



# Newsletter

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# School Calendar

We would like to keep you informed about an important aspect of our school planning process. Given that our school calendar does not align with the school holidays in public schools in Bavaria, we are required to seek government approval for each academic year. Currently, we are in the process of awaiting approval for the school calendar for 2024/25. We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through this approval process.

Once we receive the necessary approval, the finalised calendar will promptly be published on our website. In the meantime, we have updated the website with key holiday dates that are already fixed, as they align with Bavarian school holidays.

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## Cell membrane Cakes

Grade 11 were once again given the challenge in our IBDP Biology class of representing the cell membrane in the form of a 3D model. Thankfully most people chose to do this in the form of a cake and so we were supplied with plenty of extra glucose - a crucial resource for optimal cognitive function for tackling the more complex topics (like higher level cell respiration). The students showcased a diverse range of artistic interpretations of the "fluid mosaic model", with one cake even featuring marzipan models of Mrs. Howell and Mr. Finlay, albeit not a part of the assigned task, adding an extra layer of amusement. Congratulations to Grade 11 for the successful completion of Semester 1.

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Mrs Howell





# Biology G12

## Biology IAs

The Grade 12 Biology students dedicated considerable effort in the laboratory this autumn, diligently fulfilling the practical requirements for their individual investigations. This essential component, constituting 20% of their final Biology grade within the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), demanded meticulous planning and execution of their own experimental inquiries. Students embraced the challenge with commendable independence, demonstrating resilience and perseverance to complete their Biology coursework.

Remarkable research ideas emerged from their endeavors, such as exploring the activity of lactase (utilized in lactose-free milk production), examining the impact of nitrates on seed germination, and examining the effect of salt on the fermentation of Sauerkraut. While it has taken some time for me to pen this article, the students have long since submitted their final reports. After the conclusion of their mock exams, they will complete the course and focus on preparation for success in their final IBDP examinations.



# Sports Clothing

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Dear ISU Community, it is with great excitement that we share our new ISU sport clothing line. Hoodies and T-Shirts are available and can be purchased from next week.

## Costs:

Hoodies: 30 euros

T-Shirts: 16 euros

The sale time will be on the week of February 5th to 9th, during **morning breaks** (10:35-10:50 (Mon-Thu) or 10:20-10:35 (Friday) and **lunch breaks** (12:50-1:30 (Mon-Thu) or 12:25-1:00 (Friday)).

Location: Admin Office.

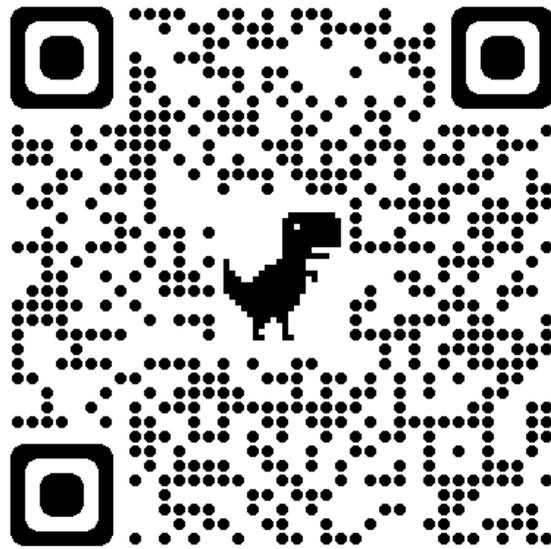




# Sport Season 2 Update

Dear ISU community, it has been fantastic to see so many students already joining our sports for season 2.

U14 Boys Basketball is now open to 5th Grade boys who are keen to join and represent us. Practices sessions are on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays (3:30 to 5pm)** and in order to sign please do it, as soon as possible, by [following this link](#) to sign up or scan the QR code:



Keep in mind also that U14 and Varsity table tennis starts this coming week on **February 5th**. Practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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Alexandre Alves



# ASAP Season 2 Update

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Dear ISU community, it is with great pleasure that we announce the start of a new after school activity, on Monday, February 5th.

Below is the information regarding this activity and a brief introduction of the person that is going to lead the club:

Description of Activity Activites run from Jan 8 - Mar 22	Location	Age Range & Student Numbers	Any costs & other details
<b>Choir (Mondays)</b> <b>3:15- 4:15 p.m.</b> My name is Rob and I'd like to start 2 choirs, I work at Theater Ulm and have studied singing at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Choir builds musicianship, self-confidence, creativity, teamwork and is a great social activity after a long day at school. We will sing a range of songs and our main aim will be to have fun.	Atrium	Grade 1 - 12 Max: 20 students	No additional costs

About Rob:

Passionate tenor and versatile performer, Robert Tilson, has been singing since the age of 7 in his local choir. With performances at prestigious venues like the Royal Festival Hall and St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Vatican Robert has joined Theater Ulm where he works day to day with the music theater. Currently performing in Fiddler on the Roof (Anatevka) Rob also featured in Sister act and Dracula on Wilhelmsburg in the past few summers.

 What to Expect:

Under Robert's direction the IS School Choir promises an enchanting journey into the world of music. Rob promises to channel the students energy, creating a fun and inclusive space for us to explore the magic of music.

 Join the Musical:

Sign up is now open for this exciting musical adventure! Contact [Alex?] to register or for more details.

Let's fill the school with music and fun! 

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Alexandre Alves



# Duke of Edinburgh

Dear ISU community,

We are thrilled to share with you the latest update on our Duke of Edinburgh Award program as we embark on this exciting journey together. Our students have demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm and dedication, laying a strong foundation for their personal development and community engagement.

Since the beginning of the program in November, our students have actively identified the skills, talents, and areas of service they wish to cultivate. Their commitment to making a positive impact in our community is truly commendable. Many of them have already begun engaging with various community organisations and initiatives, dedicating their Saturday mornings to supporting meaningful causes.

During our Wednesday sessions, students have taken significant strides in setting their individual goals and honing essential navigation skills. They have enthusiastically delved into the intricacies of maps and learned how to provide accurate grid references—a crucial skill for their upcoming expeditions.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) for their support and open-mindedness towards our program. We are deeply appreciative of their generosity, which will enable us to procure our first set of equipment for training and expeditions.

As we continue on this transformative journey, we are filled with optimism and excitement for the growth and accomplishments that lie ahead. Together, we are fostering a community of empowered individuals who are committed to making a difference in the world.

Thank you to everyone involved for your dedication and support.

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The ISU Duke of Edinburgh Award team

# Staff appreciation lunch



A very big thank you goes out to our PTG for providing the “Staff Appreciation Lunch”.

It was truly a collection very delicious foods and we really appreciate your for all the work you put into this.

Your ISU-Staff



Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament

# **COURT CLASH!**

**Varsity Boys  
Basketball  
Tournament**



**DEFYING GRAVITY, DEFEATING LIMITS**

The Match Starts from FEB 29. to MAR 1.  
Will Take Place On BBU ORANGE CAMPUS  
Cheer LOUD, Stand PROUD, Our TEAM, Our TRIUMPH!

**Come support our Varsity Basketball Boys!**