

MSF Bulletin: 27th February 2025



Whole School Announcements

General Information

New School Nurse Ms Karen Symons

Please join us in welcoming our new school nurse!

[Letter](#)

Save the Date: Friends of MSF Pub Quiz

10th March, O'Reilly's Irish Pub, Am Hauptbahnhof 4, 19:00

Kindly register before 28th February by sending an email to friendsofmsf@msf.education

[Flyer](#)

Ready to Talk About Your Profession? MSF Job Night

12th March, Wednesday, 16:00-18:00

Our annual MSF Job Night takes place soon and we are looking for community members to share information about their profession with our G10 and 11 students. We are hoping for a broad range of careers to highlight the many different opportunities available to our students once they graduate.

To volunteer please contact [Mrs Smith](#)

MSF Academy: How to Restart/Rebuild Your Career

19th March, Wednesday, 8.30 - 9.30, Secondary Building, Room H03.16

Looking to relaunch your career in Frankfurt? Whether you consider returning to work after a break, transitioning careers or countries, or seeking meaningful employment, this talk will give you practical strategies to navigate the German job market with confidence. Join Elmira Bergmann, a recruitment consultant, career coach, and language trainer, as she shares insights on job opportunities, CV optimization, networking, and work-life balance.

To register [please fill in the form](#)

Grade 7-8 Career Fair

2nd April, Wednesday, 8:30-10:00

In the Middle School, we are hosting a career fair for our G7 and 8 students to learn more from professionals within different careers. We already have some interest but are looking for a wide range of careers especially in the arts and entertainment fields, tourism and hospitality fields, energy and natural resources, and healthcare and human services.

To volunteer, please fill out [this form](#).

Safety Update: Parent IDs

Please note, that following the Spring break, from 22nd April, all parents must display their parent IDs whilst on campus or sign in with a photo ID. This includes morning drop-off, pick-up, and cafeteria visits. Please inform family members who pick up your child that they will be required to sign in with their photo ID if they are picking up your child.

You can order your parent ID [here](#).

Mandarin Club

If you are interested in your child joining an after-school Mandarin club, please fill in the [expression of interest form](#)

MSF Chatbot/Chatfox

If you would like to get quick answers about our learning programmes, lunch, clubs or any other school services and activities, please do not hesitate to try out our chatbot - or should we say our chatfox? - on our website. Mr Fox would be happy to answer your questions around the clock!

Ask [MSF Chatbot](#)



[School Event Calendar](#) - please check it regularly for details about announced events and dates.

Message from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler

What a fantastic evening we had at last night's Night of the Arts! It was a joy to witness the incredible talents of our students, from the captivating performances to the inspiring art exhibition. A big thank you to everyone who participated and supported this special event!

Tomorrow, we shift into full carnival mode with our Fasching Party in the sports hall—expect costumes, dancing, and face painting as we celebrate together! Wishing you a joyful Fasching break or holiday programme next week. For those staying in Frankfurt, here is a link to the [local Carnival celebrations](#).

Helau & Alaaf!

EY Parent Rep Meeting Minutes

Please read the minutes of last week's meeting [here](#).

Early Closure for Team meetings

Following parental feedback during our parent rep meeting, we inquired through a survey about the need for extra care on a Monday during the early closure days due to our Whole Early Years Team meetings. In the responses, some comments and questions were made and we would like to address these and share the survey results and solutions moving forward in this [letter from Ms Henkel & Ms Orgler](#).

Early Years Assemblies - 2024-25 Focus on Children's Rights

In February, Frogs will be hosting the assembly for all classes with a focus on the *right to protect your body*. Last month, the Fireflies hosted the first assembly on the *right to education*. We enjoyed their "talk show", where children discussed this right and shared a really cool song about the importance of the rights of children. Please also see the video on [Storypark](#)!

Fasching Holiday Programme for Registered Children

Monday, 3rd March - Wednesday, 5th March

School Closed for Teacher Training

Thursday, 6th March - Friday, 7th March

Reminder: MSF Academy - Early Years Sex Education Curriculum

17th March @ 12:15-13:00 (online) & 28th April @ 08:45-09:45 (at MSF), Mondays

Join our online discussion on gender-sensitive education and our sex education curriculum. We will provide an overview of German Kindergarten requirements, share insights into the MSF curriculum, and gather your input. All Early Years families are welcome! You are also invited to a follow-up onsite session to review feedback together. We look forward to your participation! Sign up [here](#).

Next Early Years Team Meetings - Early Closure @ 15:30

31st March, 28th April & 26th May, Mondays; all dates in the:

[Parent Event Overview 2024/2025](#)

Updated: [late pick up fee schedule](#)



Primary School

[School Event Calendar](#) - please check it regularly for details about announced events and dates.

Message from Mr Wragg

Congratulations to all our students who participated in Night of the Arts. It is not easy to stand in front of a large crowd and perform, either as a soloist or as part of a group. It is the very definition of being a 'Risk-taker', challenging yourself to go outside your comfort zone and trying something new. Not only is this beneficial to the performer, but there are also many members of the audience who are inspired during the Night of the Arts, each year, to go out and take up a new interest. So while you may not be the next 'Ed Sheeran', you could have inspired the next one...who knows! The range of talent on show was astounding, we had dancers, singers and musicians and every student was successful in showing how they have progressed in their area of interest. As always our superstar PA teacher, Ms Sibbitt, was at the heart of the organisation for the event and made sure that more children than ever had a chance to perform. We all feel very lucky and proud to have her as a teacher at MSF.

Carnival Break Camps

4th- 7th March, 9:00-16:00

[Sports Camp by Train With Brain](#)

Semester 1 Reports on Toddle

Semester 1 reports are available to download or view from Toddle. Please see these [guidelines](#).

Late Pick-up After Clubs

We would like to remind parents about the importance of being on time to collect their children from clubs. Parents who arrive late will be charged a late fee.

Head Lice & Fevers

We seem to be facing a growth in head lice cases in the school at the moment. Please check your children regularly for lice, and inform us if you find them. If you do find head lice you must use a medicated treatment/shampoo, before sending your child back to school. We would like to remind everyone that any child with a fever is not allowed to come to school. Even if medicine can reduce the fever, there is still an underlying illness that can easily be passed on. There is a lot of flu and colds going around at this time of year and we really need to try to keep everyone healthy.

Outdoor Play

Please make sure your child has a rainproof jacket as students will play outside unless the rain is very heavy.

Important Links and Forms

[Parent and Student Handbook](#)

[Primary Students Leave of Absence form](#)

[Field Trip Permission Slip](#)

[Tutoring Request Form](#)



Secondary School

[School Event Calendar](#) - please check it regularly for details about announced events and dates.

Whole Secondary School

SEC Parent Rep Meeting

20th February, Thursday

The minutes of the meeting are [here](#).

Middle School Matters Parent Workshops

25th March, Tuesday / 22nd May, Thursday / 26th June, Thursday, 08:30

Secondary will host a 4 part series based on the book Middle School Matters by Phyllis and Fagell. All Grade 5 and Secondary parents are welcome.

25th March: Social Skills - please register so that we can prepare enough resources [using the following link](#)

22nd May: Learning

26th June: Empowerment and resilience

Topics covered: see [overview](#)

SEC PE Shirts

[Click here for more information](#)

Message from the Secondary Athletic Director Mr Kerr

Congratulations to our Grade 6-8 Girls and Boys Basketball Teams each placing 2nd in the recent tournament held at MSF!

The Secondary School Winter sports season runs until 28th March 2025.

Registrations for the Spring Season will be open after the Fasching Holiday.

Maths Competitions 2024 - 2025

There are several maths competitions offered to MSF Secondary students throughout the year. Students do not need to be a part of the Competitive Math Club in order to participate in a maths competition.

[Schedule](#)

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)

Message from the ALN Coordinator Ms Eleni Armaou

Article from Education Week: Why early dyslexia diagnosis matters and themes around Dyslexia. Making an accurate diagnosis as early as possible in a student's K-12 journey matters, experts say, as it gives them the best opportunity to get help they need when it matters most. "*We do know that when you catch dyslexia as early as possible, and you provide structured literacy interventions with appropriate frequency, you can start to see the brain responding in as little as six weeks,*" said Ness, referencing the brain's optimal "neuroplasticity" period, which corresponds to when most children learn to read.

[Source](#)

Aspiring Leaders Conference

14th - 15th March, Friday-Saturday

MSF will host 7 German International Schools for an Aspiring Leaders Conference on Social Justice topics. 18 members from our Middle School Student Council will attend as well as several Grade 9 Ambassadors who will assist with the logistics and administration.

Cambridge Checkpoint Exams

22nd - 24th April, Tuesday-Thursday

Please refer to the [schedule](#) for details of exam days.

Gr8 Parent Information evening: Checkpoint transition to IGCSE

27th March, Thursday, 17:00-18:30

Information regarding IGCSE options and transition to Grade 9

High School (Grade 9 - 12)

By tomorrow, 28th February : G10 IB selection

[Form](#)

IGCSE Language Orals 2025

10th- 14th March, Monday-Wednesday

IGCSE Mock exams and IB Mock exams 2025

17th March - 28th March

Final schedules will be shared on ManageBac on **Friday, 28th February**.

Provisional schedules can be found here.

[IGCSE](#)

[IB](#)

Information on Studying in Germany

The IB Diploma offers the opportunity to continue the academic career in Germany. Enclosed you will find a range of information on recognition, study programmes in English, gap year and scholarships:

[IB Diploma Recognition](#)

[Study Programs in Germany](#)

[Gap Year in Germany](#)

[Gap Year FAQ](#)

[Scholarship Opportunities](#)

G10 Work Experience 2024/2025

9th - 20th June

For information please see:

[English confirmation](#)

[German confirmation](#)

[Work experience questionnaire](#)

Useful Links

[Uni Guidance](#)

[Guide for IB Acknowledgment](#)

[IB late work guidelines](#)

[Academic Integrity for IA](#)



General Information

Regarding MSF

- **School Website:** www.m-school.de
- **Login for the Parent Zone** (password: *community25*)
- **School Calendar 2024-2026:** the school calendar is available on our [website](#).
- **Managebac Guide:** for some tips on how to use Managebac please [click here](#).
- **Toddle Guide:** [Family walkthrough on web](#), [Family app walkthrough](#), [Attendance on the app for families](#), [Attendance on the web for families](#)
- **Parent & Student Handbook:** [General Handbook](#) / [EY Handbook](#) / [PRI Handbook](#) / [SEC Handbook](#)
- **School Forms:** <https://m-school.de/community/parent-zone/msf-forms-handbook/>
- **Update your contacts:** If you have changed any of your contact details (email / mobile number/home address/employer etc.), please let us know so that all our databases can be accurately updated. <https://forms.gle/9tbGt988KT8wNnq7>
- **Personal Parent ID Card:** [More information and ID card registration here](#)

Other information

Information from the nurse

We can all help control the spread of infectious diseases through early recognition and action. A sick student could contaminate staff and students, and this is particularly dangerous for our immuno-compromised and pregnant community members. Therefore, it is the parents responsibility to keep a sick child or a child who appears to become sick at home. Please report all cases of infectious diseases directly to our school office, as this will help us to monitor conditions and prevent the spread of illnesses. Any student suspected of having an infectious disease must be seen by a doctor, as only the doctor can properly diagnose illnesses. A list of the most common notifiable diseases and more information about them can be found [here](#).

As a quick guide, you should not send your child to school if any of the following symptoms are present:

- **Temperature above 38°C**
- **Acute cold, sore throat or persistent cough**
- **Vomiting, nausea or severe abdominal pain**
- **Diarrhoea**
- **Red inflamed or discharging eyes**
- **Suspected and untreated head lice**
- **Acute skin rashes or eruptions**
- **Other symptoms of acute illness**

Please remember, your child should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school after illness. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Infectious Diseases: Please see this useful [website](#) about infectious diseases. You can download the information in other languages as well.

Notification of Head Lice: Please find detailed information from our nurse about the right treatment [here](#).

Tick information: With the beginning of spring, ticks become active. Please find detailed information [here](#).

Trained Babysitters

A number of students from G9-G12 are officially trained in babysitting first aid from Erste Hilfe. Contact [Mrs Francis](#) or the [babysitting club](#) for a babysitter.

Taxi Bus: new offers following survey feedback

Thank you for your feedback on the taxi bus service in the parent survey. We are pleased to introduce 2 additional companies that could offer shuttle services to MSF for you.

1. [SC Reisen](#). door to door service in 4 Zones please find [here](#) further information and a [form to express your interest](#).
2. DtoD Fahrdienst (Korean community travel firm), please contact [Mr Yang](#) if interested in this service
3. Taxibus Reich Hamburger also offers a door to door service. Please contact them [here](#).

Car Pooling: If you are interested in car pooling, you can connect with each other via an interactive map. Add your location, if interested. This is to avoid the data protection restrictions. Please have a look at [this guide](#).