



GIS NEWSLETTER

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School start

This is to remind you that students are allowed to be in their classroom as of 8:15 in the morning. Please note we are not able to provide supervision and thus ensure safety in classrooms before 8:15am.

Clubs

This is a reminder that clubs end on 28 and 29 November. If you require SFO on Tuesday and/or Wednesday in December, please contact Ms. Shalaginova at sfo@gjovikis.no

Assignments and homework: How much help should parents provide?

In many subjects at GIS, MYP students are given sustained time to complete summative tasks in class. This allows them to develop skills such as evaluating

websites quickly by scanning, or referencing, with their teachers' guidance, and to receive immediate feedback on their efforts. Being expected to work efficiently and independently on electronic devices should also help students develop the habits that will prove successful when the stakes are high. An example will be future e-assessment for MYP Certification when they are in Year 10.

Sometimes, teachers allow a little extra time for students to polish their efforts at home. This then poses the question: how much help should parents provide, but still enable their children to achieve an outcome that is fair?

Here are some approaches that have been shown to help:

- **Always praise effort, not the outcome.** Persistence and resilience are the attributes of every successful adult on the planet. No one cares now what their writing was like when they were little, but there are plenty of child prodigies who failed to deliver, because misplaced praise drove them to make choices that were easy.
- **Offer to proof-read, or help find references/ materials.** This kind of support shows your children you are interested in their education. But if they don't want your help, respect that choice. Also, make it clear if they ever change their mind, you will be there to help them.
- **In performance subjects, listen to the practice.** Suzuki's instrumental music teaching works because parents are expected to engage. So, if your child has an oral presentation, a dance or other skill, offer (but do not insist) to be a trial audience to help them develop confidence.
- **Recognise it is ultimately the child's responsibility to learn.** Very occasionally parents 'help' by doing assignments for their child. Although the result may look incredible, students in this situation often present it with 'ashamed' or 'embarrassed' body language because they have been asked to participate in a lie. Like all great life events, becoming educated is a personal journey.

At GIS, every student is provided with a portfolio in which marked work is stored, documenting their learning over time. The portfolio provides a long-term perspective on student improvement. Reflecting over their work teaches students the value of tasks that require careful editing, self-assessment, presentation and thought.

Who knows where these skills will one day lead them?

Annie Termaat
MYP Coordinator

Survey

Grade 7 students will complete a survey regarding school life, including academic and social aspects during the last week of the month. The survey is anonymous and students can skip questions if they do not feel comfortable answering them. Parents can find more information about the survey [here](#).

School support contact details

If you have any questions about the matters below, please contact the relevant person:

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Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 2	19.10.17 26.10.17 02.11.17
Grade 3-4	09.11.17 16.11.17 23.11.17 30.11.17 07.12.17 14.12.17 04.01.18 11.01.18 18.01.18
Grade 5	25.01.18 01.02.18 08.02.18 15.02.18 22.02.18 08.03.18 15.03.18 22.03.18 05.04.18
Grade 1	12.04.18 19.04.18 26.04.18 03.05.18 24.05.18 31.05.18 07.06.18 14.06.18

