

# In summary

This year's visit to observe and converse with students, teachers, department heads and administration has been a very positive experience. I have been greeted with friendliness and openness from all staff members, including teachers, administration and management, and students have shown an inordinate interest and curiosity while sharing their activities and interests with me.

Everyone has been genuinely interested in sharing and allowing me open access to the specific information relevant to learning and teaching that a supervisor must assess. There is open and easy access to information about ISH both through management feedback and the website. It is clearly obvious that ISH is a school with visions and ambitions to continuously develop and grow. After two classroom visits, which have allowed for both formal and informal conversations as well as short interviews with students and teachers, the overall assessment is that students are happy, that they engage openly and that they are supportive of each other.

My observations of the teaching and learning have clearly shown that teachers are committed, that they take professional pride in utilizing all available resources, and that this has a motivational and positive effect on the students. The teachers' efforts and professionalism generate stability and meaning for everyone involved in the learning process. Teachers are given many opportunities for professional development which has a positive effect on student learning.

My observation of the physical learning environment reveals that the classrooms have been designed with the purpose of easily allowing a variety of teaching possibilities. It is interesting to observe how the Pre-K and PYP classrooms enjoy a variety in their physical makeup that offers a feeling of coziness, opportunities for both play and concentrated work time at tables. Large rugs on the floor create a more close and intimate learning environment.

In conclusion, the extent to which the teachers recognize the importance of the learning environment for students, together with their openness for dialogue and reflection regarding teaching methods and materials available is of great consequence to the students in their learning and development.

With Kind Regards,

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