



Information to students and guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian of a PDP student,

Your son/daughter is warmly welcome to Katedralskolan! We are very pleased that he/she has chosen our prominent school, and we hope that his/her school years will be successful and memorable. School starts on 16 August at 8:30 in the Gallery Seating Room on the first floor.

As parental involvement is very important to us, you will be invited to a parents' meeting in September, most likely a digital one. More information will be published on ManageBac and on our homepage. You will get the opportunity to talk to the class mentors, career advisor, IB Diploma coordinator and Principal of the IB Diploma Programme. The class mentor is the person at school who will stay in regular contact with the student during his/her time at Katedralskolan. You are always welcome to contact the mentor or the subject teachers if you have questions about progress and/or the well-being of your son/daughter. Please do not hesitate to contact anyone else within the Diploma organisation, if you have matters you wish to discuss or questions to ask.

At the start of every school year, the students will be informed about the Student Handbook, which is also very useful for parents/guardians. The student handbook is to be found on our homepage:
<https://www.lund.se/katedralskolan>

A few important matters

- **Influence and responsibility**

Through student representatives, the students exert influence on their education in the Diploma Students' Council (DPSC). There are also Student Safety Officers who work with the students' physical and psychosocial environment.

- **Problems at school – support**

If a student experiences problems at school, the school can offer additional support e.g inclusive arrangement teacher, mentor, school counsellor, school nurse, school management and/or career advisor.

- **Attendance**

It is important that students attend all lessons and are on time. Studies show a direct correlation between attendance of lessons and success at school. Naturally, a student can become ill, in which case absence must be notified by telephone 0515-77 76 11 (in Swedish) or 0515-86 928 (in English) before noon every day the student is absent. We want to emphasise that attendance is mandatory in order to receive study grant and the school is obliged to report cases of poor attendance to CSN. If the student grant is withdrawn, this may affect other grants the family might receive.



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- **Selection of subjects in DP1**

At the end of autumn term or at the start of the spring term, the PDP students will choose their subjects for the Diploma Programme. The DP career advisor will provide information well in advance.

- **Leave**

The school is restrictive when it comes to granting leave, since the students have 187 free days a year and only 178 school days! Holiday trips should be made during school holidays. Leave is only granted in rare cases at the end of term and in conjunction with holidays.

- **Grades**

For PDP courses, grades due to the Swedish system are set on completion of each national course. At the end of the spring term students also receive IB achievement level grades. In DP1 the students receive a report (Achievement Level grade 1-7) at the end of the spring term. In DP 2, the students receive a report (Achievement Level, grade 1-7) at the end of the autumn term. The Achievement Levels are indicating progress in each DP course.

- **Computers**

The students are welcome to use their own computer in school. We have a digital tool now, which means that the students may use their private computer at examinations.

It is also possible to borrow a computer from the school. In order for the studies to get started as soon as possible, the student must submit a signed computer agreement on the first day of school. If you initially wish to use your private computer but then change your mind, you may borrow a computer at the Student Helpdesk.

- **Student lockers**

The student lockers are the property of the school and the students have access to these provided that you follow the rules of use that have been decided upon by the school. The school has the authority to check that the lockers are used in the way that is intended. Hence, the school may open and check the lockers without this being considered as a search query.

- **Travel grants**

Students who have more than 6 km to school and are residing in Lunds Kommun, may apply for a travel grant on our web page <https://service.lund.se/Menu-Group2.aspx?groupId=2>

E-tjänster/blanketter - Resebidrag. Students from other municipalities must turn to that municipality office.

- **Introduction festivities**

Katedralskolan organises welcome days for new students in the afternoon on August 17. On August 18 there will be a Social Day at Skrylle for all PDP students.

Please note that Katedralskolan is not involved in privately organised kick off parties.



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Kind regards,

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Before the first day of school (Monday 16th August) you and your parents/guardians need to go to <https://lund.se/en/education/high-school/skolstart-gymnasiet/> in order to give and receive information needed for your start at Katedralskolan.