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Our Focus is on Student Learning
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We are an IB World School
We are a Member of the European Collaborative for International Schools
We are a school accredited by the Council of International Schools

We are a member of Cambridge International Examinations

We are a member of The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award

We are a member of LAMDA
Dear Parents, Staff, Alumni and Friends,

Having completed the first twelve months on the Board of ISM, this is my first opportunity as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees, to address the stakeholders of our fine school. I am extremely proud of what has been achieved in this short time.

The Board has focussed on governance, developing committees to advise us and co-opting other members of the Association and professional advisors to assist us on our path towards educational excellence and our determination to make ISM one of the best international schools in Europe.

We have the will and resources to achieve this, enhanced by the Principality’s commitment to ISM notably through the development of the Testimonio II project and, in 2015, the conversion of the former Yacht Club into our Early Years facility.

The Government recently approved the draft of our new Articles of Association which has been reviewed by our working group and we look forward to wider distribution to the members of the Association.

The Board also commissioned a due diligence review which was carried out by KPMG, assessing governance, risk and the correct functioning of the executive and non-executive. A financial audit was carried out by Ernst and Young and posted on the parent portal along with the Council of International Schools Accreditation summary and the Board’s report at the Annual General Assembly. These procedures have confirmed that ISM is in good order and the tasks ahead clear.

The Board was delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Stuart Burns as our incoming Director from August 2019. A graduate of Cambridge University, and with experience of major international brands such as Dulwich College and Brighton College, and a fluent French and German speaker, Stuart knows a great deal about educational excellence. Before the year had ended he had already made significant inroads with the senior leadership team on education review, results analysis, extra curricular and sporting activities and well-being.

At the end of the year, assisted by our newly appointed Director of Finance and Administration, Mr Jean-Claude Michel, the Board appointed a new catering firm, Eurest, under the leadership of our executive chef Mr George Gavrias to ensure the nutritional well-being of our students and staff.

To strengthen our education expertise within the non-executive, the Board was pleased to appoint Mr Julian Thomas, former master of Wellington College, as an advisor continuing the excellent work of Mrs Vicky Tuck who worked with us throughout 2018-19. In addition, in consultation with Stuart Burns, the Board has appointed specialist educational consultants GABBITAS, who have been providing independent educational advice since 1873, to conduct a full review of education, governance and staffing, and to help draft new strategic plans.

The future looks bright with many inspirational and innovative ideas regarding student leadership, artificial intelligence, coding, sports, pastoral programmes, environmental studies and more. There are opportunities to place the International School of Monaco at the centre of educational thinking as well as offering our students the best possible preparation for their future.
The Board had the pleasure of attending the wonderful Graduation Ceremony in June, an outstanding occasion for our truly international and diverse community. We were most grateful for the presence of Mr Andrea Casiraghi and indeed the support of the whole famille princière.

Well done to the 36 graduates and we wish you all the best in your bright futures as ambassadors not only of ISM but also the Principality of Monaco. Know that ISM is committed to ensuring you achieve your goals.

I would like to thank my fellow Board Members with whom it has been a pleasure to work alongside this year. My thanks go also to the School Council, the PTA and all the volunteer members of the Association. As we head into our transformational Silver Jubilee year, celebrating 25 years of international education in the Principality, your commitment, hard work, advice and precious time will be more valuable than ever.

Lastly I would like to thank Stuart Burns, the Senior Leadership Team and our dedicated teachers and our support staff for giving our next generation one of the irrevocable gifts of education.

Justin Hilbert
Chair, Board of Trustees
The Board appointed Mr Stuart Burns as Director of the School, with effect from August 1st 2019.

The Board approved the appointment of Mr Luc Blais as Director of Finance and Administration from September 2018.

At the end of the year, the Board appointed Mr Jean-Claude Michel to take over from Mr Blais with effect from September 2019.

Following the elections of June 2018, Mrs Raffaella Perris Magnetto Tamborrino served as Board Chair for most of the year with Justin Hilbert as Vice Chair, Carole Kloosterman as Treasurer, and Christina Bergamasco as Secretary. At the time of the AGM in June, Justin Hilbert became Chair, with Raffaella Perris Magnetto Tamborrino as Vice Chair.

Given the small size of the Board with just four members, the Board unanimously co-opted professional advisors and re-formed the School Council to assist us with the Committees structure. With non-voting roles, the School Council members comprise: Ken Judge (Governance and Finance Committee), Marco Repetto, (Facilities Committee), Lee Robinson (Finance Committee), David Burns, (Finance and Due Diligence Committees), Felicity Reardon (Due Diligence and Governance), and Richard Stephenson (Joint Venture and Education Committees).

The role of the Education Committee is to hold the educational executive to account, analyse examination results and develop action plans to improve our provision.

The Board has opted to work with education specialists, employing high quality professionals who have provided educational excellence in their own leadership: Vicky Tuck, formerly Director General of the International School of Geneva, and Head of Cheltenham Ladies College, was instrumental in helping the Board to find a new Director, with CIS accreditation, on a review of staff pay and benefits, as well as governance structure.

We would also like to thank Mr Michael Featherstone who was invaluable in helping the Board with CIS accreditation.

Facilities
The Board, together with the Buildings and Facilities Committee, met with the Testimonio II architects, and consulted with staff members, to agree on some important modifications to the plans. The aim was to make better use of the space available, and these have been approved by the Government and their contractors.

Within the present school, routine classroom upgrades and some improved staff areas were completed during the year.

Finance
Enrolment remained high with 657 students enrolled by June 2019. As a non profit association with no external subventions, fee income is by far the largest source of revenue. The Board approved an overall increase of 3.5% in tuition fees to meet rising costs and in particular staff expenses. As part of the social review led by Vicky Tuck, there were significant improvements for health insurance, and travel subsidies for staff members, and extended fee remissions for the children of teachers. This has led to a strengthening of the quality and experience of the staff recruited during 2018/19, notably for the coming year.

Communication
The Board of Trustees along with the PTA and School Council hosted two “Happy Hour” welcome drinks for parents and staff in September 2018 and April 2019. Regular Board Communiques were issued to the ISM community throughout the year with a special edition being sent to all staff in February 2019.

The Audited Accounts for 2017/18, the planned budget for 2019/20, and the Board Report were placed on the secure parent portal for the first time, enabling parents to study these documents at home.

Annual General Assembly
The AGM took place on June 4th. Lacking a quorum, an informal discussion took place covering a number of areas, and the outgoing Director made a report.

The re-convened AGM took place on June 25th when the audited accounts for the previous year, and the budget for 2019/20, were approved by the attending members.
I am pleased to give this Director’s report of the past school year which has been my fifth and final year at ISM.

The main focus this year has been the re-accreditation process by the Council of International Schools (CIS) which concluded eighteen months of hard work by all stakeholders including the Board of Trustees, parents, staff and students.

To quote the CIS, which is a major accrediting body for international schools, “The final award of CIS accreditation shows that the school has achieved high standards of professional performance in international education and has a commitment to continuous improvement.” *Council of International Schools*

ISM was successfully re-accredited in December 2018 when the school was especially commended for its global citizenship, multilingualism, partnership with parents, extra-curricular activities, a commitment to well-being, and governance, which has provided a stable financial model for investment in the new campus.

The Visiting Team made a number of recommendations in December 2018 which were implemented by June 2019, when ISM was reported as having “made good progress in aligning with the CIS Accreditation Standards”. I would like to thank all members of the ISM community for their hard work in achieving this.

A major priority this year was to redefine and clarify our strategic Core Values and Learning Principles, in line with our Mission. Much time was spent thoroughly examining and defining what these mean and our learning principles: planning, engagement, celebration, content, expectations and feedback. Visual portraits demonstrating these attributes have been devised and displayed across the school. A Quality Assurance and professional learning framework ensures that the quality of learning, teaching and professional practice are of a high standard.

Student well-being continued to be a high priority with expansion of the well-being team, workshops with both parents and students on anti-bullying, internet safety and the use of social media, and understanding the teenage years.

I am pleased to report a successful set of examination results. Students in Year 11 achieved some of the best results in the Cambridge IGCSE results that we have seen in a number of years, and a restructuring of this programme for next year will give students more choice of subjects in line with their particular aptitudes.

I had the great pleasure of addressing the 36 students of the Class of 2019 at their Graduation in June. They achieved overall good results in the IB examinations, with a pass rate in the IB Diploma of 91% and an average score of 32 points, well above the worldwide average.

Most pleasing of all were the university acceptances with many students admitted to some of the most prestigious and selective universities in the USA, and into the UK’s most highly regarded ‘Russell Group’ of 24 research-intensive universities. Other students are pursuing vocational and sporting careers. I wish them all the very best for the future.

As I conclude my five years at ISM I would like to thank all our teachers and colleagues, the parents who have entrusted their children to our care, and the Board of Trustees. I am also grateful to the Monégasque authorities, including the Education Nationale, the Conseil National and most especially the *famille princière*, who have all contributed to the success of the school.

Francis Gianni
ISM Director 2014-2019
Celebrating Students’ Success

SPECIAL AWARDS CLASS OF 2019
The Director's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement:
1st Miriam Bondi
2nd Leonardo Bertolini Zichy Thyssen
3rd Hannah Fredly

The Conseil National Award for Exceptional Effort:
Isabel Osborne

The CAS Award (Creativity, Activity, Service)
Miriam Bondi, Mack van Kuijk, Alya Masoud Abdelhafid, Emile Flament

The ISM Award for Contribution to School Life:
Claire Kanners

The ECIS Award for International Understanding
Alya Masoud Abdelhafid

IB Learner Profile Award
Moshé-Lior Assaraf, Filippo Ballabeni, Hannah Fredly

COLLEGE BOOK PRIZES CLASS 12
For high academic achievement and all round contribution to school life in Year 12

Harvard Book Award: Emilie Evans
Smith College Book Prize: Marina Nalbantis
Wellesley College Book Prize: Alkaterini Lygaki and Margarita Borla Magnetto

Club Allemand International Award: Emilie Rameau and Leah Lielacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOUR ROLL

Class 7: Etienne Franzl and Victoria Morelli
Class 8: Elizabeth Tool
Class 9: Salomé Rameau

SECONDARY SCHOOL HONOUR ROLL

Class 10: 1st: Gemma Griffiths,
2nd: Anaïs Shakhidj,
3rd: Yulia Aksenova

Class 11: 1st: Katerina Matuzny, Alessio Diaz Ferreira, Luka Halozan Bayley,
2nd: Victoria Nikitina,
3rd: Amanda Vikström

Class 12: 1st: Marina Nalbantis,
2nd: Alkaterini Lygaki,
3rd: Tommaso Pelanconi and Margherita Borla Magnetto
Graduating Students and Future Plans

Julia Akopova
Hava Arad
Moshé-Lior Assaraf
Alia Bajsaïr
Filippo Ballabeni
Clément Barelis
Felicitas Behnke
Leonardo Bertolini Zichy Thyssen
Miriam Bondi
Marcus Bjørregaard
Julien Chabaud Burghgraeve
Maria Fisenko
Emile Flament
Zachary Foxhill-Burke
Hannah Fredly
Hugo Häkkinen
Sebastian Heath
Luke Johnson-Flint
Zachary Johnson-Flint
Alexandra Kanners
Claire Kanners
Kyra Marquie von Weyhe
Alya Masoud Abdelhafid
Giulia Mennillo
Isabel Osborne
Cliff Pagani
Olga Rashnikova
Nathan Robert
Luna Roulon-Mitchell
Damien Schaller
Tobias Schaller
Francesca Signorelli
Micah Stanley
Gianluca Tudino
Mack van Kuijk
Eleonora Yakushkina

International University of Monaco
Northeastern University, Boston
King's College London
Ecole Hôtelière Lausanne
Cass Business School, London
Professional sporting contract A S Monaco
Cass Business School, London
Emory University, Atlanta USA
Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA
Copenhagen Business School
University of Reading
Westminster University, London
Regent’s University (foundation)
Crew training, yachting
Northwestern University, Chicago
Military Service, Finland
Queen Mary University of London
University of Exeter
University of Exeter
Northeastern University, Boston
Northeastern University, Boston
Regent’s University
King’s College London
Cass Business School, London
Oxford Brookes University
University of Exeter
University of Amsterdam
IE University Madrid
University of Warwick
Ramon Llull, LaSalle University Barcelona
International University of Monaco
International University of Monaco
YMCA Personal Training Course
Ramon Llull, LaSalle University Barcelona
King’s College London

Alya Masoud Abdelhafid: Today marks the parting of our roads; it is a bittersweet moment, but on the day we meet again as engineers, celebrated writers, medical researchers and leading economists, I know it will have all been worthwhile. Thank you for this unforgettable journey.

Filippo Ballabeni : La diversité culturelle et l’esprit international de l’ISM rend notre formation plus riche et solide. Tous nos merveilleux et agréables moments seront gravés dans l’histoire éternelle de l’ISM.
Staff

NEW STAFF
Joining the school in 2018-2019, we welcomed:

Full-time Staff
Mr Stuart BURNS Director (from August 2019)
Mr James WELLINGS Head of Middle School
Mr Luc BLAIS Director of Finance and Administration (until June 2019)
Mr Karol ZADUBAN Economics and Business Teacher
Mr Glen BOLLAND Science Teacher
Mr Oliver COOTE Primary School Teacher
Mr Martial FOUILLEUL French Teacher
Ms Jacquelyn LONG Science Teacher
Mr Georges GAVRIAS Executive Chef (May 2019)

5 Part time teachers:
Mr Peter HESLIN ICT Teacher
Mrs Priyanka KANDPAL EAL Teacher
Mrs Deborah MATHER Cover Teacher
Mrs Louisa THEO Early Years Teacher
Mrs Sonia SHAYESTEH French Teacher

3 Assistants:
Mrs Manon VADNAIS Early Years Assistant
Mrs Danielle COOTE Early Years Library Assistant
Ms Juliette CIRERA Early Years Assistant

1 Health Coordinator:
Mrs Anna KOREN Health Coordinator (March 2019)

3 Part time Administrative Staff:
Ms Patricia BUNEL Board Administrative Assistant
Mrs Charity CAPRA Accountant (January 2019)
Mrs Mi-Charlotte WERUP HR Assistant (April 2019)

ISM STAFF WITH CONTINUED LONG SERVICE
5 years - Matthieu Paris, Karine Isnard, Francis Gianni, Celia Dupont, Nathalie Arrigo
6 years - Nathalie Amslem, Romain Barral, Annabelle Bastianelli, Nadia Bour, Françoise McNab, Fiona Small, Rachel Thomas-Branagan
7 years - Alison Blasco, Laurent Bonna, Karine Clément, Zoé-Laura Dina, Alfonso Ortega Borrego
8 years - Jazzmin Etherington, Pierre Kopiev, Emilie Perquis, Simon Thom
9 years - Sarah Allan, Samuel Laurence, Ingrid Lovazzani, Sylviane Moeyersoms, Shawna Parks, Richard Ravel, Helen Whelan
10 years - Benoit Carré, Arnaud Delambert, Sophie Delambert, Erika Da Costa Li, Mona Nahjari
11 years - Eric Arnoux, Martine Delavault, Kristin Ducarme, Fayanne Harper, Véronique Masson, Habiba Taouche, Marie-Hélène Tourrelles
12 years - Christopher Benson, Christine Boos, Alison Brett
13 years - Patrice Colonnese, Barbara Thompson
14 years - Edouard Rescaglio
15 years - Natasha Chisholm
17 years - Isabelle Amon, Jenny Carter, Angela Godfrey, Anne Petit, Giacomina Pizzorni
19 years - Lindsay Mackenzie-Wright
20 years - Madeleine Villatte
21 years - Céline Noclain, Caroline Ragi
22 years - Helen Duncan, Ludmilla Veillet
23 years - Hervé Meriggio, Marie-Claire Newman

The bronze “Médaille du Travail” was awarded by the Ministère d’État to four teachers to honour them for their twenty years’ continuous service to ISM:
Congratulations to: Mrs Helen Duncan, Mme Céline Noclain, Mrs Caroline Ragi and Mme Ludmilla Veillet
Staff Development

The academic year 2018/2019 saw a marked increase in the number and type of professional development opportunities for our teaching and support staff. Keeping abreast of changes in curriculum and trends in education as well as important areas such as well-being, security and child protection have all been addressed this year.

**IB Diploma Workshops:** Kristin Ducarme (Learning Support), Laura Nuñez (CAS coordination), Ludmilla Veillet (EE Coordination), Simon Thom (IB English Literature), William McAllister (IB English Languages and Literature), Tarlochan Manak (IB Maths Analysis), Karen Pepper (IB Maths Application), Alfonso Ortega (IB Spanish B).

**IGCSE Training:** Peter Heslin (ICT), Alex Lloyd (Art and Design), Matthew Richards (Art and Design).

Many staff members attended conferences in Madrid, London, Brussels, Vienna, Florence and Dublin, notably:

**Conferences:** Laura Nuñez (CIS Admissions and Guidance); Francis Gianni, Chris Benson, Raphael Lobley, and Mona Nahjari (Visible Learning World Conference, Edinburgh);

Sabine Kunst (AGIS Conference), Celia Dupont and Helen Whelan (ELMLE Conference), Pierre-Olivier Drai and Patrice Colonnese (Salon Preventica security training), Lindsay Mackenzie-Wright (Growth Mindset Conference), Emma Fitzgerald (RCN Nurse Conference), Angela Godfrey (ECIS Admissions Conference, Brussels)

Ingrid Lovazzani and Jennifer Van Der Heyden (Creating Highly Effective Learning Environment), Sarah Allen and Jonathan Richardson (Group Reading), Pauline Minnis (Supporting Students with Dyscalculia), Pamela Rennie (Centre For Literacy In Primary Education), Jennifer Van Der Heyden (Teaching Learners with Dyslexia), Erika Da Costa Li (Middle Leaders Programme), Alfonso Ortega (Spanish Teachers Meeting Practical), Matthew Richards (Oil Painting and Acrylic course), Ludmilla Veillet (Managing the Extended Essay Workshop), Laura Nuñez (CAS Level 1 and College Essay US), Emma Fitzgerald (PDUK Asthma in Childhood, online), Kristin Ducarme and Stephanie Woollacott, Helen Duncan (CIS Child Protection), Lindsay Mackenzie-Wright (World Anti-Bullying Forum, Dublin), Pierre-Olivier Drai (renewal of security qualifications).

Dr Monica Neagoy, an international maths expert, conducted training with Primary School staff, while Professor Jean-Pierre Remond a history specialist and inspector with the French Education Nationale worked with the French teachers to support the development of history teaching in French.

Two Early Years classroom assistants received their COBIS Diploma for International Teaching Assistants: Romain Barral and Léa Barnay-Rivière.

Our Chief Security Officer, Pierre-Olivier Drai, conducted regular fire safety training and organised first aid training sessions for staff.

**DEPARTURES**

At the end of the year we said farewell to Director Mr Francis Gianni who after five years is relocating with his family to the USA, and to Ms Simone Sebban, Head of Secondary for the past three years, who is returning to her native Australia.

Our Head of Library Services, Mrs Barbara Thompson, stepped down after thirteen years during which she oversaw tremendous growth of the library services and the creation of our distinct Learning Hubs.

Shawna Parkes, who spent nine years teaching maths, returns to Canada with her family while Samuel Laurence, who taught geography for nine years, will be returning to student life as he takes up an MPA course in Bordeaux.

Rachel Thomas-Branagan, Head of P.E. for seven years is returning to the United Kingdom with her family while David Crowe, who taught history for three years, will be pursuing his passion for cycling, pedalling his way across Patagonia. Equally intrepid, Nadia Bour, Early Years supervisor since 2013, is moving to Easter Island. Isabelle Amon, who has devoted seventeen years to teaching in the Primary School is returning with her family to Belgium.

We also said goodbye to three staff members who joined this year; Luc Blais, Director of Finance and Administration, Juliette Cirera, Early Years Assistant, and Karol Zaduban, Economics Teacher.

We thank them for their service to ISM and wish them the very best for the future.
Examination Results

IB DIPLOMA EXAMINATIONS

The 33 IB Diploma candidates achieved a 91% pass rate (30/33 candidates were awarded the Diploma) with an average score of 32 points. Six graduates were awarded a Bilingual Diploma. This gives ISM an overall pass rate of 99% across seventeen years, and well above the worldwide pass rate of 80%. Our average scores across seventeen years are 33.7 compared to the worldwide average of around 29 points.

Special commendations go to Leonardo Bertolini Zichy Thyssen, Miriam Bondi and Hannah Fredy who all achieved 40+ points, putting them in the top 10% worldwide. All were admitted to highly selective universities in the USA.

IGCSE EXAMINATIONS

In the Cambridge IGCSE examination session of May/June 2019, the 34 candidates in Class 11 took between nine and ten subjects each, with a record 70.7% of all subjects achieving A*- B grades.

Science and mathematics results were especially pleasing with 24 students gaining A*- B in the Sciences Double Award. In the Cambridge International Mathematics, 23 students gained A*- B.

33 students were awarded the “International Certificate of Achievement” by the Cambridge examining boards reflecting their grades across a range of subjects and of these, 12 students were awarded a Distinction.

Highly commended for their excellent results, attaining eight or more grades A/A were:

Haley Gancas, Ian Gancas, Luka Halozan Bayley, Zoe Haramis, and Emilie Rameau.

N.B. These statistics do not include the French (Foreign Language) examinations taken early in Class 10 by the majority of students: these were universally A/A*

CAMBRIDGE CHECKPOINT RESULTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

This was the fifth consecutive year that ISM entered all class 6 students for these international examinations in English and mathematics. They enable schools to obtain an international benchmark of learner performance to identify and address learning needs. This year’s results were our best by far, with 95.5% of students graded “good to excellent” in English and 88.5% graded “good to excellent” in mathematics, 54.5% of student were graded “excellent” in English and 59% in mathematics.
Enrichment

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA)
This was another successful year for ISM with our students taking a record 190 different examinations, in the autumn and spring sessions, in disciplines including acting, devising drama, (both solo and in groups) reading for performance, speaking in public, and musical theatre.
LAMDA qualifications help to develop confidence, communication skills and performance techniques. They empower a sense of self, which ultimately creates well-rounded individuals.
At the higher levels they are recognised for qualifications for entry to UK universities.
Results were again excellent with Merits and Distinctions awarded to almost all students, across the age groups from Entry Level to Grade 8. Most pleasing this year were the increased number of group entries in musical theatre, and devising drama, by the LAMDA Musical Theatre Club and the LAMDA Primary Acting Club.
Two very enjoyable showcase evenings in December and May enabled students to perform in front of family and friends.
Congratulations to all of them and in particular to those achieving Medals at the highest level of LAMDA:

Gold Medal Speaking in Public Grade 8
Aikaterini Lygaki, Katerina Matuzny

Gold Medal Musical Theatre Grade 8
Lucia Bergamasco, Eva Lepekhova, Jacqueline Subkhanberdina

Silver Medal Speaking in Public Grade 7
Christina Christodoulou, Zlata Lankina, Aikaterini Lygaki

Silver Medal Acting Solo Grade 7
Zlata Lankina, Yulia Aksenova

Silver Medal Acting Duo Grade 7
Valeria Arlotti and Julia Bechmann

Bronze Medal Speaking in Public Grade 6
Georgio Pezzana Capranica del Grillo, Theophanis Christodoulou, Gemma Griffiths, Serafina Lakschin, Zlata Lankina, Erhetta Katsou, Matteo Lopez

Bronze Medal Acting Solo Grade 6
Giulia Chami, Serafina Lakschin, Lucas Murphy

ABRSM MUSIC EXAMINATIONS
In the two sessions held in November and June, 16 students successfully passed 24 examinations in music theory, piano, and violin, in Grades 1 to 5 of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of music. Congratulations to them all.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Early Years and Primary School Discovery Week and Educational trips this year went to mountain resorts: Class 3 to Valdeblore, Class 4 to Réchastel, and Class 5 to Vinon-sur-Verdon, all in the southern French alps, with Class 6 travelling further afield to Crans Montana in Switzerland.
With a balance between outward bound activities, and cultural visits our younger students developed independence, learned to collaborate and to consolidate their French language skills.
In the spirit of our learning values the Middle School students spent a wonderful week on their respective class trips visiting Provence, Cortona, and Strasbourg with the battlefields of the two world wars. As well as linking to the Humanities curriculum these trips offered students the chance to spend time with their peers in unfamiliar surroundings and build memories that will last a long time.
Enrichment

The IB Chemistry and Physics students visited CERN in Geneva, and students from Classes 8 and 9 attended the Big Bang Science Fair in Birmingham. Trips to local museums and exhibitions on the Cote d’Azur made the most of the rich resources available locally.

Cultural trips linked to language learning were organized to Alba and Turin in Italy for the Italian students in Classes 7 to 10, while the Class 10 Spanish students enjoyed a trip to Andalusia in June.

In the Secondary School two new destinations were added to complement the curriculum and to develop study skills: Class 10 to Oxford and Class 11 on a physically challenging geography field trip to Iceland which proved memorable.

As part of their CAS (Creativity Activity and Service) components of the IB Diploma Programme, students in Class 12 look part in an unforgettable service trip to Vietnam helping villagers to build houses as well as exploring historical sites. Prior to their trip they undertook several fundraising activities on behalf of the villagers there.

Students from ISM’s Secondary School took part in the first ever TedX Monte Carlo Salon event in November, hosted by Stars ‘N Bars.

A TedXSalon is a smaller and more intimate event than a full TedTalk. Open to organizers of youth or university events, and being interactive, it encourages meaningful discussion among the presenters and the audience.

This year’s theme was based on saving the environment and reducing our carbon footprint, and provided insightful perspectives on this issue. The event was a great success and three students, Gemma, Class 10, Nikolay, Class 12 and Luna, Class 13, gave inspirational speeches on their own views as to how Monaco can continue its campaign to improve the environment for generations to come.
Highlights

Graduation Ceremony
Thirty-six students of the Class of 2019 graduated on June 14th 2019 at the Hôtel de Paris, in the presence of 300 family, friends and faculty, and Mr Andrea Casiraghi who presented the diplomas and prizes. Mr Julian Thomas, former Master of Wellington College, was the guest speaker, followed by Alya Masoud Abdelhafid and Filippo Ballabeni who replied on behalf of the Graduating Class.

Model United Nations
ISM hosted a very successful MUN event for Middle and Secondary students with guest delegates from the Collège Charles III in Monaco, and Collège l’Eganaude. 80 students debated, chaired and voted on a number of resolutions and the event was covered by the Europe Diplomatic Magazine. For the second year a delegation of Secondary students attended a bilingual conference on the theme of “Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies”, hosted by Lycée Ferney-Voltaire at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Two of our group acted as simultaneous interpreters and the delegation was also received by Monaco’s Permanent Ambassador to the UN, Her Excellency Madame Carole Lanteri. Many thanks to Keith Oxley for leading the MUN clubs.

Performing and Creative Arts
Moving to the much bigger venue of the “Espace Léo Ferré” in Fontvieille, this year’s Arts Festival saw over 82 performers on stage with 22 different acts in the theme of “That’s Entertainment”. An exciting evening showcased song, dance, drama ensembles, and a thrilling display of aerial silks. Thanks go to Zoë-Laura Dina and Carmel Arcus for staging this wonderful event.

Throughout the year there were two piano recitals, a musical theatre performance evening, and an instrumental recital. In a first for ISM, seven students successfully auditioned for performing roles with the Opera de Monte Carlo for the coming season.

ISM Voices
Our special choir led by Colette Marx-Nielsen was invited to perform again at the annual auction of Christmas trees in aid of Action Innocence; they sang with the “Voices of Christmas” choir in December in aid of the Philanthropy Club, and performed at the Graduation of the Class of 2019. At the special invitation of the doctors of the Princesse Grace Hospital, a group was invited to perform at the fund raising “Medical Cabaret” in front of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco at the Salle des Etoiles in December 2018.
Highlights

Visual Arts
Three art exhibitions and “vernissages” organized by Alex Lloyd and Matthew Richards were held in March, April and May for IB and Primary School students, and, for the first time, the Early Years children. As well as enjoying a wide selection of paintings, drawings and sculptures, parents and friends were entertained by live jazz from our music teachers.

Careers Day
Led by Lindsay Mackenzie-Wright, ISM’s 6th and very successful annual Careers Day took place in March 2019. Following an inspiring keynote speech by Formula 1 champion David Coulthard, 28 speakers from our parent body and the wider community conducted workshops for students in Classes 7-12 on a variety of professions such as civil law, medicine, fund management, scientific research, and military careers. Students were challenged to think not only of new career paths but also the language and technical skills they will need to be successful in the future.

Renowned Speaker Paul Donovan
All the Secondary students and many staff and parents enjoyed a wonderful talk organized by Claire Kanners, Class 13, on “the most influential macroeconomic events of 2019” and given by renowned global economist Paul Donovan, from UBS, who succeeds in making even the most challenging subjects accessible to non-specialists. Our grateful thanks to UBS and to Paul Donovan for an excellent afternoon.

CMB Academy
A ten week course in investing challenged 23 students in Classes 11 and 12 to learn about different investment strategies while running a competitive mock investment portfolio. All were awarded certificates by the Compagnie Monégasque de Banque, and Jett Nunn was honoured for the best performing portfolio.

Enterprise Challenge Award
Led by Hannah Gettel and now in its third year, this project gives students in Classes 9-12 the opportunity to pitch new ideas to a panel of business leaders in Monaco. Several teams worked throughout the year and four teams then reached the finals. Congratulations to the winning team: Ayamé Belkin, Daniel Likierman, Jett Nunn, and Tommaso Pelanconi.

PTA and Wellbeing Team Speaker Series
ISM launched a new series of specialist talks and workshops for parents, staff and students. Led by James Wellings, the programme was launched in November with a workshop for parents “Parenting and Teaching in the Digital World” which tackled the explosion in digital technology and the rise of social media. These themes were supported by further talks and in-class workshops from Action Innocence led by Nick Danziger and Helen Gougeonot. Together with the PTA the Wellbeing Team organized two further sessions. Alex Holmes, an award winning expert on anti-bullying visited ISM in January when he gave an inspiring talk on how to foster a non-bullying culture in school, and conducted workshops with students and teachers in the Middle and Secondary Schools. In April we welcomed Naella Drew and Janey Downshire from “Teenagers Translated” who ran a very informative parent session on the changing teen brain and how to manage young people to regulate their emotions and foster good mental health.

Welcome to the Parent Workshop Program
Outside the Classroom

Students at ISM continue to benefit from the many world class sports and outdoor facilities in Monaco and along the Cote d’Azur.

Swimming Gala

The magnificent open air Olympic pool at the Stade Nautique was the setting for our fourth annual swimming gala in October. In glorious autumn sunshine 165 students from Classes 5-10 competed in their four communities in the 50 metre freestyle races. Well done to the winning community RAFIKI.

Outdoor Adventure

Led by Laurent Bonna, Eric Arnoux and Debbie Mather, and backed by experienced guides, students this year enjoyed three very successful ski days in Isola 2000, white water rafting in Breil sur Roya, and an afternoon of scuba diving as part of the Wednesday afternoon life saving club ‘Ecole Bleu’.

Outdoor And Team Sports

There were numerous team events in a range of disciplines: highlights included.

- Riviera Cup basketball tournament for schools from Monaco, Nice, Turin and Genoa, at Mougin School in March, fielding both boys’ and girls’ teams from the Middle and Secondary Schools: second place overall won by ISM girls.
- Mediterranean Football Tournament at Verona: this four day event for international schools attracted 700 players from Europe and beyond. ISM fielded two teams (boys and girls) from the Middle School with our girls finishing in second place in their league.
- UNSS football, a year round competition for all Monaco schools, ISM regularly fielded both boys and girls teams.
- Friendly football tournament against ISN and EBICA at Cap d’Ail in December for under 13 and Under 15 girls and boys.
- A mixed team of Under 13 boys and girls playing together in a competition against schools in Menton and Beausoleil.

Many thanks to Romain Barral for superb coaching and to the students for their enthusiasm and fair play.

- Tennis tournament at the Summer Fête in June at Stade Vanco.
- ISM team walking for the No Finish Line charity event in aid of ‘Children and Future’ who completed almost 1,500 km

Sports Days

The Primary, Middle School and Secondary Class 10 students enjoyed a wonderful day of athletics competitions, at the iconic Stade Louis II in April. Competing in their community colours they tackled traditional track and field events with NAKAMA being declared winners from the Primary School and TAKODA claiming the honours for the Middle and Secondary School.

The Early Years children enjoyed their own sports days at school, at the end of the summer term.

Journée Olympique

Under the auspices of the Monégasque Olympic Committee, 12 students in Class 5 were invited for the first time, to compete with other Monaco schools in an indoor athletics event in June. Fielding just one team, ISM came a respectable fourth overall, and were commended by the Olympic athlete judges for their excellent sporting behaviour.
Outside the Classroom

Duke of Edinburgh International Award
Led by Laurent Bonna, two expeditions took place at La Croix-sur-Roudoule in the spring. 30 students worked towards their Bronze and Silver Awards, hiking seven hours a day covering 20 KM and ascending 1000 metres while carrying all their supplies. Well done to Zoe Haramis and Giorgio Capranica del Grillo who gained Bronze and Victoria Nikitina and Emilie Rameau for Silver Awards.

Environmental Clubs and Activities/Philanthropy
The various environmental clubs have been very active this year. A highlight in the autumn was the visit of ECOBUS in October coordinated by Angela Godfrey, Caroline Ragi and Habiba Taouche, when Jorien and Guillermo spent a day at ISM giving workshops on how to live a plastic free life and improve our environment. The Early Years children ran bake sales to replace their plastic water bottles with stainless steel ones, the funds being topped up by a generous parent. Students attended the MONACOLOGY event on the port of Monaco with a focus on recycling. Following the annual Yacht Show, and the Monaco Grand Prix, a group of secondary students spent time cleaning the port of rejected rubbish notably bottles and papers, while the YERSIN environmental club spent a day clearing plastic waste from the protected island of St Honorat. A visit from the Monaco Explorations Campaign led by world class scientists, educated our students on threats to the oceans in particular.

The Secondary Philanthropy Club, led by Alya Abdelhafid, took on countless initiatives, raising funds for and visiting the Centre Maternel in Nice, for the villagers being helped by the Class 12 service trip to Vietnam, while the Middle School Student Council ran a successful charity evening with special guest speakers on Artificial Intelligence and an auction in aid of HARLEKIN Monaco and a children’s cancer charity. The younger children collected plastic bottle tops for their “Bouchon d’Amour” project and recycled school bags. There were book and stationery collections for “Mothers of Africa” and a fund raiser for ChildCare Monaco.

The Early Years children chose the panda as their ‘endangered species’ project this year and after several weeks of research and investigations were thrilled to have a live link with Edinburgh Zoo and a virtual visit with the pandas there.

Exceptional Achievements
We commend the many ISM students who in addition to their studies have competed at national or international levels in a range of sports and other activities: Samppa Alalen (karting), Valeria Artotti (swimming), Clement Bamelis (football), Chloe Bertolini (equestrianism), Alexander Borgsved (tennis), Nicholas Burns (tennis), Lucas Frederiksen, (sailing), Emanuele Giuliani (skiing), Oliver Goethe (karting), Kate Griffiths (gymnastics) Erietta Katsou and Nikolaos Katsos (equestrianism), Rocco Platti, (tennis), Bram Schuijf (rowing), Micah Stanley (motor racing), Anandin Vilas (tennis), Alessia Vitucci (skiing), Charlie Wurz and Oscar Wurz (karting ).
School Council and PTA

PTA
Alessandra Likierman  President
Charlotte Dinesen  Vice President
Felicity Reardon  Secretary

The PTA team led by Alessandra Likierman as President, completed another busy year of new events and initiatives. The PTA works to support the school through fundraising and organising a wide variety of events and activities for the students. We thank Alessandra, Charlotte, Felicity, Tania and all the volunteers throughout the year for their tremendous support.

Santa’s Workshop and Christmas Market

November saw the PTA hold the second Santa’s Workshop and Christmas Market. It was a fabulous afternoon of craft activities for over 300 children and a Christmas market for all the adults, with delicious festive food on offer. Thanks go to Karen Gancas and Aurelia Lugo for organising the crafts, Amelia Keuning and her helpers on the mulled wine stall and every volunteer from the Workshop committee for organising this great event.

Christmas Parties

The PTA once again organised the Christmas parties for Primary and Middle school and provided a great afternoon and evening of food, games and disco for the children. Thanks go to the staff of the cafeteria and to all the volunteers who helped on the day.

Tea with the Easter Bunny

April saw the first “Afternoon tea with the Easter Bunny”. This was a chance for parents to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea whilst the children took part in multiple craft activities provided by the PTA. The event was a huge success and will now be part of the regular PTA calendar. Thanks to all those who helped on the day and a special thanks to Aurelia Lugo for organising the craft.

Happy Hour Evenings at YCM

Two very convivial evenings of informal drinks for staff and parents took place at the Yacht Club in September and April. Thanks go to Laila Schlereth, for helping to organise these.

Summer Fête

The Summer Fête for 2019 returned to Stade Vanco. It was a beautiful afternoon of games, sports, international food stalls from our diverse parent body, champagne bar and music from the student and staff band. Thanks go to the organisers led by Annamaria Stephenson, Cristina Pastor and Alessandra, all the PTA reps and volunteers who helped on the day and to all those parents who donated food, drink and their time.

The PTA also worked hard supporting and donating funds for existing school events, including refreshments for Sports Days, Piano Recitals, Careers Day, Year books for the Class of 2019, helping fundraising initiatives by various sections of the school, and the trip to Aquasplash for all Year 6 students.

Parents Welcome

The traditional Welcome Breakfast was held for all parents in September to encourage as many people as possible to join in with PTA activities and learn more about what the PTA does throughout the school.

Gingerbread Houses

In early December, the cafeteria was filled with the festive scents of gingerbread and mulled wine for three great afternoons attended by over 300 children. Many thanks to Jurga Ragaisyte for organising this very popular event.

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