

13th January 2022



Whole School Announcements

Visitors to Campus

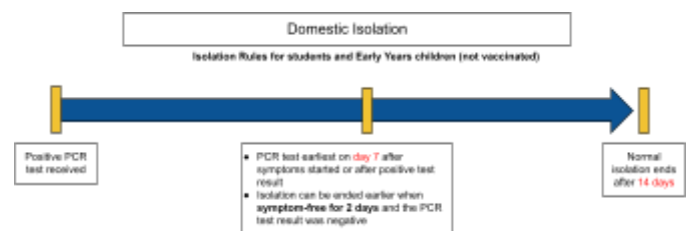
All visitors to MSF must follow the “3G” guidelines - vaccinated, recovered, tested - when visiting campus. Visitors must sign in and show proof of one of these “3Gs” in order to enter the campus. Please note, this includes visiting the cafeteria.

Reporting positive PCR

As a reminder to parents, MSF will inform specific classes or grades of a relevant positive covid case only when we receive a positive PCR test. Quarantine requirements for close contacts will be determined on a case by case basis and will be affected by vaccination status, and mask wearing. We will not report cases that took place over the holidays.

Not sure who should quarantine or when?

The most recent update can be viewed here [Häusliche Isolierung / Quarantäne](#). Translated graphic overviews can be found at the end of the [Notes to Parents](#).



Feedback to the Annual Surveys

Thank you so much for filling in the surveys and helping us to improve! Please find our response to your comments and suggestions and [our action plan here!](#)



MSF Merchandise

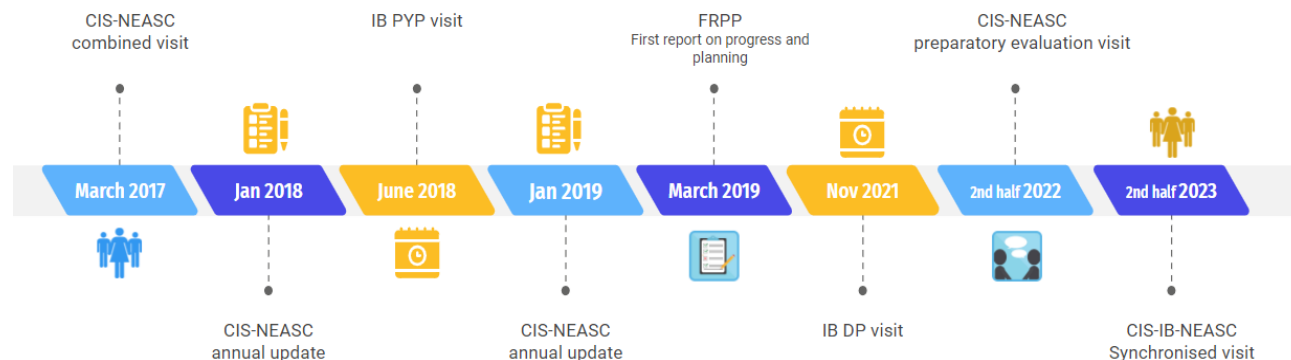
From now on you can [order MSF hoodies, T-shirts, caps and polo shirts online](#) and pick them up at school!

School Lunch

If you want to register your child for school lunch, or cancel your enrolment, please fill out the [Student Hot Lunch Programme Form](#) which can also be found on our Website in the parent zone.

MSF's Evaluation Journey

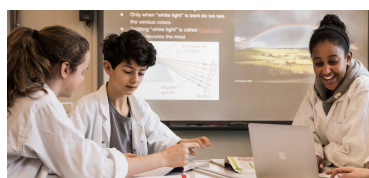
Continuing on our evaluation learning journey, today's information focusses on our relationship with the Council of International Schools (CIS). As an internationally accredited school, MSF is bound by a code of ethics and standards and practices. The CIS accreditation and evaluation protocol is recognised by governments and universities around the world. You can read more about CIS accreditation [here](#).



STAY UPDATED:



Early Years



Primary School



Secondary School



Early Years

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check regularly the School Event Calendar for details about announced events and examination dates			13 January	14 January
			MSF Bulletin	
17 January	18 January	19 January	20 January	21 January
		Welcome Wednesday Secondary		
23 January	24 January	26 January	27 January	28 January
		EY Parent Rep Meeting (online)	MSF Bulletin	

Reduced Opening Hours 08:15-16:30

We hope you had a good start to the new year. Please be aware that the reduced opening hours in the Early Years classes remain unchanged from 08:15-16:30 until further notice. This will allow us to keep the individual classes separate as requested by the city authorities. We know that this can be challenging and really appreciate your support. Hopefully we can soon return to our normal hours.

Parent Teacher Conferences KG Phase 2

Please sign up for a Parent teacher conference in January and February, should your Kindergarten child move into Transition in summer. KG Phase 1 Parents will soon be invited to a meeting in March or April.

- [KG Butterflies](#) (Ms Reddig, Ms Degirmenci & Ms Hinde)
- [KG Frogs](#) (Ms Eichner, Ms Voss & Ms van Kampen)
- [KG Ladybirds](#) (Ms Keti & Ms Schmidt)
- [KG Turtles](#) (Ms Bruenler, Ms Wragg and Ms Fink)

Parent Teacher Conferences Transition

Please sign up for a Transition Parent teacher conference in January, February or March.

- [TR Bumblebees](#) (Ms Shami & Ms Boeff)
- [TR Dragonflies](#) (Ms Alvarez & Ms Batan)
- [TR Fireflies](#) (Ms Clearman & Ms Homburg)

Parent Rep Meeting Minutes 08:45-09:30

Please find attached the [minutes](#) of the last Parent Rep Meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on 26th January, via Zoom. Mr Ferres and Ms Francis will join us to speak about the building update. We have also invited Mr

Wragg and will focus on the transition processes to TR and Grade 1 readiness.



Early Years Fasching Holiday Programme

Please find in the [registration letter](#) more information on the Fasching Holiday Programme. You can register using the links in the registration letter. The deadline is on Thursday, 17th February 2022. Please be aware that we will charge 5€ for the programme which we ask you to pay before the programme starts.

Educational Reading Corner

Why we should let kids go outside and then get out of the way

“Risky play in early childhood can help develop a child’s self-confidence, resilience, executive functioning abilities and even risk-management skills.”

(Mariana Brussoni, professor at the University of British Columbia and BC Children’s Hospital)

Research confirms that engaging in risky play is positively associated with the essential child outcomes well-being, involvement and physical activity.* On the [CBC website](#) (external link) , the author Brittany Toole is emphasising the importance of risky play for children and has summarised some useful tips and strategies for parents and educators.

* From: [Risky Play and Children’s Well-Being. Involvement and Physical Activity](#) (Publ. by Springer, 2021)

Message from the Admissions Department

It is that time of the year when admissions is busy with planning for the upcoming school year. Please can you support us with our planning by informing Ms Kroll early if you are planning to move on in summer, especially if your child is currently in Transition class. The deadline for this is the 31st March 2022.

Important Links

[Electronic form for EY rapid test results](#)

[Electronic form for planned student absences](#) (for absences of more than 2 days)

[Before and Afterschool Care Registration and Withdrawal Form](#)

Looking Ahead

26.01.22	EY Parent Rep Meeting
01.02.22	Lunar New Year Celebrations
22.02.22	EY Assembly "Black History Month"
25.02.22	Fasching Class Parties
28.02.-02.03.22	Fasching Holiday Programme
03.-04.03.22	Teacher Training - school closed





Primary School

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check regularly the School Event Calendar for details about announced events and examination dates			13 January	14 January
			MSF Bulletin	
17 January	18 January	19 January	20 January	21 January
		Welcome Wednesday		
24 January	25 January	26 January	27 January	28 January
			MSF Bulletin Parent Rep Meeting (online)	

**For regular after school sports practices, see dates and times listed below*



Message from Mr Wragg

Welcome back to school everyone. It is wonderful to have the school buzzing with noise again after a quiet few weeks. The students are so happy to be with their friends and teachers again and this is a great testament to the fun environment that our teachers and the school creates.

We are in the middle of an upswing of COVID cases in Germany and the OMICRON variant is spreading a lot quicker, even in the young. We have already had more cases picked up at school, in this single week, than we ever have so far, which seems to support the evidence worldwide. If we have a case, the student is immediately sent home to do a PCR. Once this is confirmed, we inform the whole class through a Managebac message. In the meantime, all the teachers and students in that grade test everyday for 10 school days. Home Learning is then provided to students who are at home in quarantine.

Please help to keep this number as low as possible by refraining from sending your child to school if they are not feeling well and please do rapid tests (both you and your children) before going to weekend playdates or socialising without masks. Thank you.

Late Pick Up Fee

Please note that if you pick up your child later than 15:40 your child will be automatically sent to after school care and you will have to pay a penalty fee. We ask for your understanding and cooperation.

From the Athletic Coordinator

Primary Winter Sports started this week. They include Cheerleading, Indoor Cricket, and Basketball. There is still room on the Indoor Cricket Team. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Mr. Biggs or Miss Blumthal.



Primary Sports Practices are as follows:

Cheerleading - Mondays & Wednesdays 3:40 - 5:00
Indoor Cricket - Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:40 - 4:40
Basketball - Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:40 - 4:40

The Winter Season runs from 10th January - 11th March.

Winter Shows Update

Due to the current incidents and regulations, we have decided to postpone the Winter Show and rename it, the Spring Show! Performances will take place the week of 16th-20th May 2022. More information will follow closer to the performances.

Message from the Admissions Department

It is that time of the year when admissions is busy with planning for the upcoming school year. Please can you support us with our planning by informing Ms Kroll early if you are planning to move on in summer. The deadline for this is the 31st March 2022.

Bug Busting

It is the season of head lice and while we take internal measures for head lice prevention it is crucial to follow school procedures to check your child's hair on a regular basis and report any cases of head lice to the office immediately. The best way to prevent head lice from spreading is to directly inform parents of close friends of your child and treat your child as directed on your chosen treatment.



Medical Absence

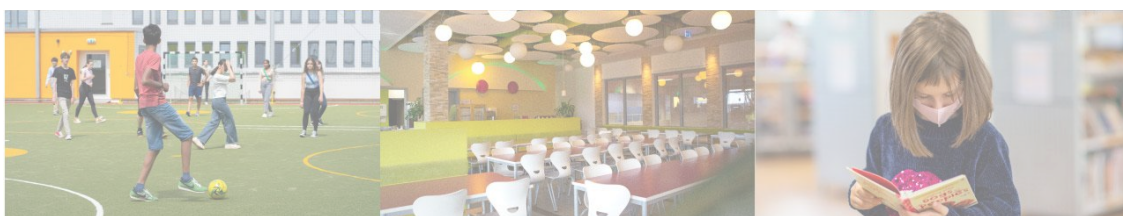
Please note that students who are absent from school for more than 2 days require a doctor's note.

Request for student leave of absence:

Please be sure to write a comment in ManageBac if your child is sick, late or unable to attend school. Spot checks and fines do take place at Frankfurt airport for unapproved student leave. Please ensure you submit any requests for leave to Mr Wragg via the form, and note that most school-time requests for leave are unapproved.

Looking Ahead:

27.01.22	Parent Rep Meeting (online)
11.02.22	Reports Issued
24.02.22	Parent Rep Meeting
25.02.22	Carnival Parties
28.02.- 02.03.22	Primary Holidays
03-04.03.22	Primary Closed For Teacher Training
28.03-01.04.22	Parent-Teacher Conferences
04-08.04.22	Book Week
11-22.04.22	Spring Break





Secondary School

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please check regularly the School Event Calendar for details about announced events and examination dates			13 January	14 January
			MSF Bulletin	
17 January	18 January	19 January	20 January	21 January
G10 Mock Exams	G10 Mock Exams	G10 Mock Exams Welcome Wednesday	G10 Mock Exams	G10 Mock Exams
24 January	25 January	26 January	27 January	28 January
G10 Mock Exams G7-9, 11 Semester I Exams	G10 Mock Exams G7-9, 11 Semester I Exams	G10 Mock Exams G7-9, 11 Semester I Exams	G10 Mock Exams G7-9, 11 Semester I Exams MSF Bulletin	G10 Mock Exams G7-9, 11 Semester I Exams Last day of Semester I

**For regular after school sports practices, see dates and times listed below*

G10 Mock Exams & G7-9 & 11 Semester I Exams Schedule

The G10 Mock Exams and G7-9 & 11 Semester I Exams will take place as below:

- 17th - 28th January 2022** G10 Mock Exams ([Schedule](#))
- 24th - 28th January 2022** G7-9 & 11 Semester I Exams ([Schedule](#))

The semester I reports for the secondary students will be issued on Friday, 11th February 2022 via ManageBac. Full paper copies will be issued on request only.

IB Information Evening for G9&10 Parents and Students

Please join Ms Katell Dodd, our IB Coordinator, on Zoom for an introduction to the IB Programmes at MSF. The meeting will take place on **Thursday, 13th January** from 16:00 to 18:00 via Zoom([LINK](#)). It will be split into 3 parts:

- Part 1: What MSF offers after G10
- Part 2: Q&A with MSF IB students
- Part 3: What happens after the IB? (Speaker: Mr. Tim Hoffmann, Director of Elite IB)

IB CAS Trip in May - June 2022

After years of waiting, we are very excited to announce that MSF is inviting Grade 11 and 12 students to join a fantastic experiential learning trip to Landschaftspark in Duisburg Nord, Germany! The dates are from Tuesday, 31st May until Friday, 3rd June 2022. This is after exams and avoids any clashes with other academic events. Please click [HERE](#) to view the letter from Mr Kerr, our CAS Coordinator.

From the IB Corner

- For Grade 12s:
 - [Final IB May 2022 Exams' calendar](#)
 - [Updated IA calendar](#)
 - Please note that the final English A Orals will take place from 8th - 11th February 2022.
 - G12 IB Chemistry IA Action Phase has been rescheduled to Friday, 28th January 2022.
- For all IB students:
 - Attendance:** IB students, please make sure you sign in the IB Coordinator's office, if you arrive at school after the morning advisory.

Semester II SEC Club Fair

Ms Walker, Secondary Clubs Coordinator, cordially invites the Secondary students Semester II club fair on 2nd February 2022. Students will have the chance to learn about, and sign up for the clubs the school has to offer. Furthermore, students can now browse through and sign up for clubs using the new page on the school website!

From the SOS corner

Exams are approaching and we are ready for them! Be a Master Exam Candidate with [the following tips](#).

From the Athletic Coordinator

The Winter Sports are back in action after the Holiday Break. There is still room on the Cheerleading and Indoor Cricket Teams. If your child is interested in participating, please direct them to Miss Blumthal.

Practice Times for Secondary:

Cheerleading - Mon & Wed 15:40 - 17:00

Boys' Basketball - Mon & Wed 16:45 - 18:00

Indoor Cricket - Tues & Thurs 15:40 - 16:40

Girls' Basketball - Tues & Thurs 16:45 - 18:00

Looking Ahead

- 13.01.22** IB Info Session (16:00, [Zoom](#))
- 17-28.01.22** G10 Mock Exams
- 24-28.01.22** G7-9 & G11 Semester I Exams
- 28.01.22** G12 IB Chemistry Action Phase
- 31.01.22** 1st day of Semester II
- 02.02.22** SEC Parent Rep Meeting
- 02.02.22** Semester II SEC Club Fair
- 08-11.02.22** G12 IB English A Orals
- 11.02.22** Semester I Reports issued
(paper copies on request only)
- 17.02.22** G8 Pro Familia Workshop
- 28.02-02.03.22** Fasching break - school closed
- 03-04.03.22** Teacher training days - school closed
- 10.03.22** G7 Pro Familia Workshop

Form Overview for SEC Families



Google Forms:

[Student Vaccination Status Form](#)

[Field Trip Permission Slip](#) (All SEC Families)

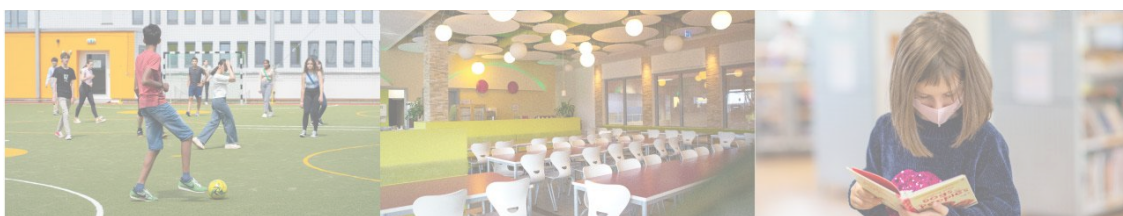
[Octenisept Permission Form](#) (All SEC Families)

[Secondary School Student Absence Request Form](#)

Paper Forms:

[Medication Authorisation](#) & [Emergency Medication](#)

(Medication forms must be submitted directly to Ms Best/Main Office.)





General Information

School Website

www.m-school.de

[Login for the Parent Zone:](#)

Password: inspiration20

Parent & Student Handbook

Our 2021-2022 handbook can be read [here](#).

Calendars

MSF School Calendar (Public) and MSF Google School Event Calendar

Our school calendar for a convenient overview as well as our detailed event calendar, showing activities and special events can be found on our [website](#).

ManageBac

[ManageBac Attendance System](#)

[ManageBac Messages to Parents](#)

School Forms

<https://m-school.de/community/parent-zone/msf-forms-handbook/>

