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## BACK TO SCHOOL AT ISL

More than 120,500 students are heading 'back to school' this week in the Grand Duchy. They join the 963 students who have already been working diligently at the International School of Luxembourg since Wednesday, 25 August, when ISL opened its doors for the 2010-2011 academic year.

ISL's growing student population is evenly split between the primary and secondary divisions with the Lower School counting 482 students and the Upper School 481. Students entering ISL for the first time number 180 or just over 18% of the student body. More enrolments are currently in progress and this figure should jump to about 200 in the near future. The two-year International Baccalaureate course also has its largest enrolment ever with a total of 124 students pursuing the prestigious programme.

In addition to new students, ISL welcomes 25 new staff members this year, including a new Lower School Principal, Mrs Patricia Angoy, who brings with her several years experience heading international primary schools in Ecuador and Cuba. As ISL continues to grow, the cultural diversity of its staff and students continues to expand as well. Members of staff represent 22 different nationalities while the students come from a total of 45 countries.

In order to respond to the increasing demand for space at ISL, the school has embarked on some ambitious expansion projects. During the summer, the finishing touches were made to the extension of the main building. "This major addition to our school facilities is already providing a significant boost to the quality of our delivery of the Upper School educational programme," explains ISL Director Chris Bowman. "Our science laboratories are state of the art and second to none in Luxembourg; drama can now be taught in a purpose-built facility, freeing up access to the auditorium for the whole school; the new art facilities are bright and spacious; and the general classrooms are large and well resourced. All rooms feature interactive whiteboards and have been constructed and furnished to the highest standards."

The final phase of ISL's expansion is the planned construction of a new Lower School building on the southwest corner of the Geesseknaeppchen Campus. Slated to open in 2013, this facility will further accommodate the school's ever-increasing enrolment and the demand for an ISL education.

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