

# ISCS highlights

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### **Collaboration with the Malala Fund**

is certainly one of our main May highlights. Our Student NGO worked really hard to be chosen as one of the very few schools to have the opportunity to engage directly with the organisation.











# MALALA,

We are thrilled to announce our collaboration with the renowned Malala Fund to make a positive impact on girls' education worldwide! At ISCS we believe in the power of education to transform lives, and this collaboration will enable us to support the incredible work of the Malala Fund.

The Malala Fund is a globally recognized nonprofit organization founded by Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai. The fund works tirelessly to advocate for girls' education and empower young girls to achieve their full potential. With a focus on amplifying girls' voices, investing in local education leaders, and advocating for policy changes, the Malala Fund strives to break down barriers and ensure that every girl has access to quality education.

To kickstart this collaboration, our dedicated members of the ISCS Student NGO recently held their first video call with representatives from the Malala Fund. During this engaging session, we had the opportunity to delve deeper into the foundation's mission, understand the challenges girls face in accessing education, and discuss the steps we can take to make a difference.

Our Student NGO would like to thank Mr Hopton, our Head of Pastoral, for organizing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. His dedication and commitment have allowed us to engage with the Malala Fund and embark on this meaningful collaboration.

Over the coming months, we are excited to organize a series of fundraising events that will not only raise much-needed funds but also raise awareness about the importance of education for girls worldwide. These events will be an opportunity for our school community, parents, and the wider Zug community to come together in support of this critical cause. We look forward to your support as we embark on this incredible journey with the Malala Fund.







## Monthly highlights Teacher Spotlight: **Mr Ryan Hopton**



#### My favourite thing about my role at ISCS is working with so many external partners to

What is your favourite thing about your role?

provide opportunities for our students - be it Global Social Leaders to run our leadership project; The Malala Fund to support the NGO; or, Unifrog to help our students access the best universities they can.



#### What is your advice to graduating students?

My advice to graduating students is to remember to work to live, not the other way around. There is a world of opportunity out there and if you have enough personal capital (both financial and knowledge), that's the most important thing.



#### What do you do in your spare time?

My spare time is taken up by three main hobbies: 1) working out and keeping fit/healthy 2) travelling as much as I can 3) managing the build of my dream house in Zanzibar.



#### If you were an ISCs student for one day, what would you do?

If were to be an ISCS student for a day, I would like to: have a French lesson with Mrs Bradley (because I need to brush up!), a Science lesson with Mr Evison (because who doesn't love setting things on fire?) and a Drama lesson with Mr Davies (because I love Shakespeare!).











Mr Hopton is Deputy Head of Secondary School and a Head of Pastoral. He teaches History and Global Perspectives. Mr Hopton holds a Degree in Law and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education for Secondary Citizenship with Social Sciences Education. Mr Hopton is a very experienced teacher and expert in curriculum mapping, assessment and delivery of IGCSE and A-Level Humanities frameworks.



### **SPANISH EXCHANGE**

A group of our secondary students travelled to Sage College Jerez in Spain. This incredible opportunity allowed them to immerse themselves in Spanish language, history, and traditions, while continuing their education in a new and captivating environment. Our sister school, Sage College Jerez (a boarding school), is known for providing an excellent education, and its students come from around the world. Our students had the chance to learn and socialize with fellow students during classes, after school sport activities at Sage's fantastic sport facilities, and while exploring the fascinating streets of Jerez, the beautiful cities of Seville and Cadiz.





















### **SPANISH EXCHANGE**

The Spanish exchange offers many opportunities to take part in cultural day trips or experiences such as gokarting!





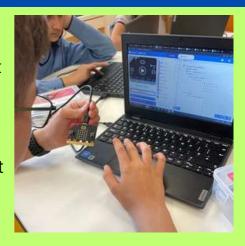




### Micro:bit

The micro:bit is a pocket-sized programmable device designed to introduce children and beginners to the world of coding and electronics. It was developed by the BBC, in collaboration with other partners, as part of an initiative to promote digital literacy and computer science education in schools.

The micro:bit features various built-in sensors, including an accelerometer, compass, and buttons, as well as an LED matrix display. It is powered by a microcontroller and can be programmed using various programming languages, including JavaScript, Python, and Microsoft MakeCode (a block-based programming platform).





The micro:bit promotes hands-on learning and experimentation. ISCS students can explore different programming concepts by writing code and seeing the immediate impact on the device. They can test their hypotheses, troubleshoot errors, and refine their solutions through iterative processes. This practical approach deepens their understanding of coding principles and fosters a growth mindset.

Although the direct application may vary, it enhances ISCS students understanding and skills in variety of fields. In biochemical engineering, students can use the micro:bit to simulate and monitor chemical processes, fostering hands-on learning. For future law students, it cultivates critical thinking and problem-solving abilities through interactive legal simulations or exploring legal aspects related to emerging technologies. In medicine, the micro:bit promotes data analysis and patient monitoring comprehension. In business, it enables students to prototype smart devices or develop loT solutions, fostering innovation and problem-solving.

Proficiency in technology and programming is highly valued by universities, particularly in fields related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). It showcases a student's ability to adapt to and utilize technology effectively, which is increasingly important in higher education and future careers.

# Wightights Unleashing the power of learning

At the beginning of the month, our Head of Pastoral & Deputy Head of Secondary, Mr Hopton, shared an extraordinary session with students from grade 7 upwards, unveiling the secrets to effective learning.

The captivating session focused on effective learning strategies and the intricate process of transferring short-term memory to long-term memory within the brain.

As part of the session, Mr Hopton introduced various research-backed techniques to aid students in learning smartly, ensuring they benefit during upcoming exams.

In the following weeks, this topic was further developed by Mr Turner and Mr Evison, who run practical session with our students on how to make notes and how to revise effectively, in particular when it comes to science subjects.

Mr Hopton, Mr Evison and Mr Turner equipped our students with invaluable tools to learn smartly, enabling them to thrive not only during exams but also in diverse areas such as language acquisition and beyond.











# Meet our Parents: Saskia

#### Tell us more about yourself:

Hi there, I'm Saskia. Mother, Partner, Chief household and besides that I have also three fun jobs. I'm part of the Post family. Married to Jimmy and we have two adorable monsters of kids (2) Isabel and Yoep (pronounce as: Youp). Isabel is 10 and finishing year 5 this school year and Yoep is 8 and ending year 3. We are from the Netherlands and moved to Switzerland in the summer of 2021. We've always had this wish to life a live abroad, because we thought the experience would enrich our lives. And it certainly did!

#### But 'three jobs' I hear you asking?

Yup. It sort of happened since we moved to Switzerland. I'm a **Dutch-language teacher** at the Dutch language school, The Alpentulp in Baar. Just one afternoon a week. And I'm a freelance **HR Business partner** for companies in the Netherlands. So I work remote from home.

Also I'm an Interior Design advisor! I love to help people transforming their house a home. Especially for expats who move quit often and have to fit their furniture in a new house, I love to help to feel home asap. I provide decoration, color, material and/or lighting advice. Can go shopping for you or provide you with a shopping list and an interieur plan and you're good to go. And I can arrange you measured curtains for a very good price (not Swiss-like).



#### Why have you chosen ISCS?

We are so glad we've chosen ISCS for our kids! As I try to get the best out of myself and enjoy what comes my way. We see that the teachers also encourage the kids to get the best out themselves. And is the weather finally warm and sunny? Let's go outside and visit a farm instead of staying inside! Maths and English, German (and so on) are everywhere right?! And of course many more reasons to be glad about our choice, like the individual approach and the parent community.

Want to know more about us, me or maybe you're in need for some Interior advice? Love to chat! Most of the time I'm the one who's collecting the kids from school. But you can also reach out to me by email: Saskia@stylingbysas.com





#### Tell us more about yourself:

I am Alex, my wife's name is Victoria and we have 3 sons, Dylan (12), Brandon (8) and James (3). So, we are the Borozna family of five based in Baar. Our eldest son, Dylan, is at ISCS in grade 8. When Dylan was just 3 months old, I got a job offer from J&J to join their Zug headquarters. It was a cold winter of 2010 when Dylan made his first international flight from London and we landed in snow-white Zurich. Zug and Baar area become our habitat since then and Brandon and James joined us along the way.

#### What do you do and what is your favourite thing about your job?

I work in pharma and my passion to work in this industry comes from my background, a family of doctors and pharmacists, and, even more importantly, is in my genuine interest in maintaining a human well-being. I encourage my own children to be active, to get involved in sports and to, really, make use of different development facilities that Switzerland can offer.

Another part of my passion is in innovation. Over the last 13 years I was determined to develop my carrier with larger organisiations like J&J and Mylan where I met many wonderful people whom we developed and implemented striking innovative projects with.

#### What is your favourite thing about living in Switzerland.

Living in this country and having exposure to quite a few international markets through my work, I was fortunate to meet a few inventors and bright minds who stepped out of their corporate roles to build own pharma businesses. With an innovation on my own, I started my own company, Branson Pharma, in summer 2022. Being entrepreneurial is hard, starting from small is much harder. I can tell that not every innovation is perceived by people in the same way as you wish it to be but I enjoy every bit of it as I expand my talks and a network of contacts. In less than a year we already have a small pipeline of development projects where our innovation would challenge the status quo in a few therapeutic areas full of much-much bigger players. If anyone from the ISCS community is interested to collaborate, spread a word or just learn, I am happy to connect and to share my experience in running a pharma business. And this is what I like about living in Zug area, a true mix of international cultures, ideas and desires that one day can become a reality that has a positive impact on people living here and beyond, no matter if this is healthcare or any other area.

#### Wht have you chosen ISCS?

Although I am not a regular visitor to the ISCS events (hands up, I accept the blame) but, my son, Dylan, is the best feedback for me. I am very transparent here, since we joined ISCS two years ago, I can see he is a happy young man. Dylan, willingly, steps out of his comfort zone to learn and experience new things. Some subjects are still hard but I see he is trying to think differently, to bring something new to play to achieve his objectives and to enjoy in the process. I believe this is also due to innovative ways of teaching staff at ISCS to get the best out of student wherever their interests lay in. Like in my industry whatever I start now I have to predict the first results years ahead, so with my wife we happy with our choice of ISCS for Dylan as I can see what I invest in.

We are happy to expand our ISCS network, so feel free to reach out to us via voctoria.borozna@gmail.com.

### **MOTHER'S DAY**





















# Mighlights Coronation of King Charles III



The ISCS students and teachers celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Students were encouraged to wear British-themed or Royal-themed clothing, gave speeches "What would I do if I were a King or a Queen", they learned the royal wave and took part in a parade.

Did you know? The Coronation Emblem was designed by Apple designer Sir Jony Ive, to symbolise the beginning of King Charles III's reign and his love of the natural world. It unites the UK's four national flowers: the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the daffodil of Wales and the shamrock of Northern Ireland. These four symbols are intertwined to form the shape of St Edward's Crown – a solid gold crown originally made in the 17th century for Charles II, with which the UK's new monarch will be crowned on 6 May.

As chief designer at Apple, Sir Jony Ive was responsible for creating some of the brand's most recognisable products, including the original iPhone, iMac and iPod, before going on to start LoveFrom with his friend Marc Newson in 2019.

The coronation of a monarch is a historic and culturally significant event in Britain that symbolizes the continuity of a nation's traditions and institutions. Students can learn about the monarchy, the role of a king, the rituals and traditions associated with the event, and the broader concept of governance and leadership.















## This month in sport



















## Monthly highlights Coming up

## Graduation

9.06.23



Primary trip to Transport Museum in Luzern 12,14,15.06.23







#### Secondary school: 18-22 June

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
M M	Beach Volleyball DR ovie & opcorn	Baar Lattich OR	Paintballing  OR  Painting  Workshop	Via Ferrata  OR  Dinosaurs & Mini Indoor Excavation	Upcycling  OR  Sketching  Wildlife	Luzern OR Steinhauser Wald	Teachersv Students Basketball OR Movie & Popcorn OR	FIFA Museum Technorama
PM	Computer Gaming Afternoon OR Beads Workshop	Cable Car & Hike Rigi	Karaoke OR Adventure Escape Room		Treasure Hunt  OR  Mini Pool  Tournament		Science Museum The Big Quiz	