

## PRESS RELEASE

### **SIS Swiss International School to Open Bilingual School in Pfäffikon-Schwyz Start of School in August 2016**

**Zürich, 11 November 2015. SIS Swiss International School is opening the bilingual day school in Pfäffikon-Schwyz at the beginning of the academic year 2016/17. Both in preschool and in primary school, the two school languages English and German will be used in equal measure in the classroom as well as in everyday school life.**

The planned opening of the school in August 2015 had to be postponed because of objections lodged against the new building by neighbours. However, these objections have been resolved in the meantime, which means that the planning applications have become final.

Before long, SIS Pfäffikon-Schwyz will therefore be able to offer children from internationally oriented families in the upper Lake Zürich area a high quality bilingual education from preschool through secondary school, enabling them to pursue any kind of academic or professional career.

#### **School Network**

It has been a few years since the corporate management of SIS Swiss International School started entertaining the idea of expanding its network of international schools into the Höfe district, which accommodates numerous globally active companies. Several locations were considered, but then dismissed again for various reasons. In the autumn of 2014, the ball was set rolling. The corporate management of SIS was presented a project for a campus on Eichenstrasse in Pfäffikon-Schwyz, which perfectly meets the needs of the school. The grounds are ample and offer, in addition to the school house, plenty of space for outdoor facilities, open spaces and gyms. Furthermore, the campus has excellent connections to public and private transport, and local recreation areas can be found within a few minutes walking distance.

#### **Start in August 2016**

SIS Pfäffikon-Schwyz will be opened in August 2016. During the 2016/17 academic year, classes will be held in a modular building on Eichenstrasse 15. During the start-up phase, preschool for five-year-olds (primary intro) and the primary grades 1 to 4 will be offered full-time.

#### **Established School Group**

Over the past fifteen years, the bilingual concept has been continuously perfected and expanded at the various SIS locations. The experience, resources and know-how acquired in the successful establishment of previous SIS schools will be applied to the design of the teaching environment, daily planning and learning structures at SIS Pfäffikon-Schwyz. Thus, students will be able to enjoy professional classroom instruction from day one. Teaching at SIS is performance-oriented, but at the same time aims at catering for the children's needs.

## **New Campus**

At the same time, the planned campus on Eichenstrasse 5, which is going to meet the specific requirements of SIS, will be built adjacent to the modular building. From August 2017, this campus will offer the ideal learning environment for preschool, primary and secondary school. In addition to spacious classrooms, the grounds will hold a media centre, specialised rooms for music, arts and craft, a science lab, a cafeteria as well as a gym and outdoor facilities.

The campus provides enough extra space to accommodate for the anticipated growth of SIS Pfäffikon-Schwyz at a later point in time. Provided there is enough demand, the school plans to offer classes on the college level (secondary level II), culminating in the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Construction work is expected to begin in spring 2016.

## **Authorisation**

The application for the establishment of the bilingual private school SIS Swiss International School Pfäffikon-Schwyz is pending with the Education Council of the Canton of Schwyz. The Education Council is expected to decide by the beginning of December 2015.

## **Information and Enrolment**

As soon as the school has been authorised by the Canton of Schwyz, SIS will hold information events for interested families. From December 2015, the school will be able to offer individual consultations and accept enrolments for the academic year 2016/17.

Further information can be found on our website [www.swissinternationalschool.ch](http://www.swissinternationalschool.ch)

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SIS Swiss International School is a private day school for children from kindergarten through to college. Designed to fulfil the educational goals of Swiss as well as internationally mobile families, the SIS programme is centred on consistent bilingual classroom instruction and peer experience in German and English, culminating in a diploma with Swiss and international university entrance qualifications. Currently around 3.000 students attend our classes at 15 schools in Switzerland, Germany and Brazil. The SIS teaching philosophy is non-ideological, but founded on clearly defined core values. SIS Swiss International School is a joint venture of the Kalaidos Swiss Education Group and Klett Group.