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## OUR SCHOOL

The International School Wassenaar (ISW) was founded in 2019. ISW is part of the Rijnlands Lyceum Wassenaar (RLW) which is a Dutch secondary school founded in 1936. RLW is listed as one of the 'Excellent Schools' in the Netherlands and has been awarded the highest possible accreditation by the inspection team of the Dutch Ministry of Education.

**WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL** In 1936, professors from Leiden University founded our school for their own children. They envisaged a student-centered school which motivates, encourages curiosity and teaches knowledge through exploration. We cherish this legacy.

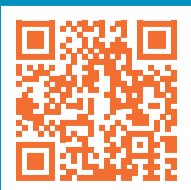
In 2019 the International School Wassenaar opened its premises here on campus and in 2023 became an IB World School. At ISW, we are dedicated to providing high quality education to students from diverse backgrounds, fostering a culture of inclusion and promoting personal growth. Our highly experienced and dedicated team provides a stimulating and supportive atmosphere that encourages curiosity and creativity. We give the students freedom to explore, the tools to set their own course and the confidence to navigate the world.

Join us at ISW and experience an education which prepares students for a lifetime of achievement whilst making a positive impact on the world.

Wendy Groen  
Principal of RLW



## MIDDLE YEARS AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES



**IB SCHOOL** ISW is an accredited *International Baccalaureate* (IB) World School, we offer both the *IB Middle Years Programme* and the *Diploma Programme*. IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to facilitate the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high-quality international education that shares a powerful vision.

**DEVELOPING THE BEST** Our frameworks are deliberately flexible, empowering students, teachers and schools to tailor an education that is appropriate to their culture, context, needs, interests and learning ability. An IB education aims to uncover and develop the best in every child, and research shows that IB students perform better than their non-IB peers.

**RECOGNISING THE INDIVIDUAL** At its core, ISW is all about recognising and developing the individual. Our size and approach allow us to take the time to get to know each child's unique background and personality as well as their individual goals. ISW is a very special place to work together and learn and I would encourage you to come and visit, meet me, our staff and students and spend some time getting to know us.

Robert Verloop  
Head of ISW



**INTERNATIONAL AWARD** Our MYP4, 5 and DP1 students are offered the opportunity to complete the *Bronze, Silver and Gold International Awards*. The award encourages personal development in the following 4 key areas:

- Skills
- Physical Recreation/Fitness
- Volunteering
- Adventurous Journey.

**PERSONAL PROJECT** ISW students in their final year of MYP investigate a topic of personal interest over an extended period. The project presents an opportunity to synthesize their learning and develop the vital skills required for higher education and life beyond ISW. The rigours of independent study aid our MYP5 students to develop the confidence and self-motivation required to become principled, lifelong learners.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** We encourage all our students to be open-minded and try new things. Our thriving *After School Club Programme* is an extension to the learning we provide in the classrooms but in a more informal setting. During clubs, students forge stronger bonds with their classmates and teachers whilst participating in fun and educational activities.

**TRIPS** At ISW we provide a trip programme for all students which promote independence, teamwork, outdoor education and real-life relevance. Students acquire newfound skills. The benefits of these trips are immense, fostering independence and creating lifelong memories.



# CONFIDENCE TO NAVIGATE THE WORLD

JOIN US AT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
WASSENAAR – AN IB WORLD SCHOOL



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WASSENAAR  
RIJNLANDS LYCEUM

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## FREEDOM

### Teaching Independence

At ISW we give every student invaluable educational experiences which prepare them for success in their adult lives. The size of our school ensures a personalised approach to each student.



WE GIVE OUR STUDENTS THE FREEDOM TO EXPLORE,  
THE TOOLS TO SET THEIR OWN COURSE  
AND THE CONFIDENCE TO NAVIGATE THE WORLD

Robert Verloop Head of ISW  
Kerry Campbell Deputy Head ISW  
Beth Calero Diploma Programme Co-ordinator  
Michael Hindmarsh Middle Years Programme Co-ordinator



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## TOOLS FOR LIFE

**High quality education and guidance**

ISW learning experiences encourage students to be inquirers and thinkers. At ISW we value diversity and multiple perspectives. Our students are encouraged to share responsibility for their own learning. We are proud to be an authorised International Baccalaureate (IB) World School.



**MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME** The IB Middle Years Programme, for students from 11 to 16 years of age, covers a broad range of subjects across eight subject groups.

- Language and literature
- Language acquisition
- Individuals and societies
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Arts
- Physical and health education
- Design

Much of the IB curriculum framework centres on inquiry-based learning. This accelerates students' research and reasoning skills and builds upon their natural curiosity, creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

We understand that students learn best when learning is 'hands-on' so the units are often project-driven with an emphasis on collaborative work and interdisciplinary learning. Our experiential and internationally focused curriculum helps students connect with the world around them.

**DIPLOMA PROGRAMME** The IB Diploma programme is an internationally renowned programme recognised by universities worldwide. Students study six subjects (3 at Higher Level and 3 at Standard Level) studied over two years with a course-work component in all subjects. In addition, our DP students must take a course in the Theory of Knowledge, do an Extended Essay on a topic of their choice and undertake a programme of Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS).

For details on subjects, please see our website.

**STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY** ISW is committed to responsible action within and beyond our campus. We promote a strong sense of community service across all year groups through our *Service as Action* and CAS programmes.

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT** We believe that students benefit greatly by offering service to others, both locally and globally. Students regularly demonstrate their willingness to support others by raising awareness and funds for local and global charities. Their engagement in service and charity work is key to understanding the positive impact they can have on helping others.

**CHALLENGES BUILD CONNECTIONS** Students build real connections between their learning in the classroom and their experiences in the community. Students undertake challenges which take them out of their comfort zone and allow them to develop their own unique skills and abilities.

**INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS** Through global engagement, multilingualism and intercultural understanding students demonstrate understanding and awareness for the wider world beyond the classroom walls.

**WELL-BEING** Our school is a safe haven where students and staff work together in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Students are guided by their mentor who provides support motivation and guidance. Our care team organise and provide any extra support which may be required.

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## SETTING A COURSE FOR SUCCESS

**Internationally minded with a responsibility for community**

ISW firmly believes in strong values. We teach our students what it means to have the responsibility of being a world citizen. ISW students and staff are caring, open-minded and principled. Our small community comes from all over the world, we celebrate and share our differences.



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## NAVIGATING THE WORLD WITH CONFIDENCE

**Genuine relationships and a caring, learning environment**

ISW is an intentionally small community, and it is the members of our community who make ISW such a warm and welcoming place to be.



**STRONG RELATIONSHIPS** Our staff prioritise forming strong and supportive one-to-one relationships with students. We promote a positive approach to student wellbeing by providing a range of opportunities for students to participate within the local and global community to further develop their social emotional skills.

**INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE SETTING** We are passionate about nurturing and developing students in an inclusive and diverse learning environment. Our committed mentor team work closely with our students to ensure that everyone has the tools and support to be a success at ISW and beyond.

**UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT** Together we have built a safe haven where students, teachers and parents/guardians work together in a stimulating environment of understanding and respect.

**ETHICAL CHOICES** Students are taught to appreciate right from wrong. They reflect upon the implications of their actions on the world at large, not just for themselves but for future generations.

**APPLICATION** Children qualify for places at the International School Wassenaar if they are:

- from countries outside of the Netherlands, who are part of the mobile international community.
- from Dutch families who have been internationally mobile and have spent at least two years in a school abroad immediately prior to the placement year.

We understand the importance of providing incoming families with a positive transition experience.

**CONTACT** For more information, planning a visit or applying for a place at our school, please contact Mrs. Jacobs in the admissions department at:

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We look forward to meeting your family!

Miriam Jacobs and Kris Wilde  
ISW Admissions Team



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## ADMISSIONS

**Our application process**

If you are considering the International School Wassenaar for your child/children, we would be delighted to provide you with information about our application process.

