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Dear DP2 Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you in preparation for next year on the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme/SPENG here at Grennaskolan. After a very good academic year indeed for most students in DP1/SPENG, we are hoping for some excellent results at the end! A few of the students have to retake one or more of their subjects following on from the End of Year exams during the first week in August before we can formally clear them to proceed to DP2 and they should be well aware of what they need to study.

Please find enclosed the academic calendar for 2009/2010, which sets out the various deadlines in DP2/SPENG. All students have a personal copy too, which they are expected to carry with them and keep up to date to make sure that no element is left incomplete. Please note that the SPENG students will follow many of the DP courses, which makes the calendar an important organisational tool for them too. Naturally, they will not do the final exams and perhaps only some of the Internal Assessments as they will be awarded Swedish grades, but the programme of study is nevertheless similar. The students will be informed well in advance which components apply to them.

We are pleased that most of our students show both diligence and punctuality in their work and do not usually need reminding. However, sometimes there are occasional lapses, which may seem minor at the time but which can put the student at a disadvantage. Therefore, if a student fails to hand in a piece of work, which is highlighted on the academic calendar, we will continue to inform you and their mentors so that you are kept up to speed with your child's progress. I am very grateful for your continued support regarding the importance of these deadlines to help prevent your son/daughter falling behind in his/her studies. Please note that a student may only try for the Diploma three times, and that retakes take place in May the following year at a cost of 1500SEK per subject.

Furthermore, we will continue to organise subject specific workshops where we will focus on some of the major and most time-consuming components of the assessments on the Diploma Programme, i.e. the Internal Assessments. I am of course aware that some of you may have difficulty in planning your child's travel due to the availability and the price of tickets, but I would nevertheless ask you to bear these dates in mind when you make your reservations so that he/she can participate if at all possible.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone (+46 390 561 55) or by e-mail (oliver.lawrence@grennaskolan.se).

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all at the start of term.

Yours sincerely,



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