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The Diploma Programme at Herlufsholm: Preparing students for succes in higher education and to be active participants in a global society

What is an IB education?

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a two-year university preparatory programme taught in English. IB is a challenging and inspiring programme which forsters personal and academic growth.

The curriculum consists of six subject groups; the students must choose one subject from each group. This ensures an indepth and holistic understanding of the humanities, sciences, and the arts. At the end of the programme the students take a written exam which is externally assessed by the IB organization. The marks for each subject range from one to seven and the diploma is awarded to students who achieve at least 24 points.

At Herlufsholm we have special focus on the Danish language. Danish is also the primary language outside of class and is a popular language course in the IB. An IB education at Herlufsholm Skole guarantees an exceptional learning environment, Danish values and a strong, life-long network while at the same time the IB Diploma opens doors for further education at universities abroad.

The Diploma Programme core

In addition to the subject groups, the IB Diploma Programme features three core elements.

The Extended Essay

The Extended Essay is an academic research paper, which spans over both IB years, requiring students to research and investigate a topic related to one of their subjects. It allows students to focus on topics of global significance and of special interest to them while learning vital academic skills.

Theory of Knowledge

Theory of Knowledge is a course which compares, contrasts, and unifies the academic disciplines. It is a course on critical thinking, the nature of knowledge and the human construction of knowledge.

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

The CAS programme increases awareness of personal strengths and broadens the students' potential. It invites students to engage in a range of activities alongside their academic studies. Creativity encourages students to engage in the arts and creative thinking. Activity seeks to develop a healthy lifestyle through physical activity. Service is based on volunteer work in the community, and offers valuable learning experiences. The overall goal is to enhance personal and interpersonal skills and encourage journeys of self-discovery.

Pre-IB

As a gateway to an international education, the IB Diploma Programme is also a very demanding course. To ensure a good start in the IB, Herlufsholm Skole offers a one-year preparatory programme that culminates in a selection of exams which provides students with a solid academic foundation to complete and excel intellectually and academically in the IB Diploma Programme.

Pre-IB will prepare you for the IB Diploma

The pre-IB aims to develop students into inquisitive, reflective, and critical thinkers, preparing them for the challenges of the IB Diploma Programme. The curriculum consists of a balanced combination of humanities, sciences, and the arts, cultivating interdisciplinary skill sets and academic confidence across the subject areas.

Why choose Herlufsholm?

Herlufsholm Skole is Denmark's oldest boarding school. The school was founded in 1565, and the historical setting and many traditions creates a unique and strong student community that lasts even after graduation. The school offers a variety of educational programs, has an extensive co-curricular program, and is a Round Square frontrunner in Scandinavia.

We offer you small classes, mentoring, exchanges,





Diploma Programme subject groups



and the possibility of personal challenges in our Duke of Edinburgh International Award program or by travelling to MUN or Round Square conferences home and abroad.

Whether you spend a year in our IB preparatory class or enroll directly in our IB Diploma Programme an education at Herlufsholm will be a gateway for students who wish to study at a university abroad.

Unleash your talents

Herlufsholm Skole aims to inspire and engage students to achieve more. All IB students are assigned a mentor who follows and supports them throughout the year. The purpose is to develop both academic and personal proficiencies with particular focus on study habits, planning, and follow-through.

Herlufsholm also offers a range of academic enrichment activities, and encourages students to enrol in academic competitions to expand exsisting skills and gain additional learning experiences.

Throughout the year the school invites guest professors and gives extra support to students with difficulties.

Become a world citizen

Herlufsholm has an extensive exchange programme. The exchanges contribute to personal growth and development while fostering openness to the outside world. Students have the oppertunity to participate in group and individual exchanges, national and international conferences as well as Round Square service trips abroad.

At Herlufsholm the IB Diploma Programme attracts students from all over the world many of whom have a connection to Denmark through their parents. An IB education at Herlufsholm will provide an international network as well as an extensive network with the students from the Danish STX programme.

Danish as a second language

Each year Herlufsholm admits a number of students who have taken a foreign education, whose parents do not speak Danish, or who for some other reason find it difficult to manage in Danish.

Communication at the school is primarily Danish, which subsequently requires students to learn to use and understand the Danish language relatively quickly.

If doubt arises concerning a student's Danish proficiencies, the school will test the student at the beginning of the school year. We offer extra Danish lessons with a tutor if necessary.







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