



NEWS FOR ALL

LEADERSHIP TEAM ASSIGNMENTS at AIS

We are pleased to share recent updates regarding the AIS pedagogical leadership team assignments for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.



SAMANTHA ADDINGTON has accepted the position as PYP1-8 IB Coordinator. In preparation for moving to one campus, we are placing the responsibility of the PYP IB Coordination for PYP1-3 and PYP4-8 back again in the hands of one person. Sam received her B.A. from the University of North Texas. She taught English in Texas before moving to international teaching. She's taught Primary Technology in Vietnam, gained IB experience in the UAE and Hong Kong, and was most recently in London before moving to Aarhus. Sam will also be working in the area of student support (EAL).



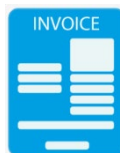
MARGARET KRISTENSEN recently received approval from the certification board and will now take over the position of "Børnehaveleder" for the PYP1-3 grade levels. Combining this with her past position as "PYP4-8 Administrator", she will now also assume the new title of "Primary School Principal" (PYP 1-8) so as to be consistent with the position held by Kathryn Templeman as "Middle School Principal". Margaret will be assisted by a teacher at the PYP1-3 levels in some of the operational leadership team tasks.



MEGAN BEHNKE has moved into the position as School Counsellor for the grade levels PYP4-MYP5. As a trained and certified school counsellor, she now fulfills a long-standing goal of AIS to have a full-time position allocated to the counselling and care of students. Having now left her post as PYP IB Coordinator, she will still be available to mentor her replacement, Sam Addington, and will retain her membership on the AIS leadership team.

MONTHLY INVOICES

AIS generates and sends out invoices at the end of the month for the following month, typically right after the 20th, so the September invoice will be sent around 21 August. Previously, invoices were mailed out (postal service) but as of August 2023, in an effort to minimize returned mail and saving paper 📄, invoices will be sent via email unless you setup automatic payments (PBS). If you setup PBS, you receive a statement from your bank in your e-boks instead. If you have any questions regarding your invoice, please contact: mw@ais-aarhus.dk.



LIBRARY BOOKS NOT YET RETURNED



The library will restart its efforts to collect books which have been checked out during the last school year but not yet returned. If your child(ren) still has books which have been signed out in their name, they will not be able, in addition, to check out further books in the new school year. Checked out books must either first be returned or a replacement fee paid in order to clear their name in the library records. You will be contacted directly by the library within the next weeks in the event that records show that a book is missing.

ASA

PYP-MYP Clubs on Campus



We are excited to offer a broad range of (new) clubs. The clubs for fall term can be found in the attached brochure. You may sign up for clubs through the following link:

[Clubs on Campus sign up form](#) –
deadline August 31.

PYP4-8 After School Activities (ASA) & Morning and Afternoon Care (MAC)

To sign up for MAC (PYP4-5) or ASA (PYP4-8), or for further information, please contact ASA Coordinator Ms Wendy Garnier at wg@ais-aarhus.dk.

PYP4-8 Half Day Childcare September 19



On Tuesday September 19th the PYP4-8 students will have an early dismissal at 11:45. The students can attend free childcare until their regular dismissal times (14:15 or 15:00) only if they are signed up through the link below. MAC and ASA students are automatically signed up for Half Days.

[Sign Up Half Day September 19](#) –
deadline September 15.

AIS IN SOCIAL MEDIA



AIS is present on different social media platforms. You can follow us on Facebook "Aarhus International School" (link:

<https://www.facebook.com/aisAarhus>) and Instagram "ais_aarhus" (link:



https://www.instagram.com/ais_aarhus/). This is where we as the school update and advertise what is going on in the school.

There is also an AIS closed community group on Facebook, run by the PTA called "AIS School Community" (link: [AIS School Community](#)). Please make sure you answer the questions when you request to join so that we can make sure that only members of our school community can access it. If you have any questions about the group or anything else related to PTA, you can contact our chair and vice chair Lydya and Nicole at pta@ais-aarhus.dk.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are several local events and meetups that are very useful to newcomers to Aarhus, or even those veterans among us. The International Community is a valuable resource for finding local coffee meetings, mother groups, welcome events, understanding Danish tax etc.



Upcoming events of note include:

- ✓ Newcomers hybrid info evening (24 August, 17:00)
- ✓ Monthly morning coffee morning (25 August, 10:00)
- ✓ Expat reception (26 August, 15:00)
- ✓ Families in Aarhus (30 August, 10:00)

You can find and sign up for all these events and browse more via their website: <https://internationalcommunity.dk/events/>

EY (Early Years – Bushøjvænget)

BACK TO SCHOOL Meeting on Wednesday, 23 August from 15.00-16.30



Parents at our Early Years campus are invited to a Parent Information meeting on **Wednesday, the 23rd of August from 15.00-16.30**. There will be an opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy tea/coffee and cake from 15.00-15.15 and then be a brief introduction at 15.15. This will be followed by presentations from the homeroom teachers in their classrooms.

PYP4-8

HOME LANGUAGE PROGRAMME



We are starting our Home Language Programme from September. We need volunteers to support us by teaching different languages around the world. If you would like to help us, please see the attachment for more details.

CLASS WHATSAPP GROUPS

We value your active participation and involvement in our school community. We have received a request from some of our class parent representatives who are interested in creating a WhatsApp group for the class parents.



These groups will serve as a platform to facilitate the sharing of important class-related information, updates about school events, and a space for parents to connect and engage in discussions.

PTA

THANK YOU AIS PARENTS



We had an astounding first Welcome Coffee Morning on the first day of school. It was

amazing to see so many new and familiar faces for our orientation morning. Thank you for making it a great success and we hope we have helped with some general information for your stay in AIS and Aarhus.

We are always here to help you, do drop us an email at pta@ais-aarhus.dk should you have further queries.

JOIN OUR FAMILY PTA

The PTA is always looking to extend its family members. Be a part of the family that plan social events for our children. Share your experience, ideas and concerns as we build a sensational community for our children.



We run a 1-hour meeting every 6 weeks. You're welcome to join or volunteer in other ways at the PTA. No help is too small at the PTA. All are welcome.

Our first meeting:
30 August 2023 15:00 Dalgas Campus
Pta@ais-aarhus.dk
See you there!

To ensure the security and privacy of our students and parents, we will assist the class parents by sending out group links through Toddle, our trusted communication platform. Your participation in these WhatsApp groups is entirely voluntary. We encourage those interested to stay tuned for further updates through Toddle, where we will share the links as soon as they are available. If your class does not yet have a parent representative, and you would like to do this, please send the class teacher an email to express your interest.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR PYP5-8

PYP5-PYP8 Parents are reminded to please make note of the informational



meetings scheduled in week 34. The meetings will be held in each homeroom classroom and led by your child’s homeroom teacher. Childcare is not available during these meetings, although ASA is running as usual for those students who are signed up. These meetings are intended for parents/guardians only, and students are not expected to attend. Please review the information below to confirm the time/date of your meeting:

Event	Time
PYP 7 & PYP 8 Back to School Parent Information Meeting	Monday, the 21 st of August from 15.15-16.30
PYP 5 & PYP 6B Back to School Parent Information Meeting	Tuesday, the 22 nd of August from 15.15-16.30

MYP

MYP BACK TO SCHOOL AFTERNOON

This will take place from 15:15 on Tuesday 22 August. Parents will meet in their child's homeroom classroom.



- Session 1: 15:15 – 15:45
- Session 2: 15:45 – 16:15
- Session 3: 16:15 – 16:45

Danish A session in the Danish A classroom OR Toddle introduction in the I&S classroom (Pavilion top floor).

Sessions 1 and 2 will be repeat sessions. The MYP homeroom teams will present general information about the class, routines, homework, expectations and so on, as well as projects, service and curriculum information.

We would also like to appeal to class parents in each MYP class this year to help us with events and information sharing. This is an important role that really helps us to build our community.

AMAZING EXAM RESULTS FROM MYP CLASS OF 2023

We are proud to announce our MYP5 IB exam results for 2023. The students did immensely well. In nearly every single subject, students’ scores matched or exceeded the world average, some by a whole point or point and a half.



French and German did very well as foreign language subjects. Design and music also scored very high, as did the class in their personal projects. Across all subjects, the distribution of the top three marks of 5 or higher (good-excellent) was just under 85%.