

International School Haarlem

“Passionate about learning”



Our vision:

At ISH our vision is to develop a community of caring, compassionate, honest, open-minded global citizens who enjoy learning in critical and creative ways. We strive to develop a positive sense of self and engage with our world on a local and global scale.

Our mission:

At ISH we enable the fulfillment of our vision by

- providing dynamic, world-recognised teaching programmes with inquiry-based learning at the core
- encouraging all members of the school community to engage in matters of worldwide interest and take part in service activities that aim to make a difference in the local and global community or the physical world
- emphasising positive personal and learning values in daily life and learning (thoughtfulness and respect, principles and morality, communication and cooperation, resilience and adaptability)
- guiding students to reach their full potential as thinkers and lifelong learners by taking risks and reflecting on knowledge and experience
- facilitating an encouraging, positive environment in which students are equally supported and challenged to achieve
- welcoming and respecting all members of our school community

Organisation:

The International School Haarlem is comprised of a primary and secondary department. Children in the primary section of the school are aged 4-11 years and follow a British/International Primary Curriculum delivered in class groups by a primary trained teacher. Specialist teachers also offer PE, music, Dutch and EAL.

Students in the secondary department are divided into age appropriate form groups and are taught by subject specialist teachers. The secondary department aims to become a fully accredited IB school and is already committed to this process.

Curriculum:

The school is proud of its learning environment where students are encouraged to realise their full potential and aim high. Through internationally respected and recognised programmes the school involves students in meaningful learning. We focus on academic development in combination with opportunities to learn the skills to become active and engaged global citizens. Students develop their ability to view the world around them with empathy and responsibility. The school has a strong ethos of international mindedness and core values which encourage celebration of and respect for our 21st century world.

Dutch International Schools:

The International School Haarlem is a member of the Dutch International Schools group. These schools receive government funding and therefore operate within the framework of the Dutch educational system. They differ in this way from private international and foreign education facilities. The Dutch International Schools possess several distinguishing qualities in comparison with these other institutions, such as an active international character. At Dutch International Schools we want to prepare all children for success in tertiary education and life beyond in the world. Therefore, these schools offer education of a high quality, that complies with international standards as well as the demands of the Dutch school inspection.

The Dutch International Schools use English to teach their international curricula and are affiliated with regular Dutch schools. The class sizes are maximised at 22 students per group.

Even though the government subsidy does not cover all costs, The Dutch International Schools can charge relatively low school fees in comparison with private international and foreign educational facilities.

All Dutch International Schools have the willingness and expertise to cope with students with a wide variety of cultures and native languages. Understanding and respect are important key aspects.

All Dutch International Schools work with an international teaching staff.

There is a dynamic admissions system; students may come and go during the entire school year.