

MR Update

September 2026

Dear ISH Community,

Greetings from the Medezeggenschapsraad (MR). We've started a new school year and have said goodbye to most of the previous' MR members. The primary department and parent representatives stepped down and have passed the mantle on to Monica (parent) and Ruby and Pepijn (primary department). The responsibility of secondary student representative this year will be shared between two students to ensure a balance of workload. The student body will be represented by Swarna and Tommy L.

Previous MR updates can be found on the [ISH website](#).

What's Been Happening?

Policies

The first order of business for this year's MR was to review the changes in policies. The policies that needed reviewing were the Early Years Policy and Handbook, the Learning and Teaching Policy, the Assessment Policy, and the Smartwatch Policy. Most changes related to updated dates and names to reflect current classes and platforms used across the school. Curricular changes related to streamlining progression in home learning, the inclusion of SAMR in our technology integration, and the introduction of the new PSHE curriculum. All policies were read carefully, discussed, and changes were approved by all. Important to note, the smartwatch policy (that requires the students to keep their smartwatches in their lockers) is for MYP students only.

MR Roles

As the MR consists of mainly new members the MR roles were discussed. It was agreed by all that the secretary role will be filled on a rotation basis between MR members. This includes the responsibilities of preparing the agenda, taking minutes, and sharing summaries of our meetings with the wider community. The Chair role is currently being filled by Dirk on an interim basis until Ben comes back from paternity leave, this role will then be re-assessed with all members present.

Staffing

The Heads of School confirmed that all the vacant roles are either filled or in the final processes of being filled in both Primary and Secondary.

Upcoming internal, Middle Leadership positions in Secondary will go interview in the coming days.

Reminder! MR Parent Representative

We are still looking for a parent representative from either the secondary or primary department. The MR advises the school board and, in some cases, must reach agreement on important decisions affecting our school.

Key information:

- Term: minimum two years
- Meetings: Thursday afternoons, approx. every 6–7 weeks (15:30–17:00)
- Some board/government documents may be in Dutch; automatic translation is acceptable

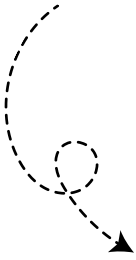
Application deadline: 31 October 2026

Should more than one candidate apply, a vote will be held via anonymous Google Form (one vote per family).

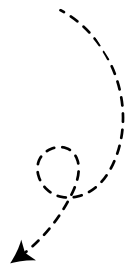
If you are interested, please submit your application using [this link](#).

MR meetings and upcoming date

Our next MR meeting is scheduled for November 19th. If there are topics you would like the MR to discuss, agenda points can be submitted by email to mr@internationalschoolhaarlem.nl. To allow time for preparation, items should ideally be submitted at least two weeks before a meeting, although urgent topics can sometimes be added later.



Stay connected!



Got questions or suggestions?



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We're here to represent you, so let's keep the conversation going!