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Annual Work Plan

2026–2027

In accordance with 1/2026. (VII. 31.) OGYM Decree on the 2026/2027 school year, theschool year consists of 180 teaching days for students. The local school calendar is organised in accordance with the statutory framework and ISB's pedagogical objectives.
The school year begins on Tuesday, **1 September 2026.** The final teaching day is Friday, **18 June 2027**; This is followed by a staff work week dedicated to end-of-year documentation and planning for the next academic year.
For the final secondary year (Grade 12), the last teaching day is Friday, **30 April 2027.**
The first semester ends on **22 January 2027**; students and parents must be informed of first-semester results by 29 January 2027.

1.1 Non-teaching Working Days

(for teacher training, pedagogical evaluation, community-building and student participation purposes)

- **4 January 2027** – Teacher professional development day; no classes for students (19 September is a working Saturday)
- **22 February 2027** – Students' Council Day
- **23 February 2027** – ski break
- **24 February 2027** – ski break
- **25 February 2027** - ski break
- **26 February 2027 -** ski break

Professional weeks ensuring staff preparation and the closure of the school year:

- **21–30 June 2027** – End-of-year staff work week
- **23–31 August 2027** – Preparatory period for teaching staff

1.2 School Holidays

- **Autumn Break:** 23 October – 1 November 2026 (first teaching day after the break: 2 November)
- **Winter Break:** 19 December 2026 – 3 January 2027 (official return date: 4 January; ISB designates 4 January as a non-teaching professional development day)
- **Ski Break:** 23–26 February 2027
- **Spring / Easter Break:** 25 March – 4 April 2027 (first teaching day after the break: 5 April)

- **First day of Summer Break:** 19 June 2027

1.3 National and School Celebrations and Commemorations

ISB incorporates Hungarian national commemorations and selected international / school celebrations into its educational programme through age-appropriate events and classroom activities.

- **6 October 2026** – Memorial Day of the Martyrs of Arad
- **23 October 2026** – National Holiday – 1956 Revolution
- **25 February 2027** – Memorial Day for the Victims of Communist and Other Dictatorships
- **15 March 2027** – National Holiday – 1848/49 Revolution and War of Independence
- **16 April 2027** – Memorial Day for the Hungarian Victims of the Holocaust
- **4 June 2027** – Day of National Unity

1.4 Other Pedagogical and Community Events

- **19 September 2026** – Family BBQ and Clean-up Day (working Saturday) – presentation of the 30th anniversary logo
- **30 September 2026** – Project Day – Enviromental Day
- **12 December 2026** – Christmas Fair
- **18 March 2026** - Secondary Celebration Evening
- **23 March 2027** – Project Day – Digital health and wellbeing
- **22 May 2027** – Grade 12 Graduation
- **28 May 2027** – International Day
- **14 June 2027** – Project Day – Students' Voice
- **17 June 2027** – Grade 8 Graduation
- **23 June 2027** - End-of-Year report card (blue book) distribution

1.4.1 30th Anniversary Programme 2026/2027

To mark ISB's 30th anniversary, the 2026/2027 school year will include a dedicated programme of celebrations, opening on 19 September and closing in May.

"30 Day" Challenges

Community challenges built around the number 30 take place at individual, class, or whole-school level:

- Family BBQ – presentation of the 30th anniversary logo
- Butterfly Project begins (ISB's flagship anniversary project, running through the year – see below)
- Halloween Challenge – pumpkin carving competition
- ISB Mascot Design Challenge
- Collect 30 Recipes for an ISB recipe book (class challenge; possible future publication)
- Sports Challenge – personal goals (squats, jumps, etc.)
- Birthday Week (photo exhibition, Gratitude Wall)
- Mural (to be confirmed)

Butterfly Project – "Butterflies Across Borders"

ISB's central anniversary initiative and largest collaboration, connecting schools on all six continents. Students draw an image reflecting their cultural identity inside a shared butterfly template; the project has its own website (butterfliesacrossborders.dev) and Instagram account, and results in a joint international artwork bringing all participating schools together. It runs throughout the year and concludes at the closing event in May.

Closing Event – May

The anniversary year concludes with:

- A time capsule
- A closing party in the evening

1.5 Selected National Theme Days / Weeks

ISB may participate in selected national theme programmes where these support school priorities. In connection with Students' Voice Theme Day, ISB will organise its **Students' Voice Day on 14 June 2027**. Particular relevance is also given to Digital Theme Week (5–9 April 2027) and Sustainability Theme Week (19–23 April 2027). In connection with these themes, ISB will organise a **Digital Health and Wellbeing Day on 23 March** and a **Clean-up Day on 19 September**, respectively. Instead of the Hungarian School Sport Day, ISB will organise a **Grand Sports Festival on 27 May 2027**.

1.6. Staff / Parent Meetings and Communication

- **22 January 2027** – Grade meeting
- **28 January 2027**– Mid-year teacher meeting
- **21 June 2027** – Grade meeting
- **23 June 2027**– End-of-year teacher meeting
- **23 August 2027** – Opening staff meeting

Teacher Professional Development

- **4 January 2027** – Full professional development day (19 September is a working day)
- 2026/2027 – Year-long Middle Leadership Development programme, combining training, reflection and school-based casework; **professional development half days 22 October 2026; 19 February 2027; 24 March 2027; 5 April 2027.**
- **23–31 August 2027** – Preparatory period for teaching staff

1.7 Parent Meetings and Communication

<u>First-semester parent-teacher meetings</u>

- **2 September 2026** – Prep
- **3 September 2026** – Grade 2
- **4 September 2026** – Grade 1
- **7 September 2026** – Grade 4
- **8 September 2026** – Grade 3
- **9 September 2026 (4 pm)**– Grade 7AB and 9
- **10 September 2026** (4.15 pm)– Grade 8A and 8B
- **10 September 2026 (4 pm)–** Grade 10
- **16 September 2026 (4pm)** – Grade 12
- **17 September 2026 (4 pm)** – Grade 11
- **17 September 2026 (4.15 pm)** – Grade 6A and 6B together
- **November 2026** by invitation for secondary parents

<u>Second-semester parent-teacher meetings</u>

- **4 February 2027** - Primary Parent Teacher meeting
- **April 2027** by invitation

- **June 2027** – based on parental request
- PA board meetings - days to be decided
- Parent Focus Groups – days to be decided

- **20 October 2026** – Open Day for prospective and current families
- **11 November 2026** – Open lessons visit new students
- **26 November 2026** – Open Day for parents current students
- **16 February 2027** – Open Day for primary school

2.1 Academic Competitions

- **9 October 2026** – Bolyai Mathematics Team Competition (Grades 3–8, regional round)
- **6 November 2026** – Bolyai Hungarian Language Team Competition (Grades 3–8, regional round)
- **18 Marc 2027** – l International Kangaroo Mathematics Competition
- Spelling competitions and any other competitions in which ISB will participate - at dates determined during the school year, about which the parents of participating students will be informed through the homeroom teachers (e-KRÉTA or EduPage)

2.2 Internal Exams and Assessments

- **16 September – 9 October 2026** - Bilingual Grade 8 Career Orientation Competency Assessment (only 1 lesson)
- Diagnostic developmental assessment (Grades 1–2): identify relevant students by 9 October 2026; report numbers by 22 October; complete assessments by 7 December 2026
- **6 February 2027** – Assemnet Day (Prep-Grade 1)
- **3 June 2027** - Introduction Day (Prep – Grade 1)
- **22 March – 28 May 2027**- National Competency Assessments (Bilingual Grades 4, 6, 8 and 10) – exact date during the school year, about which the homeroom teachers will inform the parents
- **8 January – 5 May 2027** - NETFIT / Physical Fitness Assessment (on PE lessons); upload by 11 June 2027
- **23 April – 19 May 2027** IB Diploma examinations

- **May – June 2027** Cambridge IGCSE examinations (exact final timetable to be confirmed following Cambridge publication) - about which the homeroom teachers will inform the parents
- **19-21 May 2027** - Cambridge Primary Checkpoint
- **24-25 May 2027** - Lower Secondary Checkpoint
- **11-15 January 2027** - Mock exams Grade 10-12
- **31 May-4 June 2027** - Mock exams Grade 9-11

2.3 The secondary school application process for Grade 8

- **30 October 2026** - informing parents
- **1 December 2026** - application for the written entrance exam
- **23 January 2027** - written entrance exam (in the chosen school)
- **3 February 2027** - make-up written entrance exam
- **22 February 2027** - sending the application forms to secondary schools
- **1-19 March 2027** - oral entrance exams (in the chosen school)
- **6-8 April 2027** - modification of applications (order of chosen schools)
- **7 May 2027** - admission decision

3. School Assemblies

- **1 September 2026** - Opening ceremony for all students
- **2 October 2026** - for grades prep-5
- **5 October 2026** - for grades 6-12
- **22 October 2026** - for grades prep-5
- **2 November 2026** - for grades 6-12
- **27 November 2026** - for grades prep-5
- **7 December 2026** - for grades 6-12
- **18 December 2026** - for grades prep-5
- **11 January 2027** - for grades 6-12
- **29 January 2027** - for grades prep-5
- **2 February 2027** - for grades 6-12
- **19 February 2027**- for grades prep-5

- **1 March 2027** - for grades 6-12
- **24 March 2027** - for grades prep-5
- **5 April 2027** - for grades 6-12
- **30 April 2027** - for grades prep-5
- **3 May 2027** - for grades 6-12
- **28 May 2027** - for grades prep-5
- **31 May 2027** - for grades 6-12
- **18 June 2027** - for grades prep-5

4.1 Multi-day Trips (According to the Pedagogical Programme, multi-day trips are self-funded. Parents cover all costs in full through a separate payment in addition to the amounts listed in the fees and costs table.)

- **17-18 September 2026** – Gardes 7-8 Trip (Velence lake)
- **13-16 May 2027** – Greece trip – for grades 7-8-9
- **7-11 June 2027** – Secondary classes trip (Balaton)
- **9-11 June 2027** – Primary school (Forest School)

4.2 Grades 1–8 Cultural / Educational Visits

- **2 September 2026** – Grade 2 Trip (Városliget)
- **18 September 2026** – Grade 5 Trip (Dömös)
- **5 October 2026** – Grade 4 Trip (Budaörs)
- **9 October 2026** – Grade 5 Trip (Hungarian Money Museum and Visiting Center)
- **20 November 2026** – Grade 5 Trip (Art Museum)
- **24 November 2026** – Grade 4 Trip (Flow boulder)
- **11 December 2026** – Grade 5 Trip (Ice skating)
- **29 January 2027** – Grade 5 Trip (Hungarian National History Museum)
- **2 February 2027** – Grade 4 Trip (Ice skating – Csepel)
- **12 March 2027** – Grade 5 Trip (Budapest Retró Élményközpont)
- **30 April 2027** – Grade 5 Trip (Városliget)
- **16 June 2027** – Grade 5 Trip (Escape room)

ISB plans to join the LEP and the NTP in the 2026/2027 academic year. Participation in LEP programmes is subject to parental permission, for which parents' consent will be requested at the first parent meeting. LEP programme participation is documented in KRÉTA. The homeroom teachers will provide information about the dates at a later stage.

5.1 School Sports Circle

For the first semester, we will have the HS boys' football team, the MS boys' football team, the HS girls' volleyball team, and the HS boys' basketball team.

From mid-September, we will have football and volleyball games every week, and tournaments will take place on Saturdays, most likely in late October or early November.

Practice days to be decided - depending on students schedules

5.2 School Choir

ISB Primary Choir

- Grades 2-5
- Mondays, 15:00-15:45
- Music Room (A building/ Room 004
- Led by: Andrea Almádi

ISB Secondary Choir

- Grades 6-10
- Wednesdays, 14:45-15:30
- Music Room (A building/ Room 004)
- Led by: Andrea Almádi

5.3 Additional professional learning is delivered through PLCs, mentoring, lesson observation, programme-specific training and Erasmus+ opportunities.

6. School Development Priorities

- Project Days – introduction of three interdisciplinary project-based learning days during the school year
- School events – clearer planning, designated leadership, communication, evaluation and stronger parent participation

- Green Flag – work towards meeting the Eco-Schools / Green Flag requirements during 2026/2027
- Erasmus+ – participation in SaFER-Web (KA220-NL-25-24-365380) and Digital Heroes (KA220-SN-26-24-466975)
- **1 October 2027** Erasmus+ Accreditation – prepare the school's Erasmus Plan and application so that the school is ready to apply by

7. Internal Evaluation and Review Schedule

ISB conducts regular internal reviews.

Review Area	Timing	Responsible
Curriculum and programme review	October–March	Vice Principals, Programme Leads
Lesson observations	November–April	SLT, teacher collaboration
SEN / Inclusion / EAL / ALS review	December–January	Student Support Team, Vice Principals
Parent, student and staff surveys	February and May	SLT, Communications Lead
Academic, attendance and behaviour data review	Monthly	Vice Principals, Data Team, Pastoral Leads
PLC review	Termly	PLC Leads, SLT
Middle Leadership Development	Throughout the year; final reflection in June	Principal / programme facilitator
Parent Focus Groups and major event review	3–4 meetings per section / after major events	Principal, Vice Principals, Event Leads
Green Flag / sustainability review	Termly	Green Flag Lead / Eco-Committee
Erasmus+ project and accreditation review	According to project schedules / termly	Erasmus+ Leads
Updating school documentation	June	SLT
Statutory pedagogical evaluation meeting	Within 15 days after the end of the first semester and school year.	Principal, teaching staff

Approval and Endorsement

The Annual Work Plan is prepared by the Principal and approved by the Teaching Staff. Prior to its approval, the opinions of the Student Council (DÖK) and the Parents' Organisation shall be obtained.