



iDSB NEWSLETTER

February 2025

Dear parents, dear students, dear friends of the iDSB,

We are delighted to present you with the February edition of our newsletter. In this issue, you can once again expect exciting news, current developments and insights into upcoming events and projects.

As always, we look forward to your feedback and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We hope you enjoy reading it!

Your iDSB team

*NOTE: If you would like to receive the **newsletter in ENGLISH** in the future, please send an email to marketing@idsb.eu*

TERMINE

Every Thursday, 8 - 9 am | Parent's Café in the OS

19.02.2025 | MUN trip to Copenhagen, Years 11 and 12

21.02.2025 | Carnival party at the KiBi and GS

22.02.-02.03.2025 | Crocus holidays

03.-07.03.2025 | Class trip to Vienna, Year 12

12.03.2025 | Krabbel-Café (parent-child get-together in the GS)

12.03.2025 | GS Committee

14.03.2025 | Career Afternoon, Years 11 and 12

14.-15.03.2025 | iDSB Alumni Meeting

03.04.2025 | Open Day - Online

05.04.2025 | iDSB spring flea market

09.04.2025 | Krabbel-Café (parent-child get-together in the GS)

12.-27.04.2025 | Easter holidays

NEWS

New committee starts work: The school conference

Since October 2024, the newly founded school conference has been meeting, in which pupils, parents and staff discuss school issues together. The committee was set up to bring all stakeholders together at one table for the first time. Four meetings are planned per school year.

The first two meetings focused on the mobile phone policy and the break bell, among other things. It was decided to abolish the mobile phone zone and to conduct a pupil survey on the break bell. Ideas were also collected to promote student engagement and respectful behaviour.

At the end of the school year, it will be evaluated whether the school conference should be continued and further developed.

You can view the report on the school conference [HERE](#).



News zum iDSB-Jahrbuch

Dear parents,

In recent years, the printing costs for our iDSB yearbook have risen considerably, while income from adverts in the book continues to fall. In order to continue to provide each family with a free copy, we have decided to issue one yearbook per family. This will be given to the eldest child in the family during the last week of school.

If you would like more copies, you can order them for **€10 per book**. Payment will be made by invoice and the books will only be issued once payment has been received. We will also give the additional yearbooks ordered to your eldest child.

Please note that the order deadline for additional yearbooks is **21 March 2025**. The order is binding.

Click [HERE](#) to order further iDSB yearbooks.

In order to further reduce printing costs, the yearbook will also be published in a slightly more compact format and with a reduced scope.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



Preparation for studying abroad

Dear parents of grade 11 and 12 students,

If your child is planning to study at an English-speaking university, they may need to take an English proficiency exam such as TOEFL or Cambridge English as part of the admission process. To help them succeed, Mr. Rob Varty is offering a free lunchtime preparation course designed to strengthen their language skills and exam techniques.

Start Date: Thursday, 13 March 2025

Location: School library

Time: 13:20 - 14:05 (Lunch break)

Ends: May 2025

How is this course beneficial?

- ✓ Higher exam scores improve university admission chances
- ✓ Expert guidance on exam format, strategies, and time management
- ✓ Confidence-building practice with real exam questions
- ✓ Stronger English skills for academic success abroad

Students who would like to join are asked to contact Mr. Rob Varty at robert.varty@idsb.eu.



International History Bee & Bowl of Benelux – Coming to iDSB!

If so, join the first-ever

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY BEE & BOWL OF BENELUX

Right here at iDSB
on 29 March!



International
History Bee

presented by

International Academic
Competitions



International
History Bowl

We are excited to announce that the **International History Bee and Bowl of Benelux** will take place on **Saturday, March 29, 2025**, at the International German School of Brussels. This is the **first-ever edition** of the competition in a **Benelux country**, bringing an exciting, buzzer-based history tournament to students from all school backgrounds. This tournament, conducted **entirely in English**, is a fantastic opportunity for students to expand their horizons, challenge themselves academically, connect with like-minded peers and truly embrace the meaning of "international". Open to students of all skill levels from any school, the competition encourages **critical thinking, teamwork**, and a **deeper appreciation of history**. Top performers will also have the chance to qualify for the **European Championships in Vienna** and the prestigious **International History Olympiad in Paris**.

This exciting event is being presented by *International Academic Competitions*, an organisation that offers students worldwide the chance to compete in exciting academic tournaments, founded in 2010 by *Jeopardy!* champion David Madden.

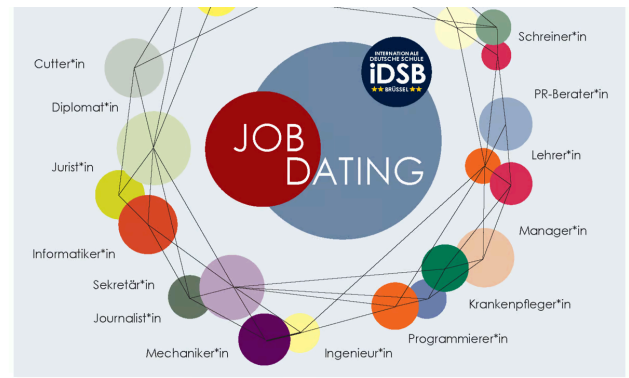
Click [HERE](#) for full details, including competition format, divisions, and schedule. Give your child the chance to learn, compete, and grow on an international stage—we look forward to welcoming you!

Speakers wanted for the Career Afternoon!

For our Career Afternoon on 14 March, we are still looking for more speakers to give year 11 and 12 students exciting insights into various professional fields.

Are you interested? Then get in touch with **Mr Daniel Scuderi**: daniel.scuderi@idsb.eu.

We look forward to your support!



CAREER AFTERNOON

FREITAG, 14. MÄRZ 2025

17.30 – 19.30 UHR

iDSB-AULA

My child is sick - what should I do?



If a student falls ill or is unable to attend lessons or school events for other reasons, the school must be informed **immediately** or by **8:00 am at the latest** via the current school administration software (Phidias).

Regulations according to school level

KiBi & primary school:

- There is no obligation to provide a medical certificate, not even in the case of prolonged illness. If a doctor's certificate is available, it can be uploaded together with the sick note in Phidias.

Secondary school:

- **Grades 5-9:** No medical certificate required (as in primary school). If a doctor's certificate is available, it can also be uploaded to Phidias. In special cases, the school has the right to request a medical certificate.
- **From year 10 onwards:** a medical certificate is required from the third day of absence, for announced performance reviews and for absences immediately before or after the holidays.

Important information on reporting sick

- **KiBi:** Sick notes must be submitted directly to the respective group via Teams by 8.00 a.m. at the latest.
- **Primary & Secondary School:** Sick notes must be submitted exclusively via Phidias. Students can report sick there for a single day as well as for longer periods of time.

Detailed instructions on how to report sick in Phidias can be found [HERE](#).

Reminder: Der Schularzt kommt!

The school medical examinations started in January 2025. Your child/children will be examined by our school doctor Dr Gelderblom.

You can find out on which day your child will be examined here: [Dates](#).

If you have any questions, please contact: grundschule@idsb.eu.



Important accounting information



Please note that excursions, school trips, flights and tickets cannot be cancelled. Even in the event of illness or absence, the costs must be borne by the parents. Thank you for your understanding!

Neu im Bistro: Mehr Auswahl für alle!

In addition to our tried and tested salad bar, we have been offering an extended selection of dishes for a few weeks now to provide even more culinary variety. We have already offered chicken burgers, pasta and Mediterranean specialities, among other things. We are particularly pleased that our homemade cakes have been well received by our students.

NEW and FREE: from now on, the **soup of the day** will be served free of charge in the bistro during the lunch break. The **prerequisite** is that you bring your **own container** for the food!



SAVE THE DATE: iDSB spring flea market on 05.04.

It's almost time again - the flea market & clothes fair are coming up! Browse through your cupboards and cellar now: What would you like to sell or donate? You can set up your stall on the ground floor of the secondary school as usual - our new and improved registration system will be available shortly.

All information about the flea market and the clothing exchange will soon be available on our website in **German, English, French** and **Dutch**.

We look forward to seeing you!

Open day | Online on 03.04.

FLOHMARKT
Kleiderbörse | Clothes Sale
Flohmarkt-Café | Coffee Corner

FLEA MARKET

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The graphic is a promotional poster for a flea market. It features a blue bicycle in the foreground. Behind it is a table with various items on it, including a pink teddy bear, a stack of books, and a red shopping bag hanging from a hanger. The background is a light blue and white geometric design. The text 'FLOHMARKT' is written in large, bold, red letters at the top. Below it, in smaller black text, are the descriptions 'Kleiderbörse | Clothes Sale' and 'Flohmarkt-Café | Coffee Corner'. On the left side, the words 'FLEA MARKET' are written vertically in orange. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for 'iDSB'.

Do you know families who will soon be moving to Belgium or simply want to find out more about the iDSB? Then we would be delighted if you would share our offer of our virtual open day on **3 April 2025!**

A great opportunity to experience our school from the comfort of your own home and gain exciting insights directly from the school management team. Afterwards, we will be happy to answer questions in a live chat.

[Register now](#) - we look forward to your active participation!



JETZT ANMELDEN

ONLINE | TAG DER OFFENEN TÜR

DO, 03. APRIL 2025

Bilinguale Kita und Grundschule
17:30 bis ca. 19:00 h

Oberschule
19:30 bis ca. 21:00 h

SAVE THE DATE: Cinema experience at the iDSB on 26.03.



Filmland Sachsen-Anhalt für Groß und Klein

The Head of the State Chancellery and Minister for Culture of Saxony-Anhalt, Rainer Robra, cordially invites you to two film screenings at the International German School Brussels on **26 March 2025**. The films will be shown in the **Aula** of the iDSB.

In the afternoon from **15:45 h** the children's film *Sieger sein* (recommended from 4th grade) will be shown. Mona, a refugee from Syria with her Kurdish family, struggles with the language as a new pupil in a chaotic Berlin school - but her football talent catches the eye. When she is accepted into the girls' team, she learns that success is only possible as part of a team.

In the evening, starting at **19:15 h**, there is a sensitive film *Treasure - Familie ist ein fremdes Land*, which inspires with humour and depth. After the fall of the Iron Curtain, New York businesswoman Ruth travels to Poland to come to terms with her family's past. At her side is her father Edek, who also survived the Holocaust. Their journey becomes a search for themselves and for shared

memories.

After both films, you will have the opportunity to ask the directors questions.

Please register for the film screenings!

Further information can be found [HERE](#).

Location: iDSB auditorium

Admission is free

Registration: [Sieger Sein](#) | [Treasure – Familie ist ein fremdes Land](#)

Our lost & found boxes

Is your child missing a water bottle, sports trousers or a jacket? Take a look in our lost property boxes! After the holidays, all unclaimed items will be donated to a good cause.

Report on the strategy meeting of the Executive Board

On Sunday, 9 February, the Board of Directors met for a strategy meeting to set the course for the future of the school. A key topic was how to deal with the growing financial challenges. Despite the school association's currently solid financial situation, it is important for the Board of Directors to plan ahead and prepare for possible developments - particularly with regard to the planned closure of the Audi plant in Brussels and potential changes to federal funding.

For the coming school year, it is planned that school fees will not rise significantly above the current inflation rate (3-4%).

Another focus of the meeting was the further development of our school buildings:

- **Classrooms in the OS:** In summer 2025, ideally before the start of the coming school year, the second floor of the secondary school is to be made usable again with a new escape staircase. This will allow the containers to be decommissioned.
- **Refurbishment of the primary school:** A fundamental repair of the roof of the primary school building (crèche) is planned in the near future.
- **Secondary school sports field:** Due to its poor condition, the sports field will be modernised in the summer.
- **Future of the school buildings:** At the end of March, a delegation of German authorities will visit the school to check whether it makes economic sense to renovate the existing buildings or whether a new building will be necessary after all.

As the owner of the property, the federal government will finance the emergency staircase and the roof renovation - the school association's budget remains unaffected.

We will keep you informed of further developments and thank you for your support.

Vacancies at the iDSB



Would you like to join our dedicated team? Take a look at our vacancies at the iDSB: to the [applicationplatform](#).

RÜCKBLICKE

Simply click on the article to read more:

- [Franco-German friendship](#)
- [GS+ festival on 30.01.](#)
- [La Chandeleur at the iDSB](#)
- [Live: The Dutch course as a guest on Flemish television](#)
- [Winter sports day at the GS](#)

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