



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Next academic year: reminder

Please remember to inform us about your plans for next academic year. Attached to this newsletter is a re-registration/withdrawal form. We would be very grateful if you could complete it and return to post@gjovikis.no or as a hard copy by 24th March 2020 if you have not done so already. We would like to thank everyone that has returned the form.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Online learning

Thank you very much for supporting your child in accessing and completing tasks provided by GIS teachers. We are aware that you do this in addition to your own work and appreciate your involvement all the more. We hope that, despite being potentially challenging, you find the work rewarding and see it as an opportunity to get a unique insight into your child's education as an IB student.

We are pleased to inform you that, generally, we have had positive feedback on the process and we address challenges when you report them to us. Please keep doing so.

We would also like to thank the parents that have sent in photos of their children working on their assignments at home. It's uplifting to see that together we are able to continue providing education even though the school is closed. As school is a large part of each child's life, by ensuring the continuity of learning we also ensure a sense of normality and order for our children. Therefore, please keep sending your photos in and we will post them on FB at the end of each day.

Please find below some tips that can help make online learning more effective:

- If possible, students should try to upload their work as they complete each task rather than upload everything at the end of a day. This enables teachers to give feedback more effectively.
- It may be tempting to stay online when a class is over. However, students need to take breaks from the screen. Also, as they spend much more time on devices now, parents may want to control the overall amount of time their children spend using devices.
- We encourage students to stick to the timetable. Apart from a sense of order and structure, it improves efficiency, especially when several students/a whole class need to be available online at the same time for the teacher to give instructions and/or feedback.
- A designated workspace can help concentrate better and thus be more efficient. Working out of bed may seem attractive but it does not increase productivity.
- Even though they work from home, students are still at school and the same rules apply regarding behaviour. Posting inappropriate comments and/or images is against the school policy and will be addressed accordingly.
- Please remember that schools have been closed to limit the risk of children spreading the virus. Letting children visit each other defeats the purpose.

Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Scholastic Book Club. We are delighted to let you know that thanks to your support we earned €75 to spend on books for the school. Please look out for our next Book Club to order great books at great prices and earn loads of free books for our school while you do.

School support contact details

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