



Dear ISF Parents and Guardians,

I hope you enjoyed a refreshing summer break and are ready to take full advantage of the excitement and opportunities that the 2024-25 school year holds. The ISF team and I have been working hard all summer to get everything ready for you and we all look forward to welcoming you and your children back on campus.

The entire ISF team has high expectations for the new academic year. We aim to help our students build their skills, expand their knowledge, connect with students from around the world, and make unforgettable memories.

At an administrative level, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Mary Mrad-Hage has joined the leadership team as the new Deputy Director. She will continue to be the Academic Coordinator for Grade 9 and 10 and will add her Deputy Director responsibilities. Her main focus will be on academics and she will be working closely with all our Academic Coordinators. Dr. Mrad-Hage brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to educational excellence, and we are pleased to welcome her into this important position at our school.

As we gear up for the start of the school year, I invite you to mark the following important dates on your calendar:

- **Friday, August 23 from 9:30am to 12:00noon: Welcome Day** for new families and any returning families who are interested in joining us. This will be a great opportunity to get acquainted with our school community and staff. *More information will be shared shortly.*
- **Monday, August 26:** The **first day of school for students in grades 2-12.** We are eager to see our students back in the classroom and ready to embark on a new academic year. Remember, the first day back is one of the most important; if not for learning the new routines, then certainly for making friends.
- **Tuesday, August 27:** The **first day of school for Grade 1.** We look forward to welcoming our new first graders and helping them begin their Primary School journey at ISF. The traditional German Schultüte (Einschulung) Ceremony will begin at 9:00am in the theatre.

As always, on these important dates and throughout the academic year ahead, we are committed to nurturing and empowering our students and giving them an exceptional school experience.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. I look forward to a fantastic start to the academic year.

Warmest Regards,

Rupert Cox
School Director

