

ISK leaflet for students

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Dr Nassau College

De schakel tot succes!



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1. The key to success!

Welcome (or welcome back) to the Dr Nassau College International Transition Class (ISK). The ISK team is on hand to help you improve your Dutch and to make sure you have a great time at our school.

In this booklet, you will find information about how the ISK is run. Please read it carefully. This student booklet is also available on our website: <https://www.dr.nassaucollege.nl/isk/home>

We hope your time at ISK is both enjoyable and enriching!

The ISK Team

Additional information about the ISK, our school plan and our school prospectus can be found on our website <https://www.dr.nassaucollege.nl/isk/home>

2. Contact details

The ISK is open every day between 08:00 and 16:30.

Address: Noorderstaete 28
9402 XB Assen
Telephone: +31 592 333 176
e-mail: isk-assen@dr.nassaucollege.nl
website: <https://www.dr.nassaucollege.nl/isk/home>

Branch:

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3. Team

Principal	Ms K. Zwiers	zwk@dr.nassaucollege.nl
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Support coordinator	Ms S. Kuijt	kub@dr.nassaucollege.nl
Student affairs coordinator	Ms W. Groothuis	gwj@dr.nassaucollege.nl
Student affairs coordinator	Mr S. Hummel	hsd@dr.nassaucollege.nl
Merwedestraat school office	Ms M. Al Saraj	asm@dr.nassaucollege.nl
Noorderstaete school office	Ms V. Troschina	tva@dr.nassaucollege.nl
ICT	Mr R. Goené	gor@dr.nassaucollege.nl

4. Holidays and days off

Our holidays and days off for the 2026-2027 school year are listed below. You don't need to come into school on these dates:

October half term	10-10-2026 / 18-10-2026
Christmas holiday	19-12-2026 / 03-01-2027
February half term	20-02-2027 / 28-02-2027
Good Friday and Easter	26-03-2027 / 29-03-2027
May half term	24-04-2027 / 09-05-2027
Whit Monday	17-05-2027
TT Friday	25-06-2027
Summer holiday	10-07-2027 / 22-08-2027

Please check our [website](#) for all other extra days off.

5. Report

You will receive a report at the end of every term. You will get a mark and an assessment of your effort, level of understanding and performance for each subject. The report also contains an assessment of your work ethic and behaviour, as well as the results of the progress tests.

6. Support

If you have a question or problem, your mentor is the first person to turn to.

If you need extra personal support, you can also reach out to any of the following:

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| • student affairs coordinator | Ms W. Groothuis | gwj@dr.nassaucollege.nl |
| • student affairs coordinator | Mr S. Hummel | hsd@dr.nassaucollege.nl |
| • principal | Ms K. Zwiers | zwk@dr.nassaucollege.nl |
| • internal confidential counsellor | Ms S. Kuijt | kub@dr.nassaucollege.nl |
| • confidential counsellors | Hét Vertrouwensbureau, Ms J. Hoogland | algemeen@hetvtb.nl telephone +31 85 1055055 |
| • paediatrician | Ms I. Meijer | |
| • social worker | | www.vaartwelzijn.nl |

7. Phones stay at home or in the locker

At our school, we don't use our phones during the school day. That means you cannot use your phone during lessons, breaks, free periods, or in the schoolyard.

For that reason, we ask you to leave your phone at home or place it in your personal (lockable) locker as soon as you arrive. Your phone stays there the entire school day.

Why? Because without a phone, you're better able to focus on your school work, and there's more scope for personal interaction. Not having phones also helps us reduce the risk of online bullying or conflict.

That way, we can all do our bit to keep our school environment calm, safe and fun.

If your parents/carers urgently need to get in touch with you during the school day, they can contact the school using one of the following numbers in case of emergency:

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| - Noorderstaete school office | Telephone: +31 6 21 60 82 94 |
| - Merwedestraat school office | Telephone: +31 6 18 29 17 74 |
| - General ISK telephone number | Telephone: +31 592 33 31 76 |

8. ICT

You can log in to the school system using your individual student number and a password of your choice.

8.1 Somtoday

You can use Somtoday (<http://nassau.somtoday.nl>) to see your timetable and other information. A Somtoday Mobile app is also available for you to use.

8.2 Wi-Fi

ISK offers free Wi-Fi to students. To access the internet, simply use the 'DNC' network and then register with your student number and your password. Feel free to contact the ICT assistant if you have any Wi-Fi-related questions.

9. Lessons

Teaching periods

1st period	08:30 - 09:15
2nd period	09:15 - 10:00
3rd period	10:00 - 10:45
break	10:45 - 11:05
4th period	11:05 - 11:50
5th period	11:50 - 12:35
break	12:35 - 13:00
6th period	13:00 - 13:45
7th period	13:45 - 14:30
8th period	14:30 - 15:15
9th period	15:15 - 16:00

10. Timetable

Every class has its own timetable.

If a teacher is absent, you may occasionally be taught by a different teacher or teaching assistant.

Please note: sometimes, a period might be dropped or moved to a different time.

Please check the timetable and the TV screens at the school every day to see whether there are any changes to your timetable!

11. Sickness

If you're off sick, your parents/carers need to call the school to let us know. They can do so by calling the school office on +31 6 182 91 774 (Merwedestraat) or +31 6 216 08 294 (Noorderstaete).

Your parents/carers can also send a WhatsApp message. If you fall ill during a lesson, you can also sign out sick at the school office. A member of staff there will contact your parents/carers to ask them to come and collect you or to let them know that you will be coming home early.

Once you have recovered, you should also report your recovery to the school office.

12. Lateness

Students who arrive late cause disruption to lessons for both teachers and fellow students, so make sure you arrive on time for every lesson!

If you arrive late regardless, your teacher will make a note of this in Somtoday. If you are frequently late, your mentor will have a conversation with you to find out why you're arriving late and how we can improve things. If that doesn't help, we will take measures. If so, you will be required to register extra early for a few days.

13. Sent out of class

If a teacher removes you from class, you must report to the school office. If there is no one there, you must report to the student affairs coordinator or the department head. You will be given a task to do for the remainder of the period. At the end of the class, you will discuss your removal with the teacher, and we will tell you which measures we will be taking.

14. Requesting time off

You can contact the student affairs coordinator, Ms Kuijt (kub@dr.nassaucollege.nl), if you wish to request time off for a special occasion.

15. Compulsory education

In the Netherlands, children between the ages of 5 and 18 are required to attend school and obtain a basic qualification.

In case of any unauthorised absence, the mentor or coordinator will register the student for an appointment with the school attendance officer. The school attendance officer can impose a measure in case of unauthorised absence for three consecutive days or unauthorised absence for more than 16 teaching periods within a period of four consecutive weeks.

16. Breaks

During breaks, you need to stay at school or in the schoolyard. We all share responsibility for keeping the schoolyard and school clean. Always put any waste in the bin.

17. Items you must bring with you to school every day

You must bring the following items with you to school every day:

- pencil case

- pen (blue or black ink)
- pencil
- rubber
- pencil sharpener
- highlighter
- ruler
- set square
- earbuds or headphones
- when you have PE: gym clothes and sports shoes
- food and drink

18. School rules

The golden rule: treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.

- Students must stick to the school rules and follow the instructions given by staff.
- We all treat one another and one another's property with respect.
- You must address staff at school using Mr or Ms. Ideally, you should also use 'u' rather than 'jij' when speaking Dutch.

Absence/Lateness

- You must check your timetable every day before coming to school.
- You must arrive for every class on time.
- If you are ill, your parents/carers must call or message the school before the first period.

In and around the building

- Smoking, vaping, drinking alcohol or using narcotics is not permitted in the school building, on the school premises or within sight of the school. You are also not allowed to carry cigarettes, vapes, alcohol or drugs on you.
- Food and drink may only be consumed outside of the school and in the atrium or lunchroom. Make sure to put any waste in the bin.
- Students are not permitted to consume energy drinks on school premises or in the school building.
- You can spend your breaks in the atrium or lunchroom, or in the schoolyard (Merwedestraat) or school garden (Noorderstaete).
- You can also play football on the playing field at Maasstraat (Merwedestraat) during your break. At Noorderstaete, you can play basketball near the 'yellow flat' during your break.
- Phones stay at home or in the locker
- Throwing snowballs is only permitted in the schoolyard and school garden. Please be mindful of students who prefer not to take part in such games.

Clothing/school items

- You must take off any hood, cap or hat as soon as you enter the school.
- You must take your bag, coat and items home with you every day, and you must not leave your bag in the atrium/classroom when you are not there. If you lose your bag, books or coat regardless, you can ask the caretaker if they have found them.

During class

- You must keep quiet in the corridors and atrium to avoid disturbing other students and teachers with noise.
- Coats should be hung on your chair. At Merwedestraat, you can also hang your coat on the coatrack.
- You are allowed to bring a bottle of water with you to class.
- Toilets should only be used during your breaks. You are only allowed to go to the toilet during class if your teacher gives you permission to do so.
- When you leave the classroom, you should take all your things with you and put your chair back under the desk. Neptune students are allowed to leave their books in the classroom.

Annex

Dear student,

This school year, you'll start using the Somtoday app! It might take a while to get used to, as you might not be sure how the app works, what you can do with it, and what information you can find in it. No need to worry: we'll run you through the basics in this letter.

What can you do with the app?

With the app in your pocket, you always know exactly what's next. That's because it tells you all the important things you need to know about school at a glance. Examples include:

- A handy linear display of your timetable
- Homework and study guide
- Learning aids
- Your grades
- Individual settings, such as dark mode or a dyslexia font
- Messaging with your teachers

Where can you find the mobile app?

You can download the app on your smartphone via the App Store or Play Store. Simply search for 'Somtoday Leerling en Ouder'.

The student app also gives you the option to log in using your school (e-mail) account. We'll run you through that process in a few steps below:

Open the new app.





Select your school (Dr Nassau College) and click the 'Volgende' ('Next') button.

Click the 'Inloggen medewerkers en leerlingen NassauVincent' ('NassauVincent staff and student login') button.

You will then receive an e-mail in your school inbox containing your username and a one-off password for Somtoday. Follow the instructions in this message and change this password to the same one you use to log in to your e-mail/laptop.

What if you struggle to log in?

If you have any questions, you can ask Mr Goené at ICT for help.

We hope you find the app easy to use!