



SKT. JOSEF'S

International school **ROSKILDE**

AN EDUCATION PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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SCHOOLPROSPECTUS

A WORLD RENOWNED EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS EASILY TRANSFERABLE BETWEEN COUNTRIES

A SAFE AND SECURE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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“Our goal is to promote intercultural understanding and tolerance while giving each student the courage to face the world from a global perspective”

- Skt. Josef's Teachers Team

HIGH LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

IGCSE SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATES

AN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

Skt. Josef's School, located in historic Roskilde, is an independent Catholic-Christian school established in 1904, with over 1000 students across Danish and International sections. In 2012, the school established the International Department with 13 students and three teachers. Today, it has grown to more than 200 students with 20 teachers.

The International School is experiencing an increasing demand for places and the short-term aim is to grow to 24 students in each class starting from Year 1 through to Year 11. As of today, we have students from more than 40 different countries in our International School.

The need for an international school in Roskilde has become larger due to increased demand from returning international Danes and employees from

international companies and universities in the Sjælland area. In addition, we are seeking an increased demand from expatriates coming to Denmark looking for an alternative to living in Copenhagen, but still within close vicinity to the capital.

Another advantage of Skt. Josef's is that it offers the best of both worlds to its international students, who can draw from the strength of the large Danish department whilst still remaining International and benefit from the learning about Danish life and traditions. Although we prioritise the English language through the Cambridge curriculum, we also take our Danish classes seriously to ensure we help our International students with the possibility to integrate better into Danish society.

STUDENTS FROM MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES



25 MIN FROM COPENHAGEN

SKT. JOSEF'S AND OUR COMMUNITY

Skt. Josef's International School is situated in the historic centre of Roskilde, close to the Cathedral (UNESCO world heritage site) and surrounded by beautiful parks.

Roskilde is an old but vibrant city and every year hosts Scandinavian's biggest music event – Roskilde festival.

Roskilde has a high density of primary, secondary, high schools, technical colleges, and further education institutions, all within a five kilometre radius.

The city is also home to Roskilde University (RUC), Denmark's Technology University (DTU), University College Sjælland (UCSJ), and the green-tech Risø Business Park.

Roskilde Kommune has a vision to make the city an international education centre of excellence. Roskilde is situated 30 km west of Copenhagen.

From there Roskilde can be reached by train or car within 25 minutes. Skt. Josef's school has many facilities which are used by the students during the day and can be used by families after hours.

The school has excellent science labs with rooms for chemistry, physics, and biology. There is a fully equipped sports hall for inside sports and outdoor facilities too. Our library has Danish and English sections. There are specialised rooms for art, woodwork, textiles, and music.

The school has a canteen open during breaks offering a fresh selection of snacks, sandwiches, salads, and bread rolls.

Just off campus are other facilities and attractions such as Roskilde Library, a variety of museums, the Viking Ship Museum, and a network of parks that lead all the way to the fjord.



THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR QUALIFICATION

PRIMARY SCHOOL AT SKT. JOSEF'S

CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY, YEAR 1 – YEAR 6, IS TYPICALLY FOR LEARNERS AGED 5 TO 11 YEARS.

Cambridge Primary helps identify a learner's strengths and weaknesses and can be used to support learning and development. It provides the school with a flexible framework which we can use to tailor the curriculum to our unique needs.

The curriculum focuses on setting clear learning objectives; focusing on developing knowledge and skills in English, Mathematics, and Science forming an excellent foundation for future study and provides a natural progression through the years of primary education.

In addition to the Cambridge subjects we have a mix of other subjects, locally designed to meet the needs of our community and to ensure a rounded education.

The following are subjects studied at Skt. Josef's during the primary programme:

- ▶ MATHEMATICS
- ▶ GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
- ▶ RELIGION
- ▶ PSHE (PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND ECONOMIC)
- ▶ DIGITAL LITERACY
- ▶ ENGLISH
- ▶ ART & CRAFTS
- ▶ DANISH (DIFFERENTIATED LEVELS)
- ▶ SCIENCE
- ▶ PE (PHYSICAL EDUCATION)
- ▶ MUSIC
- ▶ SWIMMING (YEAR 5 ONLY)
- ▶ DRAMA



DEVELOPING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

WHAT IS THE CAMBRIDGE CURRICULUM?

Teaching in the International School is based on the University of Cambridge International Education, the world's largest provider of international education programmes and qualifications for 5 to 19 years olds. The qualifications are recognised by universities, education providers, and employers across the world.

We offer places for students from 5 years old through to the completion of the IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary

Education). The Cambridge Curriculum allows teachers to cater to the individual requirements of students and to bring the best out of them.

The IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 years olds which prepares students well for further study.

The IGCSE offers excellent preparation for the IB Diploma, A-levels, or Danish gymnasium.



INNOVATIVE, LEARNER FOCUSED CURRICULUM

LOWER SECONDARY AT SKT. JOSEF'S

CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY, YEAR 7 – YEAR 9, IS TYPICALLY FOR LEARNERS AGED 11 TO 14 YEARS OLD.

It builds on the foundation of Cambridge Primary, although it is not essential to have completed that stage before beginning Lower Secondary.

The programme continues to build upon the Cambridge based subjects of English, Mathematics, and Science as well as locally designed subjects. It also provides excellent preparation for the IGCSE, a two-year programme starting in Year 10.

The following are subjects studied during the Lower Secondary:

- ▶ MATHEMATICS
- ▶ SPANISH OR FRENCH
- ▶ RELIGION
- ▶ PSHE (PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND ECONOMIC)
- ▶ ENGLISH
- ▶ ART & DESIGN
- ▶ DANISH (DIFFERENTIATED LEVELS)
- ▶ PROJECT BASED LEARNING
- ▶ SCIENCE
- ▶ PE (PHYSICAL EDUCATION)
- ▶ HUMANITIES
- ▶ DIGITAL LITERACY
- ▶ HOME ECONOMICS

CAMBRIDGE
IGCSE
INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE
OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

IGCSE AT SKT. JOSEF'S

IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) is typically for learners aged 14 to 16 years. The two-year programme, spanning Year 10 and Year 11, concludes with the Cambridge IGCSE exams – the world's most popular international qualifications for 16 year olds – (It is the British equivalent to taking an "afgangseksamen" in the Danish 9. Klasse). The exams provide the perfect base for progression to other educational systems. Syllabuses support schools by using learner-centred and enquiry-based approaches to learning.

The following are the IGCSE exams that we currently have on offer:

- ▶ MATHEMATICS
- ▶ SPANISH OR FRENCH
(NOTE, FRENCH IS THE DANISH FP9 EXAM)
- ▶ ENGLISH LANGUAGE
- ▶ HISTORY
- ▶ ENGLISH LITERATURE
- ▶ GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
- ▶ SCIENCE

In addition, students in Year 10 and Year 11 will receive:

- ▶ RELIGION
- ▶ CAS
- ▶ CRITICAL THINKING

- ▶ 21ST CENTURY SKILLS
- ▶ PE CLASSES
- ▶ DANISH (AT DIFFERENTIATED LEVELS)
- ▶ PSHE (PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC)

For our Danish speakers we will offer them an opportunity to take the Danish part of the Danish FSA (FP9) leaving exam, although this is entirely optional. The FP9 is not required by students that wish to enter a Danish Gymnasium.

International Options after Skt.

Josef's International School

Once the students have graduated from Year 11 with their IGCSE's they have several options. They can continue their international education by attending one of many gymnasiums offering International Baccalaureate (IB) here in Denmark e.g.: Stenhus Gymnasium.

They can also choose a Danish gymnasium or handelsskole all over the country.

Note, students will require a certain proficiency in Danish to get the most out of these programmes.

Often Danish gymnasiums offer lines with emphasis on English and/or study abroad to pursue other higher education, e.g.: A-levels.

The beauty of the IGCSE's is that they are transferable worldwide.

Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.

Marting Luther King

VALUES AND CHARACTER

At Skt. Josef's we believe that in order for children to be successful in their learning and to grow to become good citizens we need to develop their character in a value-rich environment. We define character as ways of acting, thinking and feeling that benefits the individual as well as the broader community. We have our values and character strengths that we promote in all aspects of school life, from the classroom to the sporting fields and from individual goals to social interactions. We recognize that grades will get students through the door, but it is their character that will help them flourish on the other side.

Camps and Educational Tours

Skt. Josef's has worked on integrating a number of educational camps and language trips into the curriculum to ensure that we give the students different opportunities to grow in a holistic manner. **In most cases, all trips and excursions are included in the school fees.** Below is a brief outline of the activities and experiences. More details can be found on our website, sktjosef.com.

YEAR 3: Sleep over

The first overnight experience is a sleep over at the school

YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5: Camp

This will be an overnight trip to a local camping site.

YEAR 6: A Viking experience at Sagnlandet, Lejre

It is tradition in Denmark for students to have some middle-ages experiences.

YEAR 9: Arla food camp

A week full of experiences with food, courage, and natural commodities.

YEAR 10: Language Trip – Spain/France

A four-five day language immersion trip to Spain or France (depending on the elective language chosen).

YEAR 11: Heritage Trip /Character Trip

Students in our final year will visit Rome, Italy. They will travel together with one of our Danish Department classes. The purpose is to tap into the school heritage and complete some service work.

In addition, we are looking forward to introducing another volunteering service minded trip to a European city.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (SFO) FOR 5-9 YEAR OLDS

SFO – AFTER SCHOOL CARE

SFO is the short version of the Danish name Skolefritidsordning (school free-time organisation).

This is a before and after school care programme for children in Year 1 through to Year 5 as well as the 0. Klasse to 3. Klasse in the Danish department.

The SFO offers the possibility for the child to be cared for – before and after the normal school day. The paedagoges (teachers specially educated in taking care of young children) also participate in the teaching in the school several times a week in various classes to thus have the chance to see how the children function in their normal school environment. The paedagoges participate in school/home interviews

and parent meetings once during the school year and as far as possible in the school's activities.

When the child is enrolled in Year 1 there is an additional offer to start in our MiniSFO from 1st May. This gives the children a chance to acclimatize to school and after school life in a comfortable and safe environment. The SFO will be open all day during the summer holiday.

Klub

When Your child reaches Year 5, you can choose to stay another year in the SFO, or you can choose to sign your child up for the local Klubs, which is run by the Kommune.

GLOBAL STAFF WHO ARE HIGHLY TRAINED,
EXPERIENCED, SPECIALIST TEACHERS

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ENGLISH, SPANISH, FRENCH AND DANISH
TAUGHT BY NATIVE SPEAKERS

AN ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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