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**Update - Recognition of the IB Diploma (IBDP) and IBDP Mathematics courses in Germany and invitation to information evening.**

Dear FIS Grade 10 Parents

We would like to update you regarding the recognition of the new (first teaching in school year 2019/2020) IB Diploma Mathematics courses, for students intending to study at universities in Germany.

If recognition of the IB Diploma for universities in Germany is a matter of concern to you, please first read carefully through the attached document, *'Recognition of the IB's New Mathematics Courses by the German Ministries of Education'*, May 2019, which has been prepared by the Association of German International Schools (AGIS), and which may also be accessed on the AGIS website: <https://agis-schools.org/about-1>. This document provides context and a summary of the new recognition arrangements.

The above document refers in turn to the document *'Informationen für Schüler einer Internationalen Schule (Erwerb eines IB-Diplomas)'*, April 2019, published by the *Zeugnisankennungsstelle*, also attached to this email and on the KMK website: <https://www.kmk.org/>. As well as providing specific information on recognition of the IBDP Mathematics courses, it provides all the wider recognition rules and procedures.

The newly published rules apply only to students acquiring the IB Diploma from the exam date of May 2021 (i.e. current Grade 10 students or in lower years).

Both documents will shortly be linked to the FIS website.

You may also be interested to know that the IB also has a Recognition page where the statement for Germany may be read, and seen to align with the above: <https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/recognition-of-the-ib-diploma-by-countries-and-universities/country-recognition-statements/>

The FIS has closely followed the developments with recognition and has worked through AGIS with the *Zeugnisankennungsstelle*.

Our plans for delivering both IBDP Mathematics courses, at both levels, are well-advanced. Teachers have already attended or will attend official IB workshops and conferences to ensure appropriate training for the new courses.



In addition to this letter, we will host a general information/advice session on IB Diploma Recognition in Germany, for **Grade 10 students and parents on May 22, in the Theatre at 18:00.**

Current Grade 10 students have already made a provisional selection of Mathematics course and level (HL/SL). Now that we have greater clarity on recognition, and as previously guaranteed, if a student would now like to reconsider, then all requests will be accommodated. Advice may be sought from mathematics teachers and from Dr Manja Leib, our Careers and Higher Education Advisor. If a student wishes to change their mathematics course or level, this should be in writing to Mr Derudder, the Assistant Principal.

Parents of IBDP students are welcome to write to the *Zeugnisenerkennungsstelle* in advance of beginning their IB Diploma programme (at the end of Grade 10) and get written confirmation that their choice of subjects will lead to the type of recognition that they wish to obtain. Please note that the office of the *Zeugnisenerkennungsstelle* has moved to Gunzenhausen (previously Munich) and all further correspondence should be with that office:

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Finally, unrelated to IB Diploma recognition, the *Zeugnisenerkennungsstelle* document carries a list on page 1 of schools authorized to run the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP). Following the recent authorization by the IB for the Franconian International School to run the MYP, the *Zeugnisenerkennungsstelle* have been informed, and we would expect the school's name to appear on the next update of the document.

I hope that the hope serves to update, inform and guide any next steps. Please do not hesitate to contact me as and when further questions arise.

Kind regards

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