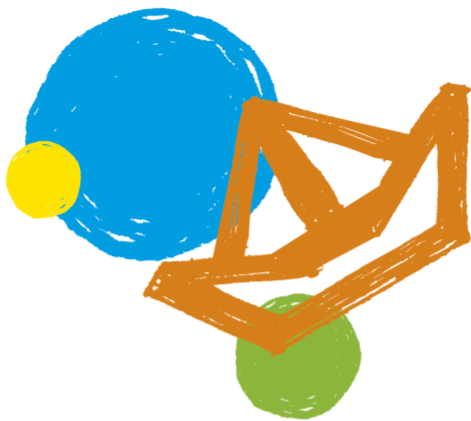




Re-registration

Academic year 2025-2026



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RE-REGISTRATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's re-enrolment time again! We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school for the 2025–2026 academic year. Your continued trust in our school and commitment to your child's education means a great deal to us.

The deadline for securing a place for your child is **May 20, 2025**, re-registration can be done through our enrolment portal Open Apply.

Important Updates to the Re-Enrolment Process:

This year, the process includes a new step. In addition to confirming your child's return by selecting **YES**, we're also asking an important question about the **Upper School Programme**.

- **Students moving into Groups 6 and 7** can now choose between the **International Programme** and the new **Dutch Enrichment Programme**.
- **Students currently in Group 7** will transition to **Group 8 exclusively within the Dutch Enrichment Programme**.
- **Students entering Groups 1 through 5** will continue in the **International Programme** only.

If you'd like to learn more about the Dutch Enrichment Programme, please visit our website [here](#).

If you choose **NO**, it indicates your child will not be returning next year. Please begin the withdrawal process by completing the relevant form on the **Open Apply portal**, and kindly observe the withdrawal notice period outlined in the **School Fees Policy**, which can be found on our website.

If you're still **undecided**, selecting **UNDECIDED** will **provisionally hold a place until Monday, June 2, 2025**. We kindly request your final decision by that date.

Sibling Applications

Sibling placement at OIS is prioritised in our admissions process. Please remember to submit a separate application for each sibling to secure their spot for the upcoming school year.



Financial Information – WIS Collect

Once you've confirmed your re-enrolment, a link to our financial portal (**WIS Collect**) will be sent to you. You'll receive a notification via the **Parro App** once it has been dispatched. Through WIS Collect, you can access invoices, track payments, view account statements, and generate payment receipts.

Important: WIS Collect is linked only to the primary parent or designated fee payer. To avoid missed communication, please ensure we have your most current email address on file.

International Secondary Education in Haarlemmermeer

To meet the international community's need for a continuous line of international education, our school board, Floreer, and the board of Haarlemmermeer Lyceum, Dunamare, supported by the municipality, have long been working towards the establishment of a school for international secondary education (IGVO) in Haarlemmermeer. We are very pleased to announce that this week the Ministry of Education has granted a license for this!

Currently, discussions are taking place between the boards to further shape this initiative. They are working towards opening an international secondary school for the school year 2026–2027.

This is a long-awaited exciting development for our international community, because it means that our students will have the opportunity to transition into local international secondary education from 2026-2027 onwards. This new development ensures an international learning continuum for our students, which has always been our focus and vision.

As an international school we strive to create a consistent learning environment that enables students to continue their education anywhere in the world. With an IGVO license we are now able to offer education to students after primary education.

How our Learning Pathways transition into Secondary Education

Now that we can offer international secondary education in the near future, it is important to evaluate the best academic course of action for your child, particularly for those with children in groups 5-7. Our primary education has not changed, and we still offer the same two programmes, our International Programme and our Dutch Enrichment Programme, each designed to help make the transition to international secondary education or Dutch secondary education smoother.



Our **International Programme (INT)** is intended to support mobile families and students who wish to follow an internationally recognised curriculum in The Netherlands. The education we provide is designed to offer an internationally transferable curriculum to families who need the flexibility of international life or those who aren't sure yet about their future plans. If you would like your child to follow international secondary education, we recommend they do this.

Our **Dutch Enrichment Programme (DEP)** was created to support families who, after joining OIS, intended to stay in the Netherlands. It also served as an alternative for those transitioning into the bilingual department of Haarlemmermeer Lyceum, due to the previous lack of international secondary education in the area. However, with the announcement of the establishment of IGVO, this reason is no longer relevant. As of this development, DEP is specifically for families who plan to stay in the Netherlands and are certain their child will follow Dutch academic education in the future, both secondary and tertiary education.

What does this mean for your child?

Current Group 6 Students

Up until now, it was possible for students in 7INT to transition into the bilingual stream at Haarlemmermeer Lyceum. This will no longer be the case from 2026–2027. From then on, students in group 7INT will only be able to transition into international secondary education.



Students who will be in Group 7 next year 2025-2026 (current Group 6) will no longer have the option to transition into Haarlemmermeer Lyceum, we recommend 2 options:

1. If you would like your child to follow international education or are unsure about your plans for the future, we recommend you change to or stay in our INT programme.
2. If you are certain that your child will continue their academic career in The Netherlands and want to transition to Dutch secondary education, we recommend you consider the DEP and schedule a meeting with our Learning Leader and DEP specialist ASAP to discuss the best option for your child.

Current Group 7INT Students

For students who are already in the application procedure (Haarlemmermeer Lyceum or International School Haarlem) our advice is to continue this application and seek further advice with our Learning Leader and DEP specialist if you are unsure with this decision.





All students of groups 1 – 5

In summary, starting in 2026–2027, there are two options:

- **The New International (English-language) Secondary Education;** our International Programme (INT) provides the ideal preparation for this. Entry is through group 7INT. In international education after finishing primary education in Group 7 (average age 11) children usually start the Middle Year Programme (MYP 1). This pathway is always the first choice for our international families.
- **Regular Dutch secondary education;** our Dutch Enrichment Programme (DEP) offers the best opportunity for this. Entry is exclusively through group 8DEP. The first year (brugklas) of Dutch secondary education (average age 12) directly follows group 8. This is for families who are certain that the academic pathway and future (tertiary education) for their child will be in the Netherlands in Dutch. The advisory process begins in group 5 to discuss if this pathway is suitable for your child.

We understand that this news may raise some questions and that some aspects are still uncertain at this stage. Please know that as soon as we have more clarity, we will share this with you—either through a parent information evening or another appropriate channel.

The above has consequences for our current group 5 families who are making the choice between INT and DEP. It might also lead to families in groups 6 and 7 to reconsider their choices for INT or DEP.

We have a coffee morning scheduled for **Thursday 17th of April at 8:15AM** if you have any further questions. If you are unable to attend or would like to have some individual guidance, please contact our DEP specialist, Marjolein Schenk marjolein.schenk@floreer.nl or our Learning Leader, Colleen Cropp colleen.cropp@floreer.nl.

If you have any questions about re-registering, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@optimist-international-school.nl or call **+31 23 303 5924**.

We appreciate your prompt response and look forward to another exciting school year ahead!

Warm regards,

**Admissions Team
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