

Dear DSP School Community,

In 2019 we have chosen to emphasise the value of self-directed learning as set out in our Vision and Mission statement. At the DSP all competence-oriented teaching and learning processes have the objective of deepening the knowledge of learners, promoting their problem-solving abilities and equipping them for independent learning.

Class of 2018

Congratulations on 119 distinctions*
TOP ACHIEVERS



Our Class of 2018 is a shining example of the quality education combined with the values of the school to deliver exceptional results. This group of 49 learners achieved 119 distinctions as well as 109 B-symbols and 88 C-symbols. 96% of these learners passed with admission to study for a Bachelor's degree.

We are particularly proud of our Top-achiever, Golo Mühr, who obtained a dream score of 1.0 in his Abitur and aced ten distinctions overall. Although we celebrate the achievements we are proud of each and every DSP learner who is able to craft a future for himself/herself with the solid foundation laid by our competent teachers in combination with our drive towards self-directed learning.

The results of the independent market survey which was conducted by Ask Afrika during 2018 underlines that quality education equips DSP learners for their future.

The survey confirmed that:

88% of our DSP Alumni feel well prepared for tertiary education

95% of our DSP Alumni are studying or have completed a tertiary education

We hope this serves as inspiration to the **50** new Grade 1 learners who started their journey with us in 2019!

The DSP currently consists of around **860** learners. If we look at what our learners say about the school in the Ask Afrika survey, the following common themes arise:

- The DSP has high academic standards and caring teachers
- We are proud to be a part of the DSP
- We have a friendship culture and good integration
- We learn to be independent and take ownership of our work

From the parent community the following broad themes emerged:

- We appreciate the comprehensive curricula and facilities of the school
- We are satisfied with the management of the school
- We are confident that our children are well prepared for post-school studies

We thank every learner and parent who took the trouble to complete the survey. The excerpts in this newsletter are only a fraction of the information and insights the school management and Governing Body now have at their disposal to review, evaluate and utilise as part of their decision-making going forward.

Our career week during February was hosted with the words of Mark Twain as the central idea: "Plan for the future because that is where you are going to spend the rest of your life."

Our Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners gained insight into their study options and career opportunities. The University of Pretoria (TUKS) and Monash South Africa introduced themselves. We workshopped the professional world in the year 2035, the forecasts and to what extent these should be taken into account when choosing a career. Another day was devoted to DAAD, who, in cooperation with the Career Guidance Department, marketed study opportunities in Germany. The week ended with the Rocking Future Show by #BU.



Our principal, Ms Kiehn, and Ms Paul were also planning for the future while attending the annual **Didacta Bildungsmesse** in Cologne to promote the DSP as a school of excellence to German teachers looking for career opportunities abroad.

As a German School Abroad, our German Department continuously faces the challenge of making the language lively, target-group-orientated and interesting for our learners. Special events such as the visit by the well-known film director, **Sönke Wortmann**, not only awaken a passion for the German language, but offer learners insight into career opportunities which their knowledge and competencies can unlock.



For one week in March more than 120 young musicians from the German Schools in Southern Africa and their teachers rehearsed together in Windhoek under the skilful guidance of renowned conductor, Alexander Fokkens. They let their musical skills run free to culminate in a memorable final concert on 8 March 2019. We wish to thank our hosts the DHPS and look forward to the next **Orchestra Week** in 2021.



On 9 March we hosted our **Open Day**, welcoming prospective DSP learners and their families to experience our school first hand. As our enrolment numbers in the Primary School in our English Branch are limited we would like to remind current DSP parents who wish to enrol a sibling, to apply no later than **30 April 2019** to avoid disappointment.

We wish you a restful holiday and would like to bring to your attention that the nominations for new members of the Governing Body close on **9 April** at 12.00. The Governing Body of the Deutscher Schulverein Pretoria supports the school management of the DSP in its endeavour to maintain its status as an Excellent German School Abroad and to prepare its learners for a successful career both locally and abroad. We need a Governing Body that ensures the sustainability of the school.

Do you want to tailor the future of the Deutsche Internationale Schule Pretoria in an honorary capacity and actively participate in the creation of its future vision?

Stand for election!

A nomination form is published on the DSP website (www.dspretoria.co.za) and obtainable at the school's reception.

Important dates in the second Term

9 April	First day of school
11 April	School photos
16 April	Annual General Meeting
30 April	Application for English Branch closes
17 May	Variety Evening Primary School
31 May	Winter Concert
1 June	Spaßfest Kindergarten
7 June	Grandparents Day
	DSP Golf Day
10 – 21 June	Work experience
14 – 29 June	Learner Exchange Cologne
18 – 20 June	Project Week
21 June	Last day of school

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