Inspection Report 2016 – 2017

Factual Information

School's name: Esbjerg International School School code: 2802205

Name of Inspector: Charles Dalton

Dates of inspection visits: Monday the 5th September 2016 and Tuesday the 2nd May 2017

The following classes were observed in connection with the two inspection days:

• Danish A Y11, A and B Y6

- English Literacy Y2, Y4, Y6 and Y7
- Physics Y11
- Maths Y4 and Y8
- Year 6 Extended Project
- Y3 Gym
- Senior Music

Inspectors Evaluation

Evaluation of the pupil's attainment levels in Danish, mathematics and English.

It is my judgement that the pupils attainment level in Danish, Mathematics and English is on a level with what is expected of a quality international school and the level of attainment is at least on a par with what is demanded in Danish state schools.

The Headmaster made available to me the final IGCSE examination results and provided a record of the educational establishments that the leavers have progressed on to. As a result I have noted that the teaching at the school enables and empowers the pupils to continue in higher education, both in Denmark and abroad.

Evaluation of the school's teaching as a whole in relation to what is normally required of Danish foundational schools.

It is my overall opinion that Esbjerg International School is a well-organised, resourced school with able, well qualified, enthusiastic and engaged staff. Teachers know the pupils by name and work is almost always matched to their abilities. In all subjects and at all levels, there is a variation in teaching methods. Students are given the opportunity to voice their opinions and enquiry based learning is evident. Year 6 students presented their extended project with confidence, understanding and eloquence. Computers and web-based teaching materials are used in the different subjects, where it is relevant. I have seen and taken particular note of the respectful tone that there is between students and staff. Pupils are happy and inquisitive.

It is my clear perception that the school's teaching program satisfies current Danish and International demands and standards.

Evaluation of the schools ability to prepare the pupils to live in a society like Denmark's with freedom and democracy and to develop and strengthen the pupil's knowledge of and respect for fundamental constitutional and human rights, including gender equality.

From all my visits to the school, it is clear that the school prepares the pupils to live in a society that respects freedom and democracy, and it develops and strengthens the pupils knowledge of and respect for foundational freedom and human rights, including equality among the sexes. Pupils are enthusiastically involved in lessons and given the opportunity to voice their opinions on what is being taught. Much of the learning is enquiry based and not just mere rote learning.

The school has two student councils where students from all grades are given the opportunity to be actively involved. The results of the work of the council are made available to all other students through notices posted on a notice board designated to the student council. The pupils and council members are involved in social events, fund raising and the general life of the school.

Evaluation of the teaching language.

The medium used at Esbjerg International School is English. The school was given permission to teach in English by the Ministry of Education on the 14th of April 2011. Danish lessons are taught in Danish

Donations.

Personal donations: None

Sponsorship from Companies: 3.030.059 DKK

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