
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION</b> <b>Dress up Day</b> for students and teachers in the theme of 'Heroes & Villains'.	Friday 29th October 2021
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY: SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>	Monday 1st November 2021
<b>YEAR 11 &amp; YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS</b>	<b>Monday 15th - Tuesday 30th November 2021</b>

## THANK YOU TO THE PO FOR MAKING 'WORLD TEACHER DAY' SPECIAL WITH CAKE AND GIFTS!



**Wishing you  
a  
wonderful  
weekend!**