

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The registration for Home Language as an after school activity for Term 1, will open up on the 5th of October. For term 1 we are facilitating 6 lessons. The classes will begin after the autumn holidays, in the week of the 25th of October 2021, with the last lessons taking place in the week of the 29th of November.

We will be hosting the following ISH language groups: German, Spanish, French, Russian, Italian and Portuguese. For more information about all of our language groups, please refer to the overview explanation below. **Registration will only be open to children who have one of their languages either as a Home Language or Identity Language.** The official ISH Home- and Identity Language definition can be found below.

In case you are not sure if your child's language(s) meet this definition or wonder about how their languages may fit into our after school Home Language Programmes, please contact:

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## Home Language Vision at ISH

### ISH Home and Identity Language

**Home Language Definition** – The term 'home language' or 'mother tongue', although widely used, may refer to several different situations. Definitions often include the following elements: the language(s) that one has learned first; the language(s) one identifies with, or is identified as a native speaker of by others; the language(s) one knows best and the language(s) one uses most. 'Home Language' may also be referred to as 'primary' or 'first language'. (UNESCO 2003)



### **ISH Home Language Content:**

**Lower School (EY-Y2)** classes will focus on the development of specific academic vocabulary using an IPC topic from our school curriculum. Students will also explore phonetic sounds and begin reading and writing at the appropriate time. There will be no homework assigned, however children will be encouraged to read in their own language and will therefore bring books home to read with you. Please note, should your child be in pre-reception, you will be able to register him/her as long as they have been enrolled at the ISH for one full term.

**Upper School (Y3-Y6)** children will develop their reading and writing skills to higher levels by taking a closer look at spelling patterns, verb tenses and sentence structures. Homework will be regularly assigned and children will be asked to complete some additional reading in their Home Language as well.

Your child will also receive a Home Language report from their Home Language teacher at the end of each term explaining their progress.

### **Home Language Tutors:**

An experienced native language tutor teaches all Home Language classes. A teaching assistant will also be added to the largest language groups when needed. We typically require a minimum of three students to open a language group. When groups become too large for tutors to manage effectively, we try to split them into two sub-levels, depending on tutor availability.

### **Registration for all Language Groups:**

- Please fill out the online registration with your child's/children's details. The Home Language Tutor will then contact you to confirm the starting date, class fee and further details of the lessons.
- **Lesson fees should be paid directly to the tutor on the date of the first lesson.**
- After receiving all parent applications, initial language groups will be formed.
- Classes are then confirmed as 'running' based on the number of students registered. Please note, once a class has started, **no refund** will be given if you decide to withdraw your child at that time.

Finally, unless your child is picked up by after school care or has a valid Gate Pass, you will need to be in the Primary Aula at the end of Home Language lesson to collect your child. The school cannot provide late supervision after the usual pick-up time, after the Home Language lesson, so please be on time.

We hope your child greatly enjoys their Home Language lessons at ISH.

Kind regards,

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Home Language Registration Coordinator

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Monday 15:00-16:15	Tuesday 15:00-16:15	Wednesday 12:30-13:45	Thursday 15:00-16:15	Friday 15:00-16:15
	Home Languages  Russian EY – yr 2	Home Languages  Italian EY – yr 2 German EY – yr 2 Spanish EY – yr 2 French EY – yr 2	Home Languages  Russian yr 3 - yr 6 Italian yr 3 – yr 6 Spanish yr 3 – yr 6 French yr 3 – yr 6 Portuguese yr 3 – yr 6	
ASA - Fun Bookers Year 3 - 6	ASA - <u>Junior Cheerleading</u> Year 4 – 6 Primary Gym	ASA - Playball Year 1 – 2 Primary Gym	ASA - ZUMBA Kids Jnrs Hip Hop POP/ Street Dance Year 1 – 3 Primary Gym	ASA <u>Drawing</u> Year 4 – 6
ASA - <u>Drawing</u> Year 1– 3	ASA - <u>Climate Club</u> Year 5 – 6 3B/ Greenspace		ASA - <u>The Art Club</u> Year 3 – 6	ASA - Basketball Year 3 – 4 Primary Gym
ASA - <u>Climate Club</u> Year 5 – 6 3B/ Greenspace	ASA - Arts and Crafts Year 2 - 4		ASA - <u>Jump Rope Club</u> Year 1 – 3	ASA - <u>Football</u> Year 4 – 6 Astroturf
ASA - <u>Street Racket</u> Year 5 – 6 Primary Gym			ASA - <u>Tag Rugby</u> Year 5 - 6 Astroturf	
ASA - Basketball Year 5 – 6 Secondary Gym				