

ISU

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At ISU, we believe that a strong home to school connection ultimately benefits the educational experience of our students. We value positive relationships and strive to be a friendly, supportive and diverse community of learners.

As a school, we commit to communicating:

- The academic curriculum and overall school program including teaching methods, concepts and skills to be learned, and resources used.
- Upcoming events, learning within the classroom, daily schedules, classroom routines, expectations, and assessment plans for students.
- Progress in learning for each student including learning habits, areas of strength, and areas of challenge.
- Strategies to help parents provide additional support for learning at home. This may include online websites and resources.
- Opportunities for parents to get involved with the PCA (Parent Community Association), and parent learning through our scheduled Parent Forums.
- Safety procedures and routines

As a parent we ask you to commit to communicating:

- Updates on your child's life which may directly impact their learning or contribute to the learning that is happening in the classroom.
- Growth and development that you have observed in your child.
- Absences and guardianship should both parents leave the country.
- Questions or concerns that you may need assistance problem-solving.

METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

Communication between the school and parents can take many forms:

- Teachers and Leaders are available to meet by appointment. If parents have any questions, ideas, or suggestions regarding their child's progress or the learning programme, they are encouraged to discuss them. We suggest that parents arrange the meeting by appointment to ensure that they receive undivided, personal attention.
- Both emails and phone calls are used for sharing information and setting up meetings between parents and teachers and/or leaders.
- The NewsLink is emailed weekly to all ISU parents which contains important information of upcoming school events, research-based articles and resources to support your child at home and to provide school-wide information and updates about curriculum and developments.
- The school website (www.isu.ac.ug) contains important information about the ISU experience and important information regarding admissions, student life, school calendars, upcoming events, school lunch, and more.
- Student-Led Conferences are scheduled twice during each school year and serve as an opportunity for students to share their learning with their parents and teachers.
- Online systems for reporting learning (Seesaw in Junior School, and Managebac in Senior School) end of semester reports are shared through these systems.
- ISU uses Classlist to provide a secure and organised platform for parents to communicate, coordinate events and build community, while protecting their personal privacy.
- Parent Forums and Parent Coffees are scheduled throughout the year to provide learning opportunities for parents and opportunities to connect with members of the leadership and counseling team.

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS



EMAIL - Direct communication to individuals or groups

- School-wide information
- Parent engagement
- Circulate the school Newslink
- Schedule meetings
- Crisis Communication



SEESAW - Playgroup - Grade 5 - A visual record of the students learning journey

- School-wide information
- Personalised messages from the teacher
- Class broadcasts and updates
- How parents can support their children's learning journey



MANAGEBAC - International Baccalaureate (IB) programme curriculum planning

- Curriculum management
- Assessment and reporting
- Student progress tracking
- Communication and collaboration



SCHOOLSBUDDY - parent sign up and consent for ISU's After School Activities (ASAs)

- Register for students ASAs
- Receive communication about ASAs



CLASSLIST - moderated social network where parents can meet and share

- Moderated grade-level groups
- Support for interest-based groups
- Direct communication with the whole parent body



OPENAPPLY - admissions platform

- Admissions management and communication
- Re-enrolment



WEBSITE - contains information about the ISU

- Admissions & finance information
- Updated school calendar
- School lunch and more
- Secure login contains important information



SOCIAL MEDIA - visual celebration of learning at ISU

- Instagram - isofuganda
- Facebook - InternationalSchoolOfUganda
- LinkedIn - International School of Uganda