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## HOUSE POINTS



## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF EDUCATION



Dear ISCS Community,

Academics at ISCS are designed to be engaging and challenging, with a curriculum that fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and a love for learning. Our dedicated team of teachers goes beyond textbooks, creating interactive and hands-on experiences that bring lessons to life. But education at ISCS is not confined to the four walls of a classroom. We believe in the power of experiential learning, and our school is constantly buzzing with exciting trips and events. Whether it's a science expedition to a nearby nature reserve, a historical field trip to a museum, or an adventurous camping trip, our students are exposed to a world beyond textbooks. These experiences not only enhance their knowledge but also instill a sense of curiosity and exploration.

The school calendar is a vibrant tapestry of events that cater to every interest and passion. There's always something happening at ISCS, and I invite everyone to check our school calendar to be up to date with the different events coming: <https://iscs-zug.ch/2023-24-iscs-calendar/>.

Community engagement is a cornerstone of our philosophy. We organise outreach programs, charity events, and community service projects, instilling a sense of responsibility and compassion in our students. These experiences go beyond the classroom, teaching them the importance of giving back and making a positive impact on the world around them.

This week, we were full of examples of academics, like some exams, but also, events. Our Primary, Middle and High School students enjoyed the traditional ice-skating day at Bossard Arena in Zug, organised by our amazing Mr. Prof, PE teacher. Our Year 13 students had an amazing trip to Vienna with Ms. Predouli. They will be leaving in June to continue their journey to university, but moments like this trip will stay in their memories forever. And in their preparation for university, our Year 12 students, together with a group of students from our school in Spain, Sage College, enjoyed a trip to the Netherlands this week, where they visited the cities of Amsterdam, The Hague, Delft and Rotterdam, together with the universities of Amsterdam, Leiden, and TU Delft.

In essence, ISCS is not just a place of learning; it's a vibrant community that nurtures the intellect, fosters creativity, and instils values that will guide our students throughout their lives. Here, every day is an opportunity for growth, discovery, and celebration – a testament to the vibrant spirit that defines our school. ISCS is a place where education is not just a journey; it's an adventure

I wish all the community a lovely weekend and a restful February break ahead.

Warm regards,

Mr. Soto

# - PRIMARY NEWS -

## Science!

Nothing gets Year 5 quite as excited as knowing it's experiment day. This term, our focus has been upon the topic of 'Separating Materials'. To conclude the unit, we created a filthy, muddy mixture and used filters to purify the water as much as we could. We then learnt about this process in the context of the real world and investigated where filtration is used in everyday life across the globe.



Sports fun !

A huge thank you to the many parents who joined as part of 'International Storytelling Week' to read a chapter/book to us. We listened to a range of fiction and non-fiction stories which truly sparked our imagination!



# - PRIMARY NEWS -

## Primary Ice skating



## Swiss Traditions: Schöni Fasnacht!





# - MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

Celebrating Internet Safety Day - 6th of February.

In an era where technology seamlessly intertwines with our daily lives, Internet Safety Day stands as a beacon of awareness, emphasizing the paramount importance of fostering a secure digital environment, especially for our children. This annual event serves as a poignant reminder that the internet, while a treasure trove of knowledge and connectivity, also harbors potential risks that demand our attention and diligence.

The digital landscape has become an integral part of education, entertainment, and socialization for children. However, as they immerse themselves in the vast online realm, it becomes imperative to equip them with the tools and knowledge to navigate it safely. Internet Safety Day, observed globally, sheds light on the potential pitfalls lurking on the digital frontier and aims to empower kids to make informed choices.



One of the key aspects underscored by this day is the need for children to understand the significance of privacy. As young minds explore the internet, they must grasp the concept that the digital footprints they leave behind can have lasting consequences. Online safety education becomes a shield, safeguarding them against cyberbullying, identity theft, and other malicious activities.

Moreover, the day emphasizes the role of parents, educators, and guardians in shaping responsible online behavior. Creating an open dialogue about internet safety allows children to share their online experiences, fostering trust and collaboration in the family and educational settings. Educators, in particular, play a pivotal role in integrating digital literacy into the curriculum, ensuring that students are equipped with the skills needed to discern credible information and interact responsibly online.

With the ever-evolving digital landscape, Internet Safety Day serves as a catalyst for ongoing discussions and initiatives that prioritize the well-being of our digital natives. The goal is to instill a sense of responsibility, resilience, and critical thinking in the younger generation so that they can harness the vast potential of the internet.



# - MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

## Year 8 and 9 trip to Power plant Beznau



On Wednesday 7th February the Y8 and Y9 classes travelled by public transport to the Beznau nuclear power plant for the day as part of their Leadership section on energy.

After airport style security checks, the students visited the turbine room, control room and waste disposal areas with a guided tour in English or German.

The tour was extremely interesting and demonstrated how clean and safe nuclear energy can be in the right (Swiss!!) hands. The students really enjoyed the day and returned with lots of new information.



## Middle School ice skating



# - HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

## German woodwork workshop for Year 10 and 11



On Tuesday, the advanced German students in Y10 & Y11 had the opportunity to use their German and technical skills to make a boat.

The students all spent between 3 and 4 hours in the woodwork shop in Lorzenpark and all decided to work in pairs to complete the project.

The boats ranged from Spanish Galleons to pleasure yachts.

The students worked really well and enjoyed the opportunity to use their German in a woodwork setting!



## High school Ice skating





# - HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

## Year 12 Trip to The Netherlands

Year 12 students from ISCS and from our sister school in Spain, Sage College, had the opportunity to enjoy a trip to The Netherlands. They visited the cities of Amsterdam, The Hague, Delft and Rotterdam, and the universities of Leiden, TU Delft and Amsterdam. But, specially, they made friends from each school and will keep many moments together in their memories forever.




**Universiteit Leiden**  
The Netherlands

**Leiden Meets:**  
Sage College – The British International School of Jerez and The International School of Central Switzerland

Discover the world at Leiden University



**Universiteit Leiden**

Visit to Universiteit Leiden

Leiden University was founded in 1575 and is one of the leading international research universities in Europe. Its motto is *Praesidium Libertatis – Bastion of Freedom*



Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) is the oldest and largest university of technology in the Netherlands. TU Delft prides itself on being a forward-looking, creative institution with an international outlook, where problem-solving through teamwork is emphasised.

Rotterdam by night



## - ISCS TALKS -



Adolescence is a developmental period marked by many changes, often occurring at a rate so rapidly making it difficult for teenagers and their parents to understand what is happening to them. This critical period in a person's life is often the most vulnerable developmental period, which is why mental health practitioners have noticed a consistent upward trend in teen mental health challenges.

Virginia invites you to join her educational workshop where she'll dive deep into her life's passion: supporting developing beings with their mental and emotional wellbeing. In this workshop, Virginia draws from her first-hand experience working with youth and families as a Clinician and Mental Health Counselor.

Discover the factors that are affecting teenagers' mental health as well as tools to support their emotional wellbeing. Learn how to apply a developmental lens with your rapidly growing child as well as when to intervene in support of their mental health.

Join Virginia as she takes you through her informational session on adolescent mental health so that this knowledge becomes the catalyst through which you feel empowered in navigating the mental health challenges in teens.

### DATE

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2024

### TIME

09.00H - 10.30H

### LOCATION

THEATER

VIRGINIA IS A HARVARD-TRAINED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR WHO SPECIALIZES IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND FAMILIES FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS. IN ADDITION TO HER ROLE AS THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT A HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW YORK CITY, SHE ALSO MAINTAINS A PRIVATE PRACTICE IN ZURICH, LENDING HER SUPPORTIVE EARS FOR PEOPLE TO FEEL AFFIRMED, UNDERSTOOD AND VALIDATED.

# ISCS TALKS

## NAVIGATING MENTAL HEALTH FOR FAMILIES

SWISSER





- Whole school activity
- Early Years activity
- Primary activity
- Middle School activity
- High School activity



Check all events in our online calendar  
<https://iscs-zug.ch/en/2023-24-iscs-calendar/>

# Weekly Agenda

Weeks: 12th February - 23d February

Monday, 12th February - Monday 19th February

- HALF TERM FEBRUARY BREAK

Monday, 19th February

- FACULTY IN SERVICE - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES - ONLY HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday, 20th February

- STUDENTS BACK IN SCHOOL
- PRIMARY DRAGON BUILDING COMPETITION

Wednesday, 21st February

- ISCS TALKS - NAVIGATING MENTAL HEALTH FOR FAMILIES



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## SCHOOL LUNCH-Week of the 19th of February

### Tuesday

Rindfleischvogel an Bratensauce (CH)  
Schupfnudeln  
Karotten-Redli

### Wednesday

Seehecht im Backteig MSC (ASC)  
Sauce Tartar  
Bouillonkartoffeln  
Blattspinat

### Thursday

Chicken Nuggets (CH) BTS  
Zitronen Quark Mayo-Dip  
Basmatireis (Fairtrade)  
Tomatensauce

### Friday

Älplermagronen Gratin  
Krautstiel à la crème

\* The menu is complemented with salad (everyday) and dessert (fruit from Monday to Thursday, and cake on Fridays).

