



S5 parents meeting

15 August 2024

If you are here for the Nursery parents meeting, it is around the corner in the auditorium

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction to the school
- The European Baccalaureate
- Assessments and marks
- Absence and study guidance
- Important events in S5
- Study trip to Berlin
- Lectio

Introduction to ESCPH

A European Education

“Educated side by side, untroubled from infancy by divisive prejudices, acquainted with all that is great and good in the different cultures, it will be borne in upon them as they mature that they belong together. Without ceasing to look to their own lands with love and pride, they will become in mind Europeans, schooled and ready to complete and consolidate the work of their fathers before them, to bring into being a united and thriving Europe.”

Marcel Decombis

Head of European School Luxembourg

1953-1960



Year after year, the European School of Copenhagen takes students from different countries, cultures, languages on a common journey. It makes each of them experience what it means to be European and share the values that founded Europe: our right to live the life we want, to trust our neighbours, and to live in a world that's fair and gives everyone a chance.

EU Commission Margrethe Vestager at the opening of the Upper Secondary in August 2020

The European Schools

- Currently 39 European Schools (Type I and II)
- Multilingual and multicultural.
- ESCPH is an Accredited European School (Type II)
- Follows ES curriculum within the framework of the Danish educational system.



The aims of the European Schools are to

- Develop high standards in the mother tongue and in foreign languages.
- Foster tolerance, co-operation and concern for others
- Give the students confidence in their own cultural identity while also encouraging a European and a global perspective
- Cultivate the students' personal, social and academic development and prepare them for the next stage of their education

Some ESCPH history



- Established by the City of Copenhagen in 2014
- Multilingual education for nursery, primary and secondary students
- Secondary opened in 2018
- The first EB students from ESCPH graduated in 2023

The European Baccalaureate

Educational cycles

Lower Secondary

S1-S4

6.-9. klasse



Upper Secondary

S5-S7

1.g-3.g

Compulsory and elective subjects in S5-S7

- S5 is part of the pre-orientation cycle
 - Many compulsory subjects.
 - Few elective subjects.
 - Allows the students to make an informed choice of subjects in the diploma program.
- S6 and S7 is the orientation/baccalaureate cycle
 - Few compulsory subjects.
 - Many elective subjects.
 - You can to a large degree combine different subjects according to your interest.

Elective subjects

- Some subjects are obligatory at a set level:
 - Language 1
 - Language 2
 - Physical Education
 - Religious Studies
- Some subjects are obligatory, but you can choose the level
 - Geography (taught in L2)
 - History (taught in L2)
 - Philosophy
 - Mathematics

Examples of subject packages (not all subjects)

SUPER SCIENCE

MATHS ADVANCED – A
CHEMISTRY ADVANCED – A
PHYSICS ADVANCED – A
BIOLOGY ADVANCED – A

LANGUAGES

L1 ADVANCED – A
L2 ADVANCED – A
L3 ADVANCED – A
L4 ADVANCED – A
L5 - C

HUMAN/SOCIAL SCIENCE

HISTORY ADVANCED – A
GEOGRAPHY ADVANCED – A
PHILOSOPHY – A
ECONOMICS – A
POLITICAL SCIENCE

CREATIVE

ART ADVANCED – A
MUSIC ADVANCED – A
DRAMA/THEATRE – C

MIXED EXAMPLE

MUSIC ADVANCED – A
PHYSICS ADVANCED – A
MATHS ADVANCED – A
L3 ADVANCED – A

Admittance to higher educations in Denmark

- You need to have Danish A
 - L1 Danish up to and including S7
 - L3 Danish up to and including S7
- You need English B
 - L2 English up to and including S7 (A)
 - L3 English up to and including S7 (A)
 - L3 English up to and including S5 (B)
- You will get Math A or B and History A or B in all subject choices.
- Please note that specific requirements might be necessary for some educations.

The European Baccalaureate

- After successful completion of Secondary 7, students are awarded the European Baccalaureate (EB) diploma
- Known for its high academic standards
- Recognised in all EU member states and many other countries as entry qualification for higher education



Marking scale

EB marking system

	Grade (S1-S3)	Numerical Mark (S4-S6)	Numerical mark 1 decimal S7 preliminary mark	Numerical mark 2 decimals S7 final mark	Performance Indicator
Excellent though not flawless performance entirely corresponding to the competences required by the subject	A	10 9.0-9.5	9.0-10	9.00-10	Excellent
Very good performance almost entirely corresponding to the competences required by the subject	B	8.0-8.5	8.0-8.9	8.00-8.99	Very good
Good performance corresponding overall to the competences required by the subject	C	7.0-7.5	7.0-7.9	7.00-7.99	Good
Satisfactory performance corresponding to the competences required by the subject	D	6.0-6.5	6.0-6.9	6.00-6.99	Satisfactory
Performance corresponding to the minimum of the competences required by the subject	E	5.0-5.5	5.0-5.9	5.00-5.99	Sufficient

EB marking system

Weak performance almost entirely failing to meet the competences required by the subject	F	3.0-4.5	3.0-4.9	3.00-4.99	Failed (Weak)
Very weak performance entirely failing to meet the competences required by the subject	FX	0-2.5	0-2.9	0.00-2.99	Failed (Very weak)


Absence and study guidance

Absence

- Each teacher notes down when a student is absent from class or fails to hand-in an assignment.
- Absence is registered in Lectio.
- Students **MUST** write the reason for their absence.
- Absence is followed closely by the study counsellor, as high absence is usually an indication of lack of well-being.

Study guidance and academic support

- Strong focus on well-being and a growth mindset
- Drop-in study guidance
- Career guidance – choice of optional subjects and how to apply for programmes in other countries
- Mentor arrangement (SPS) for students with specific challenges
- Homework café



Study guidance and support

Career guidance

Study counselling

Well-being

Educational
support

Talent development

10 student initiatives and committees

- Student Council
- Sustainability Group
- Social (Party committee)
- ATU
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- SoMe
- Assembly Committee
- Book Club
- After School PE
- Service Committee



Student Council Committees Initiatives Events

Student Council
Model UN
SoMe committee
Social committee
Musical / theatre group
ATU talent academy
Book club
Sustainability group
Student council
After School Sports
Cafés
Parties
Assemblies
Student exchange
Intro week
Study trips



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Student parties and cafes

Parties and cafes

- There are around 4 parties (including the prom) and 4 cafes placed throughout the year.
- Parties run from 19.00 to 01.00.
- Cafes are theme-based and run from 16.00 to 20.00.

Alcohol and smoking policy

- ESCPH management, the tutors and the student social committee have been working with Region Hovedstaden and "alkohol og samfund".
- The aim is to ensure a safe environment for all students and to ensure that alcohol is not the focus at parties.
- All activities in the introduction week are non-alcoholic including our Friday social activity
- All cafes are theme-based. The students themselves decide on the theme and plan the cafes. There are always teachers present at the parties.
- All study trips are non-alcoholic
- All kinds of nicotine products are prohibited during the school day, trips, study trips and other school activities – cigarettes, e-cigarettes and snus

Important events in S5

Test weeks

- Two test periods every year, where students are tested in all subjects.
- First semester
 - Tests are carried out during teaching by teachers. Format is up to the teacher.
- Second semester
 - Tests are written tests (90 minutes or 135 minutes). Students sit two tests a day for one week.
- The students receive a B-mark for each test.

School reports

- The students receive 4 school reports each year.
- 7 November: A1-marks
- 27 February: A2-marks and B1-marks from tests in first semester.
- 10 April: A3-marks
- 26 June: A4-marks, B2-marks (from tests in second semester) and C-marks.

Parent-student-teacher conferences

- Parent-student-teacher conferences will be held for all students on 4 February 2024. If there is a need to discuss wellbeing and/or academic concerns, students and parents may also be invited to a meeting during the autumn and/or spring.

Other events

- 13 September: PE-day
- 19 September (afternoon): Talk by Emma Holten
- 26 September (morning): European Day of Languages
- 30 September: Sustainability Day
- 11 October: Fun Run
- 8 November: International Evening
- 12 November (morning): Well-being Day
- March: College Fair Copenhagen
- 8 May: Europe Day
- June: Biotrip
- June: Work experience week

And more...

Introtrip to Berlin

Monday 18 November to Thursday 21 November

Program will be presented by the class teachers when ready

Payment should happen through the link in the invitation letter by
September 1st

Lectio

All communication is done on Lectio

- Homework
- Assignments
- Cancelled classes and new classes
- Messages from teachers to students and vice versa
- All students **MUST** log-on to Lectio at least one a day.

Parents and Lectio

- All students receive log-in information next week.
- Parents do not.
- We recommend that students share their passwords with their parents, so that you can have a close dialogue regarding planning of each week, marks and absence.