



THE INTERNATIONAL
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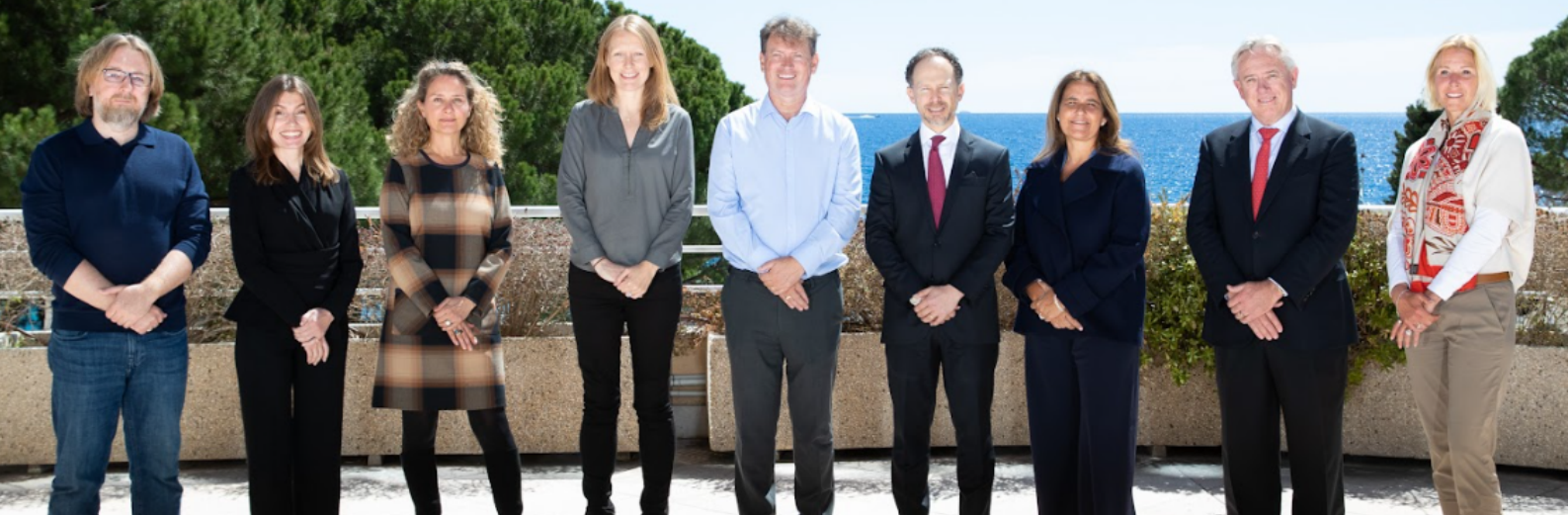


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Report from the Board of Trustees

The Annual Report is a chance to take stock of the impressive strides our school made in the 2022/2023 academic year that brought us closer to fulfilling our mission of providing an outstanding education for students and making sure they are happy, confident, independent, multilingual and responsible global citizens.

Important indicators of any school's success are its students' academic achievements and university destinations. ISM students showed strong academic results in a year that saw across the board post-COVID examination grade correction. Our average IB Diploma score was 35, a point lower than last year, but still 5 points higher than the world average. The IBCP cohort showed impressive results with over 50% achieving an A* in the A-level equivalent and one student attaining the highest possible BTEC score. The IGCSE results also improved year on year. Keeping in mind our strategic objective to create a culture of aspiration with curriculum that leads to academic results, ISM will aim even higher next year.

University destinations of ISM graduates continued to improve and impress. This year they included such esteemed names as Oxford, St. Andrews, University College London, King's College London, Imperial and Harvard.

Another marker of ISM success was its student and staff retention. In the 2022/2023 academic year we saw less students leaving for boarding schools, a historically high enrollment of 754 students and a considerable waiting list. ISM staff turnover was also below the international school average.

Because academic achievements are always closely linked to students' wellbeing, successful pastoral care remains an important strategic goal for ISM. In 2022/2023 the school continued working with the CIS affiliated Safeguarding Consultant and began a school-led Optimus Wellbeing Award journey. We also saw full implementation and understanding of C-POMS with a strong buy-in and culture of reporting. Perhaps most importantly, ISM now has a robust set of policies in relation to Child Protection and Safeguarding with a clear cycle for their review.

In fact, a lot of the Board's work in 2022/2023 was dedicated to setting, reviewing, discussing and editing ISM policies that create a necessary framework for smooth school functioning. Adopted were Setting, Assessment, Academic Honesty, Pathway, Academic Standards and Examination Entry, Additional Educational Needs, Whistleblower, Health and Safety, Risk Assessment, Donation Acceptance, Fundraising and Corporate Sponsorship Policies. The school also established and implemented a Parent-School Charter, to which all families have to adhere. The Board reviewed and edited Performance Management, Staff Code of Conduct, Attendance, Staff Recruitment and Absence, Admission, and Private Tuition Policies. Importantly, the ISM Behaviour Management Policy was reviewed to align it with the school's Exclusion Policy. The Board holds itself and the school's Senior Leadership Team accountable for implementing these policies and their regular review in line with our strategic goals.

The Council of International Schools re-accreditation process progressed to the self-study phase last year, which was in line with the schedule, and it was a collaborative effort of the Senior Leadership Team, the Board, teachers, students and parents.

Importantly, ISM advanced in its journey to become an all through IB school and announced its IB Primary Years Programme and Middle Years Programme candidacy at the time of the IB Director General Olli-Pekka Heinonen's visit to the school in April 2023. Becoming an all through IB school will result in a curriculum coherence that should lead to better IB results - an academic improvement, which remains our strategic goal.

In another planned and significant change, ISM evolved into a two-school structure: Primary School for ages 3 to 11 and Secondary School for 12 to 18. To ensure strong leadership for both schools, we recruited Emmanuel Gauthier as Head of Primary and Rob Henry as Head of Secondary, both of whom began with the school last year, bringing IB PYP, MYP and international school leadership experience.

Given our academic plans, all recruitment of teaching staff that took place in the 2022/2023 academic year aimed to bring in professionals with previous IB PYP/MYP experience. The Board also took a decision to adjust salaries of our staff for the rising cost of living, hoping it would positively contribute to the talent retention.

Last year the school entered its third year of collaboration with the King's College School, Wimbledon, for which the Board set challenging KPIs and kept King's accountable for them. King's College School colleagues continued with the Quality Assurance visits to ISM, commenced "deep dives" into selected departments, aiming to improve quality of teaching and learning, and assisted with policy setting and revision. In May, ISM students benefited from in-person collaboration with King's students when they travelled to the UK to stage a joint music concert and had a chance to shadow their student hosts in their classes. Also, our examination year students can now benefit from preparatory subject master classes set up by King's teachers this past year.

Having gained the World Academy of Sports accreditation the prior year, in 2022/2023 ISM welcomed and supported through its flexible academic arrangement 41 high performing athletes. Not only did these students make our school community proud of their achievements, but the presence of these focused, goal-orientated and well-organised young people has a positive and inspiring effect on the rest of the student body.

April 2023 saw the return of the Annual Strategic Workshop that brought together the Board and the Senior Leadership Team with the aim to review and adjust the school's strategic objectives. It also served as a platform to consider the bigger picture vision for ISM.

While academics and wellbeing are central to the school, the questions of facilities and finance never take a backseat for the Board. Together with the school Director, the Board identified the need for the Head of Facilities role and recruited Dale Jephson to focus on safety, compliance of facilities, security and risk management policies. The policies pertaining to the aforementioned facilities were in fact Mr. Jephson's initiative and responsibility.

The Board updated its Finance Manual, which strengthened the reporting and procurement processes. This became particularly important as the Board with the SLT continued planning the move to the new building - Testimonio, and was working with Space Oasis and the Learning Crowd consultants on choosing the right furniture for classrooms and communal spaces, keeping in mind what would work best for IB curriculum delivery, all the while being prudent about costs.

To finance ISM's relocation to the new building and to remain in line with the school's reserves requirements proscribed in the Finance Manual, the Board began planning a fundraising Gala, which will take place in February 2024. It will give an opportunity to our community to make Testimonio a state-of-the-art educational space and reflect one of our strategic objectives of mutual support and partnership with parents.

Finally, in 2022/2023 the Board continued a dialogue with the government not only with regards to the Testimonio relocation and a possibility to retain current facilities, but on a broader range of questions such as the role of ISM in Monaco's attractiveness. We would like to thank His Serene Highness, Prince Albert II and members of the famille princière and the Monegasque government for their support of our commitment to outstanding education in the Principality.

All Board members express their gratitude to the school leaders, teachers, supporting staff and, of course, our wonderful students and their parents without whom the school would not exist. We are also grateful to the PTA representatives for their dedication to school community life. It was a privilege to serve the International School of Monaco this past year and we are proud of everything the school was able to accomplish.

Respectfully, the ISM Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

International Education with Distinction

Excellence - Wellbeing - Multilingualism



I am delighted to write a few words of introduction for the ISM Annual Report for 2022-2023.

The 2022-2023 academic year saw the resurgence of the ISM community spirit with full force, with all our range of activities, performances, trips and events, including the return of the amazing PTA Summer Fête with a vengeance. Our performing arts department really went into overdrive and excelled by providing numerous opportunities for our talented thespians and musicians to perform to packed audiences. Many of our ISM events were also conducted in collaboration with King's College School, Wimbledon, with a highlight being the joint ISM-King's music concert, which was hosted by King's in their magnificent Music Hall.

We were also delighted during the course of this academic year to build strong external relationships and receive recognition for the progress the school is making in all areas. We were honoured to receive visits from the Commissioner General in charge of Education, Youth and Sports, Madame Isabelle Bonnal, and from the Director General of the International Baccalaureate, Mr Olli-Pekka Heinonen. This latter visit was a very special occasion for the whole ISM community, with our student leaders and performers really making us so proud and bringing the house down with their eloquent words and stunning performances.

As the IB Director General commented himself, "The atmosphere at the event, with the whole school community coming together was exceptional, and the talented and committed students with their impressive language and other skills clearly illustrated the good work done by the school".

In addition to all of the above, we continued to make strong progress in educational development, with curricula innovation being at the forefront of our work. In particular, following an exceptionally successful consideration phase for the IB PYP and IB MYP, the school received official candidacy status for both these prestigious IB programmes in record time. Moreover, we emphasised the importance of supporting our multilingual learners with appropriate educational strategies, providing expert professional learning for our staff and guidance for our parents. These developments were supported by our continued focus on academic challenge, teaching to the "top" and robust quality assurance processes, with a move to King's College School, Wimbledon organising "deep dives" in collaboration with our middle leaders to ensure that quality educational practices permeate all levels of the organisation.

In this regard, we were overall very pleased with the performance of our external examination students, in a year where both the IB and the IGCSE examination boards returned their grading and standards fully to 2019 levels. Our IBDP and IB CP students secured a 100% pass rate, compared to a worldwide average of just 79% for the IBDP, and our average IBDP score of 35 compares very favourably to the averages achieved by our comparator, prestigious IB schools in Europe. We were also happy to see the continued improvement in our overall IGCSE results, with 50% of all the results being at the top grades of A and A*. Our IBDP results facilitated the confirmation of what is arguably one of the best sets of university placements in the history of the school, with the absolute most competitive tertiary institutions being confirmed by our students. Please see the full list of university placements later in this retrospective.

We also, towards the end of the 2022-23 academic year, marked the retirement of Mrs Caroline Ragi, Head of Early Years and Deputy Director of ISM, after twenty-five years of dedicated service.

As I said in a number of thank you events in tribute to Mrs Ragi:

“Caroline, you have not just been a pillar of ISM, you have been an entire colonnade. You have created, developed and led a fantastic Early Years school, which will forever be your profound legacy to ISM. Caroline, you have great instincts and intuition, which means you are so highly thought of by children, staff, parents and alumni alike.”

It now only remains for me now to thank our committed and dedicated Board of Trustees, led during the 2022-23 academic year so astutely by the President Mrs Felicity Reardon, who worked relentlessly to support our continued drive for excellence in all that we do. Indeed, I am sure that the pages which follow will be an enduring testament to the success of that ambition in so many areas of ISM school life, and that the pages that follow in this Annual Report truly demonstrate that ISM is living up to its vision of ‘international education with distinction’.

With all good wishes,



Stuart Bryan FCCT

MA (St Andrews), PGCE (Oxon), ACE (Leicester), NPQEL (UCL)
Director



Celebrating Student Success & Examination Results

Highest Academic Achievement 2023:

Year 7 - Highest Academic Achievement

Nicole S.
Naoise M.
Miya P., Georgia R., Tom L.

Year 8 - Highest Academic Achievement

Cyane A., Taisiya G.
Mario T. M.
Louie R.
Max R.

Year 9 - Highest Academic Achievement

Arabella R.
Constance G.
Margherita S., Charlotte W.

Year 10 - Highest Academic Achievement

Dominic T.
Mila F.
Yannick C.

Year 12 - Highest Academic Achievement

Helena V.
Tilda L., Georgia D., Micol G.
Andrey M., Tiger R.

IGCSE Class (Year 11) - all grades A*-B

STEFAN B	8A*s, 1As, 0Bs
ETIENNE F	7A*s, 3As, 0Bs
AUDREY V	7A*s, 2As, 0Bs
ELONA B	5A*s, 4As, 0Bs
MICOL C	5A*s, 3As, 1Bs
VICTORIA M	5A*s, 2As, 2Bs
SOPHIE M	4A*s, 4As, 0Bs
ROSIE M	1A*s, 6As, 2Bs
ISAAC K	1A*s, 4As, 4Bs
ILYA A	1A*s, 2As, 6Bs
SOFIA P	0A*s, 7As, 2Bs
LILY-ROSE G	0A*s, 6As, 3Bs
AVA T	0A*s, 3As, 5Bs

Celebrating Student Success

Graduating Class (Year 13)

School Values

The following prizes, as voted by the teaching staff, were awarded to students who most closely embodied the school's values:

Respect	Pietro R.
Learning	Luca K.
Caring	Ava A.
Integrity	Adam D.

IB Learner Profile

The following prizes, as voted by the teaching staff, were awarded to students who most closely embodied the IB Learner Profile:

Risk Taker	Lucas M.
Communicator	Finlay M.
Reflective	Sophia H.
Knowledgeable	Bruno W.
Principled	Salomé R.

Special Awards

Conseil National Prize (dedication & effort)

Cristina M. - S.

Contribution to school life

Selma A.

Director's award for academic excellence

Amael A.

President of the Board of Trustees ISM

Ambassador Award

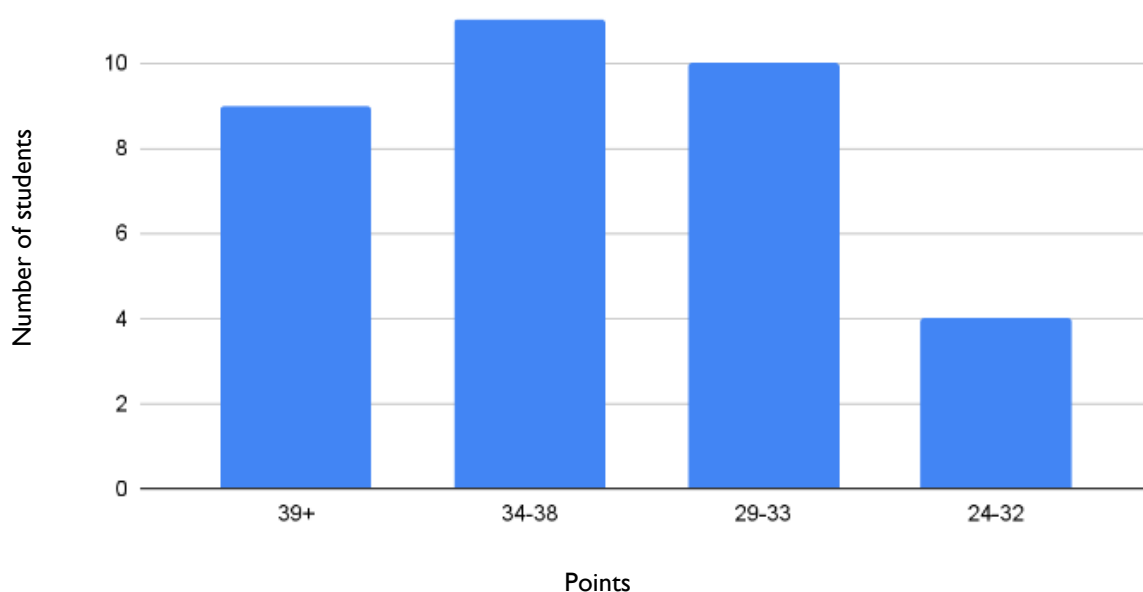
Alexandra G.



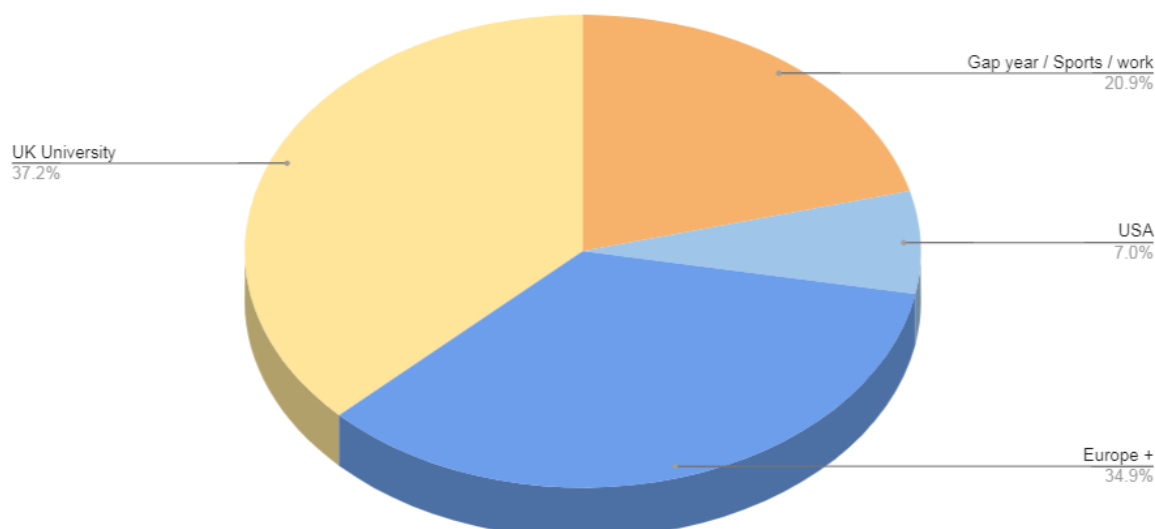
IB Diploma Programme Results Distribution 2023

The Class of 2023 had 34 full IB diploma entries, 5 IB Career-related Programme entries and 3 entries for IB courses.

- Average: 35 points (5 points above world average)
- 100% IB Diploma & IB Career-related Programme pass rate
- 18 students with 35 points or more in the IB Diploma
- 8 Bilingual IB Diplomas
- 5 students on 40+ total points in the IB Diploma (one student scoring 43)
- 8 students with the maximum 3 additional points for Extended Essay & ToK in the IB Diploma
- One IBCP student with the highest possible BTEC score: Triple Distinction* (equivalent to Three A* at A-Level)



Graduating students' destinations:





Bocconi University
City, University of London
CIS University, Madrid
EHL Hospitality Business School
ESCP Business School
ESSEC Business School, University of Paris
Harvard University
IE University
International University of Monaco
Imperial College London
International University of Monaco
King's College London
Loughborough University
Regent's University, London
Royal Holloway, University of London
The American University of Paris
University of the Arts, London
University College London
University of Exeter
University of Groningen
University of Oregon
University of Oxford
University of St Andrews

Gap year
Entering the workplace
Semi professional sports

Professional Learning

King's College School, Wimbledon

The start of the year welcomed a continued partnership with King's College School, Wimbledon where four members of the King's senior team came to deliver an extensive training afternoon with all staff. Early Years, Primary and Secondary each had a bespoke session tailored to the teachers' needs and demands of each separate environment. The focus was challenge in the classroom and teaching to the top. Every year, a book is chosen by the Deputy Director Academic to support staff development, and the King's sessions helped to choose the perfect book: *The Learning Rainforest* by Tom Sherrington.



Multilingualism - Eowyn Crisfield

A specific focus this academic year has been on the celebration of multilingualism, with particular focus on how to support students who are multilingual and bilingual. Dr Eowyn Crisfield, a renowned specialist in bilingualism, came to deliver training for the Senior Leadership Team in November as well as a whole day in January for all teaching staff. This professional learning opportunity was one of the best received training by the staff and it supported our vision of Multilingualism. Staff have since trialled and used the method of 'translanguaging' in their lessons, in order to not only develop the language of instruction but also their home language. Eowyn will continue to work with ISM next academic year.

Continual Professional Development

Throughout the year, staff continued to work hard on their personal professional learning goals, centred around student progress, outcomes and challenge. This culminated in a fantastic celebration event where staff shared what they had learnt with their colleagues. Sharing good practice is something that takes place intrinsically at ISM, with well-established "teach meets" where staff explore and discuss new challenges or new opportunities. For instance the themes this year were 'challenge' and 'Using Artificial Intelligence in Education'. In addition, several senior leaders attended the IB Global Conference in the Hague in October. Many other necessary training opportunities are given to staff throughout the year. Indeed, 23 members of staff attended various personal training sessions online and 21 members of staff undertook PYP or MYP training in preparation for the year ahead.





ISM named in top 10 private schools in Europe

We were delighted to be named, for the second consecutive year, as one of the top 10 schools in mainland Europe (excluding Switzerland), and one of the top 100 schools in the world, in the highly regarded Spear's Schools Index compiled in collaboration with Carfax Education.



ISM welcomes Monaco's Education Nationale

On February 7th, ISM was honoured to welcome Madame Isabelle Bonnal, Commissaire Général of the Education Nationale, Monsieur Michael Landau, Documentaliste of the Education Nationale and Madame Catherine Farneti, Chef de Section for Sports Education Nationale.

Their visit included observing classes in the Early Years, Primary and Secondary schools with a focus on the integration of technology into the learning process, an overview of our learning and teaching technologies in place at ISM, and a presentation on our support for high-performing athletes through our World Academy of Sport AFEC accreditation.



ISM welcomes IB Director General

On April 12th, ISM was honoured to welcome Ms Isabelle Bonnal, Monaco's Commissioner General of the Department of Education, Youth and Sport, and Mr Olli-Pekka Heinonen, Director General of the International Baccalaureate Organization. This extraordinary event was held in the cafeteria and featured student speeches and performances from all sections of the school, and our special guests were able to visit a range of classrooms throughout the school and engage with students and staff in a variety of learning contexts.



TEDxYouth@ISMonaco

On Saturday, October 15th, ISM held its second-ever TEDxYouth@ISMonaco event with 9 student speakers, our organising committee, as well as the Early Years and Secondary students who provided musical entertainment as part of the ISM Voices student choir. We would especially like to thank our dedicated PTA for funding the production costs of the event, as well as our gold sponsors Hill Robinson, Talent Reimagined and Amberlake Partners.



Careers Day 2023

On March 15th, ISM hosted 24 guest speakers for its 7th Careers Day and the first since 2019 due to the pandemic. With a keynote speech from Mrs Susie Wolff, whose motto 'dare to be different' resonated throughout her address to the students, our professionals were then resident in one of our classrooms for the morning, and students were able to attend the sessions based on their specific interests and the biographies of the guest speakers.



MUN students visit UN headquarters

In January, our MUN students visited the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Students were able to debate in real time in UN committee rooms with multilingual student interpreters in WMO, water and digital committees, gaining invaluable insight into the procedures and functioning of the United Nations.



ISM MUN

On February 2nd and 3rd, ISM hosted its very own MUN event on the theme of the United Nation's Sustainability Development Goal #10: 'Reduce Inequalities Within and Among Countries'. This event welcomed 160 students from ten schools, both local and international.



ISM signs Pacte National pour la Transition Énergétique

This year ISM was proud to be a signatory of Monaco's Pacte National pour la Transition Énergétique, a Monégasque initiative that gathers Monaco schools, over 300 companies and private citizens with the aim of reducing waste, encouraging mobility and saving energy. ISM signed the pact together with directors from other educational institutions in Monaco in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II at the Lycée Technique et Hôtelier de Monaco.

International Schools' Speech Competition

We applaud Amali in Year 7 and Charlotte in Year 9 for representing ISM at the International Schools' Speech Contest held this year at the Mougins British International School on January 25th.

Special congratulations to Amali, who took second place!



Graduation Ceremony for Class of 2023

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2023 was held on June 1st, 2023 at the Yacht Club de Monaco. We were honoured to welcome special guests from the Monaco government, including Mr Patrice Cellario, Ministre de l'Intérieur, Ms Isabelle Bonnal, Commissaire Général, chargé de la Direction de l'Education Nationale, de la Jeunesse et des Sports, and Ms Mathilde Le Clerc, Présidente de la Commission de l'EJS. Guest speakers included Mr Andrew Heinrich, ISM Board member and founder of the educational non-profit Project Rousseau, as well as our keynote speaker Mr Nico Rosberg, 2016 Formula 1 world champion and entrepreneur as well as ISM parent and former ISM student. Congratulations to all of our distinguished graduates!



House chess tournament - Primary School

The House chess tournament in the Primary School was held on February 3rd.

Earhart had three students who excelled in the tournament, with Markas (Year 4), Dante (Year 6), and Mads (Year 4) all scoring 2 points each, bringing the House's total score to 6 points. Grimaldi also had two students who shone in the competition, with Lazar (Year 4) scoring 2 points and Alexander (Year 5) scoring 4 points, bringing their House's total score to 6 points as well. With the Earhart and Grimaldi Houses tying for the most points, the tournament was an exciting and close-fought competition!



House basketball competition

At the beginning of March, the ISM Houses held a House basketball competition that brought out the best in their students. Year 8 student Matteo from Baret emerged as the winner of the knockout shooting game, beating competitors from across the Secondary School. His team also clinched the victory in the Lower Secondary School basketball competition in the 3×3 tournament, securing another win for Baret.

In the Upper Secondary 3×3 tournament, Earhart took an early lead against a team of All-Stars made up of students from Shackleton, Grimaldi, and Baret. However, the All-Stars showed great teamwork and resolve, and ultimately overcame Earhart, securing a thrilling victory.





KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL
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ISM-KCSW Joint Concert

On May 12th, 9 students from ISM, along with Ms Zoë-Laura Dina, Ms Colette Marx-Nielsen and Ms Cindy Hamon, visited King's College School, Wimbledon for a joint concert. Both schools performed with choirs and piano soloists (Sara and Taisiya), with ISM also featuring two vocal soloists (Cyane and Sasha), ending with a joint performance of 'Viva La Vida'. Well done, all!



2023 ISM-KCS Joutes Oratoires

On April 21st, the ISM French Department was delighted to hold the 3rd consecutive edition of their "Joutes Oratoires" online with King's College School, Wimbledon, with 24 students from Year 12 debating on a range of topics, including the current reform of the retirement age in France and freedom of the press. Special congratulations to Nicholas (ISM) and Oliver (KCS) for taking first place!

ISM staff visit KCSW

This year, selected groups of ISM staff paid a visit to King's College School, Wimbledon as part of our ongoing development work and collaboration with King's to maximise the opportunities for students and staff from the agreement to ensure the highest standards of educational provision and the sharing of best practices.



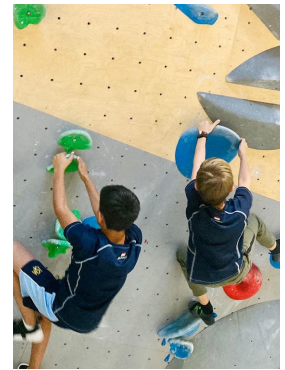
Northeastern University Essay Competition

This year, eight of our Year 12 students participated in the 2023 Northeastern University Essay Competition. All ISM submissions were awarded as highly commended, with Shannon W. and Tilda L. placing additionally as finalists in the top 12% of entrants.





This year, ISM students continued to take advantage of the wide array of sports and outdoor activities in and around Monaco and the Côte d’Azur.



Med Cup 2023

In November, the three ISM football teams (UI8 Girls, UI8 Boys, and UI6 Boys) took part in the Mediterranean Cup Football Tournament for international schools held in Verona, Italy. All three teams showed remarkable effort and enthusiasm, and the UI6 Boys team was proud to come in 3rd place out of 13 teams in the finals.



International Award

Congratulations to our Secondary students who completed a 2-day hiking trip in November as part of the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award.



Outside the classroom

Philanthropy



Early Years Student Council: €3,252 was donated to Red Cross for earthquake victims in and around Turkey.



Primary School Copper Coin Collection: €437 was donated to La Fondation des Hôpitaux to help improve the hospital experience of sick children all over France, raised from Copper Coin Collection.

Once again, our philanthropy clubs and Student Council were very active throughout ISM and the local community!



Lower Secondary School Philanthropy Club: \$250 donated to UNICEF to support the urgent situation in Pakistan, via the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).



Lower Secondary School Philanthropy Club: €2,130 donated to Mission Enfance to build a school in Phou Dine Deng, Laos, with funds raised from the ISM Christmas Concert held on December 12th.



Lower Secondary School Philanthropy Club: Donated 40 sleeping bags to Les Anges Gardiens de Monaco, to help the homeless, with funds raised from the Lower Secondary Christmas Ball held in December in collaboration with the PTA.



The Lower Secondary Philanthropy Club and IBCP Service Learning group were pleased to attend the official inauguration of the Kate Powers Foundation on March 28th, in the presence of its Honorary President H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, and to help by selling raffle tickets to win a water purification home system.



On November 16th, all ISM students in Years 4-9 participated in No Finish Line, as well as a number of students from Years 10-13 and ISM staff members. ISM was proud to finish in position 22, with our team having 350 participants who completed 1,959 kilometres and 1,846 laps.



On March 3rd, four IBCP students in Year 12 delivered 16 boxes of donated textbooks and leisure reading books to Monacollecte, a Monegasque organisation that distributes them to schools and children in need in Lebanon.



Performing Arts

This was a busy year for the Performing Arts, with a large number of performance opportunities throughout the year as well as the addition of Rock Night for our band musicians. Over 200 students undertook instrumental lessons this year, taking up the 170 timetabled lessons available throughout the week, plus many more attending group choir rehearsals and the various ECAs on offer (ukulele orchestra, drama tech, Primary choir, Primary drama, etc). Due to high demand for piano lessons, we are delighted to have added Irina BATOREVICOVA to the instrumental teaching staff team, bringing our peripatetic teaching team to 7.

A selection of Performing Arts events provided this year at ISM:

Choir and solo performances for TEDxYouth event

Musical Theatre Showcase

Secondary School Play

Christmas Concert

Piano Recital

Arts Festival 'Dancing in the Moonlight'

Musical performances for the IB Director General's visit

Rock Night

Musical Theatre Showcase

Joint ISM-King's Concert (held at King's College School, Wimbledon)

Summer Instrumental Recital

Musical Theatre @ ISM Summer School





ISM Voices, our student choir led by Colette Marx-Nielsen, was pleased to perform in person for this year's graduation ceremony.



The 2023 ISM Arts Festival 'Dancing in the Moonlight' was held on March 29th at the Espace Léo Ferré, featuring 94 performers from across the school. Performances included vocal performances, dance, our Secondary School band as well as our first-ever ukulele group. Many thanks to all of our staff, parents and students who supported this year's production, and special thanks to Ms Dina, Ms Marx-Nielsen and Mr White for directing and producing the show.



December 7th marked the performance of 'Private Lives' by Noel Coward, with five student thespians: Elona (Y11), Artem (Y12), Tiffany (Y12), Alexander (Y12) and Amelia (Y7). With nods to the art deco and big band era and a set-up showing off a convincing and evocative atmosphere, spectators were transported into the 1930s, and the play was a resounding success.



This year's IB Visual Art Exhibition exhibition was held on April 20th and celebrated the work of our talented artists Aina, Fanny, Mariam, Veronika and Yael. Congratulations to our students and also to our incredible art teachers Ms Hollis and Mr Richards and the ISM Art Department!

THE LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ART

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA):

LAMDA is the UK's largest awarding body of Performance and Communication examinations, and LAMDA qualifications help students to develop their communication skills, confidence and performance techniques. At the medal levels (Grades 6, 7 and 8), they are recognised as qualifications for entry to UK universities with their UCAS points.

This was another successful year for ISM, with 94 exams taken by ISM students from all sections of the school. Students successfully took exams in Musical Theatre, Performing Arts (Acting and Devising Drama) and Communication (Speaking in Public, Speaking Verse and Prose, Reading for performance and Introductory exams).

Many congratulations to all of our students and, in particular, to those achieving medals at the highest level of LAMDA:

Grade 8 - Gold Medal

Ilya A. Speaking Verse and Prose - Merit

Anna D. Speaking in Public - Distinction

Mobhi M. Speaking in Public - Merit

Grade 7 - Silver Medal

Charlotte M. Acting - Merit

Logan J. Speaking in Public - Distinction

Michelle B. Speaking in Public - Distinction

Grade 6 - Bronze Medal

Sofia P. Musical Theatre - Distinction

Nicole S. Musical Theatre - Merit

Hortensia M. Speaking Verse and Prose - Merit



Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM):

The ABRSM was the first impartially musical examination board in the UK, with board members from the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music establishing the examining body in 1889. It has since gone on to continue to create exams to inspire and challenge developing musicians and to recognise and celebrate their progress. The higher grades (Grades 6, 7 and 8) are recognised as qualifications for entry to UK universities with their UCAS points. Congratulations to students who undertook exams this year:

Arabella R. Grade 5 Piano - Merit
Cyane A. Grade 3 Piano - Merit
Hortensia M. Grade 2 Piano - Merit
Joelle M. Grade 5 Music Theory - Distinction

Students were prepared by Bojana NISLIC and Lucia GISON.



54ème Concours National de Piano Claude Kahn:

The Concours National de Piano Claude Kahn took place in Cannes in February 2023
with the following pianists from ISM:

Initiation 2:
Katerina K. - 2nd prize
Sienna L. - 2nd prize
Tilly Martha S. - 2nd prize

1er cycle 2ème année at the French Conservatoire:
Katerina K. - 2nd prize

2ème cycle 2ème année at the French Conservatoire:
Elena Sofia R. - 3rd prize

1er cycle 3ème année at the French Conservatoire: Mila F.

We congratulate Jacques COSNAC and his students.



On June 27th, our Year 12 IB Theory of Knowledge students held their annual TOK Exhibition, with each student linking one chosen question to three specific real-world objects. Year 11 students and teachers from throughout the school dropped by to quiz them on their exhibitions, with lively discussions taking place all afternoon!



On March 1st, ISM was privileged to host nine prestigious universities from the UK, including: Cambridge, York, Warwick, Southampton, Leeds, Goldsmiths, Northeastern London, Kent and Surrey. Regional schools from Nice, Mougins and Monaco were also invited to learn about the UK university system and to meet and chat with representatives.



Throughout the last week of April, ISM celebrated Book Week in all parts of the school. Students participated in book-themed games and activities in class, workshops and book signing sessions with visiting authors Mr Bruno Bertin and Mr Paul Geraghty, buddy reading sessions with older students reading to younger students, parent reading sessions, a Book Fair organised on the Early Years playground by our PTA, and even a dress-up day where students and staff alike were able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!



On March 4th, ISM hosted Carfax Education Group for a presentation of advice and guidance on preparation for applying to and securing a place at the most competitive universities in the UK and US.



On October 13th, ISM welcomed Mr. Ivar Møller, Director of Admissions for the UK and Europe for the University of St Andrews, to ISM to offer university applications and admissions advice to Secondary students as well as parents.



We continue to be in awe of the achievements made by our student-athletes at the International School of Monaco with representatives competing at local, regional, national and even international level. With our recent accreditation from the World Academy of Sports we are pleased to provide even more support as they continue with their development both in and out of school. Many congratulations to:

Amelia B.-C. (equestrianism), Nicholas B. (tennis), Larissa C. (equestrianism), Yannick C. (tennis), Miguel C. (karting), Jaden C. (tennis), Corinne D. L. (volleyball), Adam D. (football), Sebastian E. (karting), Marie F. (equestrianism), Etienne F. (football), Oliver G. (motor racing), Ella H. (karting), Luca J. (tennis), Conrad L. (motor racing), Veronica M. (ice skating), Eva M. (volleyball), Sophie M. (volleyball), Matteo M. (tennis), Victoria M. (skiing), Anastasia N. (equestrianism), Tristan N. (volleyball), Sofia P. (volleyball), Rafael P. (karting), Rodion P. (football), Nicklas P. (football), Katerina R. (equestrianism), Oscar R. (karting), Felix R. (rowing), Naldo R. (football), Liz R. (volleyball), Sonia S. (tennis), Audrey V. (equestrianism), Helena V. (equestrianism), Rodrigo V. (tennis), Zianna W. (water polo), Oscar W. (karting), Luna Z. (skiing).



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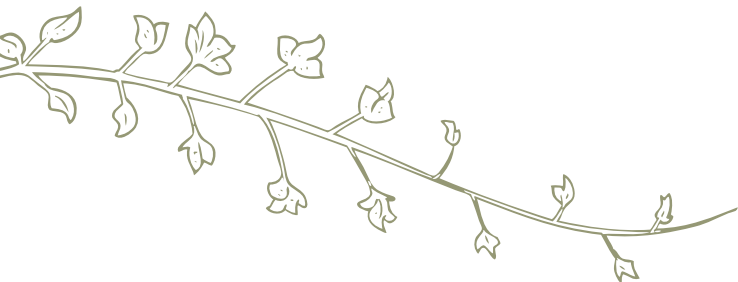


President: Daniela Fischnaller

Vice President & Treasurer: Biljana Kling

Secretary: Jenny Damtsas

Our PTA team, led by Daniela Fischnaller as President, Biljana Kling as Vice President & Treasurer, and Jenny Damtsas as Secretary, together with our PTA Heads and Class Representatives, had another very active year with a multitude of activities and initiatives. We thank the entire PTA team and parents for their tremendous support and for organising such a wide variety of events and activities for students and our community.





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



Overnight, our dedicated PTA team turned the school into a magically spooky spot for our school-wide Halloween celebrations!



In the Early Years and Primary Schools, students had the treat of making their very own gingerbread houses. Thank you so much to the PTA for yet another fantastic Christmas activity for our students to get into the holiday spirit!



On November 24th and 25th, the PTA held its annual Christmas Market fundraiser on the playground. The event raised 4,000 euros, which was donated to Lenval Foundation to support children in need.



On March 23rd and 24th, the PTA hosted a Spring Market on the Early Years playground with an array of items on sale, including bracelets handmade by ISM students, seasonal plants and flowers, as well as Morelli ice cream. The €3,000 raised were donated to the Croix Rouge Monégasque to aid the victims of the earthquake disasters in Turkey, Syria and surrounding areas.



On May 4th, the PTA held a cocktail at the Yacht Club de Monaco for all parents and ISM staff members, with a special dedication to honour and celebrate the career of Mrs Caroline Ragi, Head of Early Years and Deputy Director. Mrs Ragi, who retired at the end of this academic year after an impressive 25 years of service, dedication and leadership at ISM, will long be remembered by her colleagues, former students and their parents.



The Summer Fête was held at Stade Vanco on June 23rd, for the first time since 2019 due to the Covid pandemic. With international cuisine, live entertainment by students and staff, and numerous activities, the ISM community came together for an unforgettable celebration of the end of the school year. Thank you to our dedicated PTA and Summer Fête Organising Committee, especially Ms Alessandra Likierman, Ms Laila Schlereth, Ms Daniela Fischnaller, Ms Biljana Kling and Ms Cristina Pastor, and all of the Table Captains for their tireless efforts in making this day one to remember to our entire community.



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