



HASSERIS GYMNASIUM & SCHOOL



Hasseris, January 18, 2021

Dear PreIB parents,

Happy New Year! When I wrote to you before Christmas, I was hoping for a speedy return of the students to school, but with the latest extension of the current corona restrictions until February 7, it will be a while before the students can enter the school facilities again. Right now both students and teachers are doing their best to make the most out of a difficult situation. The schedule has been reduced a little as we acknowledge that online learning for a full day is very challenging. Fortunately, PreIB students do not have any final exams by the end of PreIB which will get on their final IB Diploma after IB2, so we have some time to catch up when the world hopefully soon will return to more normal teaching possibilities. Likewise, we can arrange the mock exams by the end of PreIB to the contents which they have actually covered under the given circumstances.

In regards to the everyday virtual teaching, challenges are found in many different areas, but in particular poor internet connections and students sitting in their beds, not really being ready for receiving teaching, are mentioned as particularly problematic. The school communicates with the students through Lectio, and I cannot stress enough the importance of students actually checking their messages here. Ivan, the deputy IB coordinator, and I also meet with the students in Teams for IB Assemblies, and it is extremely important that the students attend these assemblies as important information regarding for instance the lockdown will be given here.

Should you experience that your child is having difficulties, never hesitate to contact me. You can either call the school or write to me on ib@hasseris-gym.dk

PreIB Subject Choice, Parent Meeting and Parent Consultations

On Thursday January 21 in the 3rd module, Ivan and I will introduce the subjects in the IB Diploma Programme and the subject choice process and in the following week the teaching will elaborate in regards to their subject. Deadline for the final choice of subjects is February 17, and in the weeks before that I will have individual talks with all students – virtually, if we are not back physically at school.

As mentioned before the Christmas Break, we also have a parent meeting about the subject choice on

Wednesday January 27, 2021, at 17.00.

This meeting is virtual and the link to the meeting will be available in Lectio in the students' schedule and on the school's homepage in advance.



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At the meeting relevant rules and regulations concerning the IB Diploma Programme, as well as further education in Denmark and abroad, will be explained in order to ensure a solid basis for choosing the right subjects for each individual student. If you want to know more about the IB Diploma Programme at Hasseris Gymnasium before the meeting, information is available on the school's homepage on <http://www.hasseris-gym.dk/ib/programmes>.

Right after the subject choice meeting, we have parent consultations from 18.00 to 22.00. Here it is possible to talk to teachers whose subjects are especially relevant for the subject choice – Math, English, Danish, Physics, Biology and Chemistry. You can also ask to talk to me, but please note that since I will be talking to each student individually during the weeks up to the subject choice deadline, this evening consultations with me should primarily be about other issues. The consultations will be virtual through the use of the students' Teams profile. We expect that students also participate in the consultation.

Deadline for registration in Lectio for the parents' consultation evening is Friday January 22, 2021, at 9.00. Note that it is only possible to sign up via Lectio and only before the deadline. Schedule for the evening's consultations will be available in Lectio Tuesday, January 26, 2020, at 15.00.

Should you have to cancel your participation once given times for consultations, you must contact member of senior management Ronni Sejrsen Hansen directly on rs@hasseris-gym.dk or by phone on 96 32 71 10.

Best regards

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