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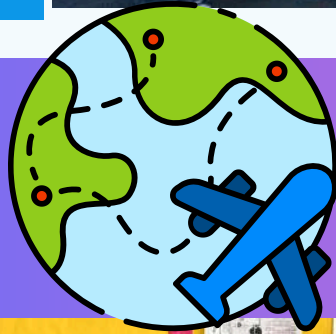
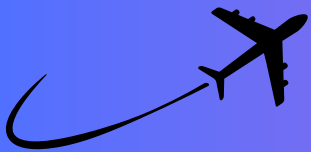
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HOUSE POINTS

			
WATER	AIR	FIRE	EARTH
4171	3495	5291	4461

The British School of Zug



- STUDENT COUNCIL 23/24 -



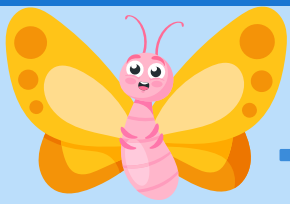
Meet the members
of the Student
Council and the
Primary Prefects



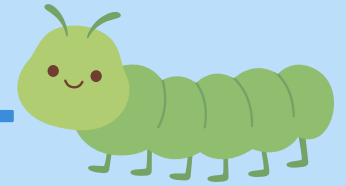
- STUDENT COUNCIL 23/24 -

Thank you to our Student Council for organising a very engaging and interactive all-school assembly dedicated to anti-bullying. The council members prepared a variety of activities and shared tips how to deal with unwanted behaviour, should it occur.





- PRIMARY NEWS -



Forest School

Despite the colder weather we had plenty of fun at forest school. We started off the year 2024 with art and craft activities, for example, drawing a "Feuerwerk" and making a dragon for the Chinese New Year.



Songs such as "Schneeflöckchen, Weißröckchen" helped us to learn a range of German vocabulary

Especially in winter the children and teachers loved making hot chocolate over the campfire and we are looking forward to more campfire cooking in the next months.



We covered a variety of wintery topics such as forest animals in hibernation and the children definitely enjoyed a treasure hunt to find different animals and information about their habits in winter.

The children learned the names of local birds and we made bird feeders to help them through the cold months.



Every session, after listening and participating in a teacher-led activity, each year group has fun in the forest by playing their own imaginative games, playing hide and seek, playing in the sand pit or simply enjoying nature.

If you want, you could always have a look at the events at zuki.ch and visit the forest school site with your child after school or at the weekend.





- PRIMARY NEWS -



Jobs!

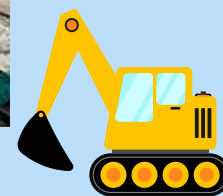
In Early Years, the children have been learning all about different jobs and talking about what they want to be when they grow up. During German lessons they had great fun learning vocabulary for the Fire Station, Police Station and Recycling Centre. Our school ice skating trip on the last day of term was a highlight. Everybody was very keen to ice skate on their own without any help, having never ice skated before!



Busy building!



The classroom Construction Area has been very busy so we decided to go outside and have a look at what the construction workers were doing out there.



Cham Recycling Centre was a very exciting trip where the children learnt which items can be recycled and where to take them.



I want to be an ice hockey player!



ZUKI fun!



Sports fun !



- PRIMARY NEWS -

In recognition of Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dragon, the children were invited to a dragon building competition.

Their creations were amazing and showed great imaginativeness and creativeness.



Did you know?

To say "Happy New Year" in Chinese, you would say "新年快乐" (Xīnnián kuàilè) for the Gregorian New Year. If you're referring to the Lunar New Year, often called Chinese New Year, you would say "春节快乐" (Chūnjié kuàilè).



- 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!



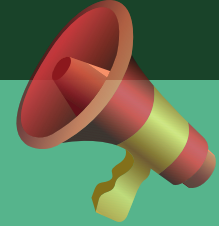
- PRIMARY NEWS -

Primary Ice skating



Swiss Traditions: Schöni Fasnacht!





- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

LANGUAGES

In the Y8 & Y9 German native speaker group, students have been studying a short story called "Leopold Ferken" which takes place in a school classroom in the 1960's.

As a final piece of work, the students needed to develop a dialogue and perform this to their classmates, which resulted in some excellent acting and performances for the four groups.

Congratulations to Dan N and Dan B who were the unanimous winners!



The topic for the next 6 weeks in German is "Childhood" - Die Kindheit



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- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

India's culture

Get ready for an exciting journey as we explore the captivating world of India's culture with your children! From vibrant festivals to mesmerising art forms, India offers a treasure trove of experiences waiting to be discovered.

What to Expect:

Engaging activities and projects that bring India's rich traditions to life.
Opportunities for students to explore diverse art forms and cultural practices.
A chance to develop empathy, curiosity, and respect for cultural diversity.

Your Role:

We invite you to join us in supporting and encouraging your child's curiosity and learning. Whether it's sharing your own experiences or volunteering at cultural events, your involvement enriches the experience for everyone.



Looking Forward:

Together, let's celebrate the beauty and diversity of India's culture and inspire our children to embrace the world with open minds and hearts.

- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

The Parents Organisation has organised a fantastic end to the week: Carnival-themed games and activities. Students enjoyed limbo contest, Rondeau (typical but easy dance made by Gilles in Binche-Belgium) with Belgian Carnival music, mixed with musical chair game, a game with students throwing... There were also a photo booth with accessories and delicious pancakes!





- 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 -



Hallo

German 11 is hard at work to practice for their upcoming IGCSE oral exams. They are using past papers and practice with the teacher and with peers to get used to the question and exam format.



¡HOLA!

This week in Spanish classes Y10 and 11, with the celebration of International Women's Day next week, we have been researching some Spanish-speaking women whose achievements changed history.

The students made a presentation about the first Spanish speaking NASA astronaut woman and the first Spanish Nobel prize winner in literature.



Learning a language also means immersing yourself in other cultures. The students have really enjoyed researching and learning about the biography of these women.

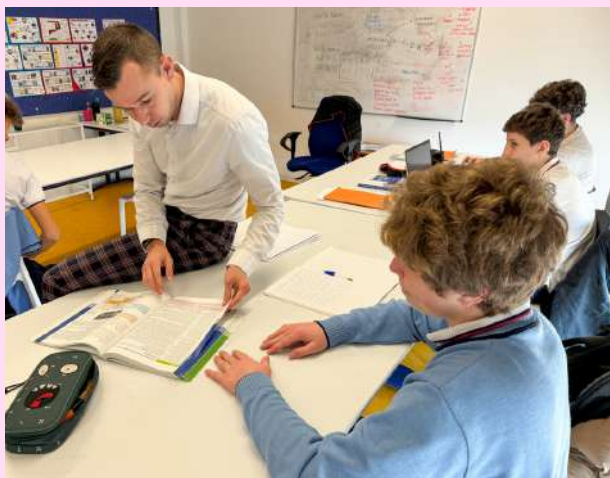


- HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -



By examining diverse viewpoints, our students develop a nuanced understanding of historical events, enhance their analytical skills, and engage in discussions about ethical considerations and global awareness.

Our students are currently immersed in a unique study of World War II, focusing on the German perspective and life on the home front from 1939 to 1945. This approach offers valuable insights into the complexities of the war and fosters empathy, critical thinking, and historical understanding.



We invite you to join us in supporting your child's exploration of this crucial period in history and encourage open discussions at home about the themes and lessons they encounter in their studies.



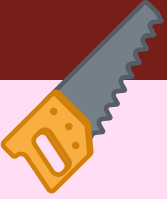


- HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -



In the Business class, students have taken on the role of the teacher, with each one presenting a specific topic. This teaching method, where students take on the role of the teacher, creates a fun, dynamic and interactive learning environment. Taking charge of a topic means students really get to grips with it, making sure they understand it inside out to share it with their classmates. It's also a brilliant exercise in critical thinking, as students have to sift through information, organise their thoughts coherently, and then present them in an engaging way. This approach not only makes learning more interesting but also helps students sharpen their ability to communicate effectively.





- 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



- BADMINTON TOURNAMENT -



Our Secondary students and teachers just finished the first-ever ISCS Badminton Doubles Tournament! First, the teams battled in the Regular season and then top teams advanced to the playoffs.

Giacomo/Vasisht stepped onto pedestal finishing 3rd, whilst Alexander/Mr Nayman ended up on the 2nd spot. Peter/Milan/Ivan became the Winners of our event! Congratulations to all the winners!



- ISCS TALK -

Game art and Game design

Year 9 to Year 13 Students and Families are welcome to attend this exciting ISCS TALK,
Tuesday 5/3 at 15.00

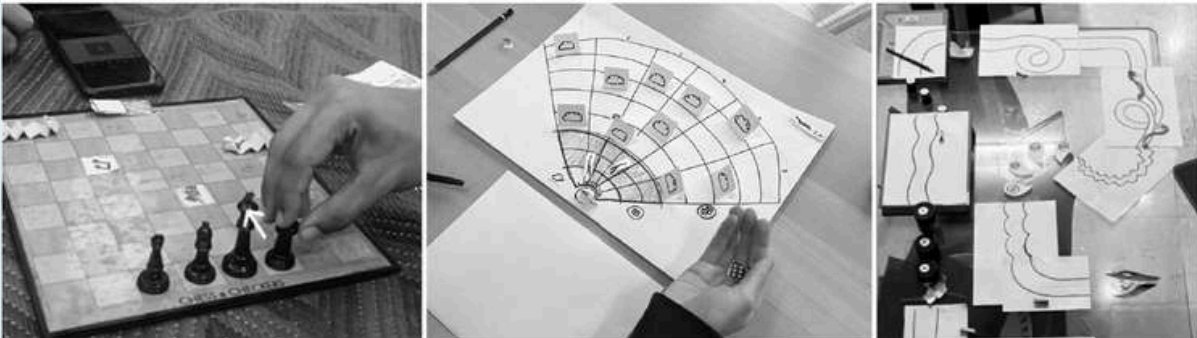


- Game art and game design club
- Incl. art and design fundamentals
- Traditional and digital media support
- 6+ year olds, all genders + skill levels
- Expert instructor



Biweekly game art and game design club that explores the artistic and expressive side of game culture using traditional media and **screen-free exercises**. Ideal for 6+ year-olds with a passion for drawing dynamic objects and characters inspired by their favourite video game, manga and anime series; and an interest to develop their own games. Students can follow prescribed exercises or receive supervision for personal projects and school work.

Exercises include a mix of freeform creativity alongside **essential art and design fundamentals** like perspective, colour and light, composition, game mechanics and paper prototyping, derived from the instructor's renowned art instruction books, including *Drawing Basics* and *Video Game Art*.



Chris Solarski is a games industry expert; author of two distinguished books on game art, game storytelling and game design; with over a decade of international teaching experience. His work is endorsed by the likes of Hollywood film director Marc Forster, and *Assassin's Creed* founding member Stéphane Assadourian. Chris has had the pleasure of presenting at the Smithsonian Museum's landmark *The Art of Video Games* exhibition, Disney Research, SXSW and Google, to name a few.



"I'm an art teacher who teaches foundations and I've been searching for years for a book that connects the import of knowing the basics and their application to today's technology and media. This is the book. A Rembrandt on one page, a Halo [game] on the other."

★★★★★ 5-star Amazon review for *Drawing Basics and Video Game Art*

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- ISCS TALK -



Claire Hauxwell is a certified evolution coach, midlife and expat mentor, and author of *Badass Abroad: How to Get Your Expat Shift Together*. She taps her 15 years of experience living abroad, in five countries and three continents, to help women navigate the world of life transitions.

Her coaching philosophy isn't about reinventing yourself - it's about rediscovering, reigniting, and redefining one's life by taking bold steps, embracing change, and adding excitement to each moment. Encouraging her clients to think about what they genuinely crave helps eliminate the noise to close the gap between where they are today and where they desire to be. She works with clients through thoughtful discussion to gain clarity, create goals, and add intentional choices while embracing an unbounded and global lifestyle.

Originally from Michigan, USA, Claire's passion for connecting with global women led her to become a certified life coach. She enjoys working with those looking to gain confidence, shift their mindset, and create fulfilling and intentional lives at home and abroad. She is also the author of *Badass Abroad: How To Get Your Expat Shift Together*, a relatable and humor-filled hybrid memoir/guidebook about her life-changing journey from flailing spouse to badass abroad.

An avid skier, dog lover, and fitness enthusiast, Claire's also the mom of two spirited teen TCK daughters. She is married to a man who knows he'd never have gotten where he is today without her by his side. She currently calls Zug, Switzerland home.

DATE

THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2024

TIME

09.00H - 10.30H

LOCATION

THEATER



ISCS TALKS

SWISSER



- ISCS TALKS -

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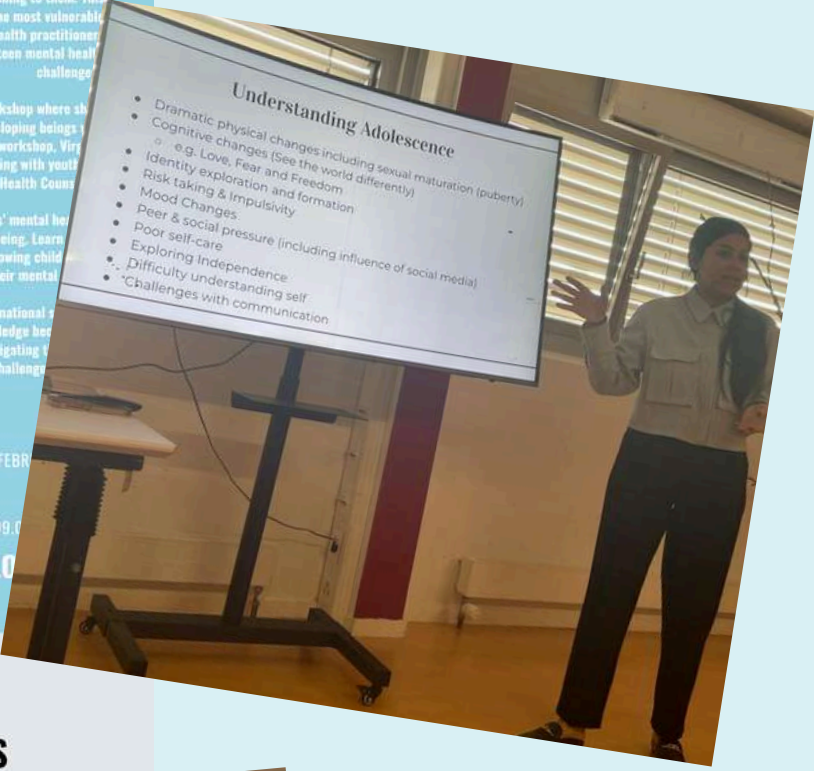
Adolescence is a developmental period marked by many changes, often occurring at a rate so rapidly making it difficult for teenagers and their parents to understand what is happening to them. This critical period in a person's life is often the most vulnerable developmental period, which is why mental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

Virginia invites you to join her educational workshop where she will dive deep into her life's passion: supporting developing beings and 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 when to intervene in support of their mental health.

Join Virginia as she takes you through her informational approach to adolescent mental health so that this knowledge becomes a catalyst through which you feel empowered in navigating your child's health challenges.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2024
09:00 AM
L01



- ### Understanding Adolescence
- Dramatic physical changes including sexual maturation (puberty)
 - Cognitive changes (See the world differently)
 - e.g. Love, Fear and Freedom
 - Identity exploration and formation
 - Risk taking & Impulsivity
 - Mood Changes
 - Peer & social pressure (including influence of social media)
 - Poor self-care
 - Exploring independence
 - Difficulty understanding self
 - "Challenges with communication"

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 ZÜRICH, LENDING HER SUPPORTIVE EARS FOR PEOPLE TO FEEL AFFIRMED, UNDERSTOOD AND VALIDATED.

ISCS TALKS NAVIGATING MENTAL HEALTH FOR FAMILIES SWISSER



ISCS Talks:

Navigating Mental Health for Families

Wednesday February 21, 2024

THANK YOU



ISCS PARENTS' ORGANISATION
We Connect - We Care - We Support

Join us!

FOR A

WHOLE COMMUNITY
FAMILY DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 1
STARTING 6:00 pm
FREIRUUM ZUG

CULINARY DIVERSITY, PLAYGROUND (from 2 years old) &
TRAMPOLINE PARC (from 6 years old) PRESENT ON SITE

PLEASE ANNOUNCE YOUR VENUE

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544AEAC2AA2FA7-48139105-allsections>

ANY QUESTION, PLEASE CONTACT US

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