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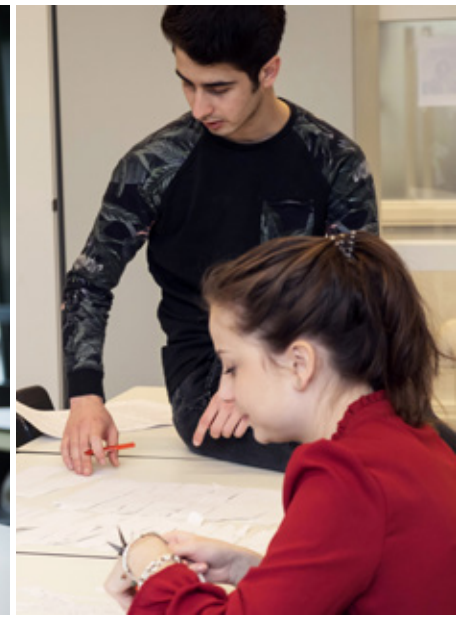
Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands prepares children (aged 4-19) for life-long independent learning in a stylish and safe environment. The learning experience at Eerde is international, intercultural and individual, with personal attention for each pupil, based on universal personal values. A place where your child can learn, live and develop. When only the very best education is good enough.



“ When you’re at Eerde you look, in a way, far beyond borders. Not just geographical borders, but the ones you set yourself. ”

[alumnus]





“ We make our teaching successful and fun not just by talking and showing examples, but by getting the children involved. ”

[teacher]



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DAY SCHOOL, WEEKLY BOARDING & FULL BOARDING

Eerde Castle has been the stylish home to our school since 1934. In this historic and rich cultural setting, we offer international education accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS), for children aged between four and nineteen. As well as providing an outstanding academic education, with a focus on health and wellbeing, Eerde offers its students plenty of opportunities to develop cultural, personal and social skills.

We are the only international school in the Netherlands to offer full boarding facilities (for pupils aged 12 upwards). Pupils can choose from weekly boarding (Monday to Friday) or full boarding (24/7).



“ Full boarding was the best option for our son. He was a bit apprehensive at first, but in no time, he absolutely loved it. He received excellent supervision, his academic results improved visibly, and he forged life-time friendships. ”

[parents]



The school day at Eerde

The school day starts at 08.30h and ends at 15.40h. On Fridays things are different: students going home for the weekend leave school at 14.15h so that they can beat the traffic and full boarding pupils have the chance to relax together and prepare for the weekend. Between 07.30h and 08.15h boarding pupils can enjoy breakfast together in the warm and welcoming bistro in the castle's basement. This is where we have lunch as well.

When school is out, on weekday afternoons children can participate in a range of sporting, cultural or social activities. At 18.00h our cook serves a homemade healthy meal in the bistro. From 19.00h to 21.00h (Monday-Thursday) students do homework and private study in the castle library and study centre, supervised by one or more subject teachers and learning coaches.



HOME FROM HOME

When you and your child opt for boarding, Eerde will become a home from home. As well as offering international education to the highest standards, Eerde is also a safe home-base where children feel welcome and accepted for who they are. A place to develop into well-adjusted and independent young adults ready to go out into the world equipped with a strong sense of responsibility and able to make the difference.

Outside school hours we offer a broad range of cultural, artistic, sporting and worthwhile social activities with plenty of opportunity for children to discover their unique talents and interests.



“ My daughter loves her school, many thanks for making my daughter happy. ”

[a parent]

GUIDED BY LIFE COACHES

At Eerde your child will be supervised by a qualified and experienced life coach in the evenings and at weekends. Mirroring your role as a parent in striking a healthy and positive balance between his or her academic and social activities.

The Eerde campus provides numerous facilities for cultural, innovative, academic and sporting activities which are also available to boarding pupils outside school hours. There are sport clubs, riding stables and a swimming pool nearby as well as theatres and cinemas. The life coach supports students in striking the right balance between work and play.

Just like parents, the life coaches at Eerde are on hand to help children with any insecurities or adolescent issues they face. The trusted relationship between our life coaches and the students in our care ensures that any

problems come to light at an early stage and can be dealt with. We also offer additional guidance or support if needed from a confidential counsellor who is also a qualified psychologist.



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS

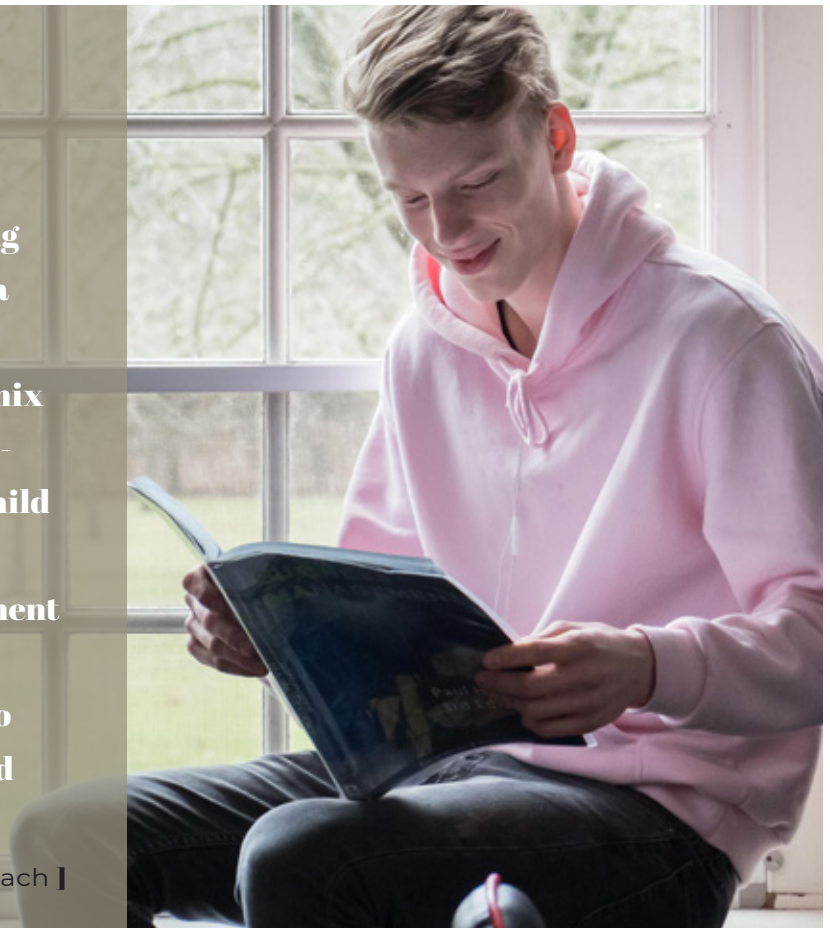
Home from home in Eerde also means good and regular contacts between children, parents, teachers and life coaches. By phone, app or skype, of course. And we value contacts in person, face-to-face. We are happy to make time for extra contact about your child's progress and wellbeing.

We also encourage parents to join the Eerde International Boarding School

parent support group which meets every four weeks. The group consists of parents who want to actively contribute to Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands and use their own experience as feedback for continuous improvements. It's not just children who forge life-long friendships at Eerde. The parent support group is a valuable source of networks, tips and contacts with other (expat) parents.

“ We believe that all children must feel free to be who they want to be. Whether they prefer their own company or joining in with other students. My main goal as a life coach is to ensure a healthy balance between study and free time, the right mix of work and play. We don't have one-size-fits-all rules at Eerde. We look at each child as a person and match our coaching and supervision to their individual development needs. In continuous contact with the parent(s), of course. We want students to leave school with good qualifications and as happy people. ”

[life-coach]





“ Parents often worry about their children becoming addicted to social media and communicating only by app. Digital media have many advantages, so of course we use them at Eerde. But we also ensure that students master the ability to study in a classroom environment with attention to traditional communication skills. Writing a flawless letter, using pen and paper, is one of the basic skills every global citizen should possess. ”

[learning coach]

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

OUR PUPILS LEARN 21ST CENTURY SKILLS IN AN INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, GIVING A PERFECT BASIS FOR FURTHER EDUCATION OR UNIVERSITY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

As you can expect from a school accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS), your child will be taught by highly qualified staff - who are both subject experts and excellent teachers - from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. Our small class sizes (maximum 15 students) and individual education plan ensure that we focus intensively on the development of each child.

Learning how to learn at school

Every child is unique and has his or her own style of learning. The learning coaches and teachers at Eerde help each student to recognise their own style of learning and apply learning strategies to improve their study skills. Outside the classroom pupils have access to the Learning Centre in the



castle which contains the library and the 'Class of the Future': a space to work and develop skills with both traditional and innovative learning methods, individually or in a group, independently or with learning coach support.

PUPILS AGED 4-11

Cambridge and IPC

From the age of 4 children can follow the internationally respected Cambridge Primary curriculum for English and Maths at Eerde International Boarding School, supplemented by the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), which offers concept-driven enquiry-based learning. IPC is an internationally recognised curriculum taught in private and state education throughout the world. Right from day one pupils from very different backgrounds and cultures are immersed in English as their main language. We also offer mother tongue lessons in a range of languages based on national curricula. We teach the curriculum from a global perspective which focuses on the balanced and holistic development of each child.

PUPILS AGED 11-14

Cambridge and IMYC

We offer Cambridge Lower Secondary Education in English and Maths for children aged between 11 and 14 supplemented by the International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC). IMYC is an international programme which teaches a range of subjects from individual, local and global perspectives, challenging students to analyse local and global themes and to connect them to a range of subjects. This ensures that they develop insights, solution-focused strategies and innovative ideas. IMYC is a curriculum designed to promote a learning process that keeps students committed to and interested in learning by responding to specific needs of the brain as it develops. The IMYC links seamlessly to the IPC primary education programme. Both programmes are taught in private and state education throughout the world.

IMYC draws connections between subjects like literature, physics, chemistry, biology, geography and history, art, music and design & technology. This ensures that students develop in a holistic way and reinforce their talents.

Students have access to an online learning environment and an individual e-portfolio. As a parent you can also access this online environment to see the learning assignments their child has completed or has scheduled and the learning goals linked to your child's personal education plan.



“ Initially, the intention was that I would just try it out for a little while but after only a few weeks I just did not want to leave anymore. ”

[alumnus]

PUPILS AGED 14-16

Cambridge IGCSE

At Eerde we offer the Cambridge Upper Secondary (IGCSE) programme for children aged between 14 and 16. IGCSE - a highly respected international curriculum for students in this age group - is accepted by many countries as equivalent to their national qualifications for further education. On completion of the programme students are skilled in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving. The programme challenges students to explore and evaluate ideas - their own and those of others - from different perspectives in a structured, critical and analytical way.

PUPILS AGED 16-19

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) prepares students for university education in a country of their choice. We support students wanting to study their mother tongue as part of the programme. At Eerde we encourage students to explore their options for university education, online or by visiting open days and academic recruitment fairs.

Our university counsellor provides additional support and assistance in the applications process when needed.



BETTER EDUCATION, BETTER RESULTS

Outstanding education and the unique and stimulating atmosphere at Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands ensure that many students graduate from our school each year happy in the knowledge that they have made the most of their potential. With the confidence to embark on university or further education anywhere in the world.

Our continuous investments in all facets of education ensures that when students graduate from Eerde they possess not just an international diploma but also a solid foundation for life-time learning and personal leadership.

As a school we work hard to continually improve our results. We focus both on absolute results and on relative results and their application to admission to higher international education, at university or otherwise. In substantive terms we focus on optimal curriculum composition and on the requirements for the most relevant courses of further education. The vast majority of students choose to further their education at university.



“ The five years I spent at the school were great. I had a wonderful time and I’m glad I did it. ”

[alumnus]



IGCSE 2013 - 2018

The IGCSE diploma, in combination with a Cambridge Advanced diploma, provides a qualification comparable to the Dutch HAVO diploma (Senior general secondary education).

Rather it reflects the impact of offering students AS subject options from 2015 in addition to the existing IGCSE qualification. This resulted in some students taking more AS options and fewer IGCSE subjects, which of course is reflected in the IGCSE results. The AS options are required for students who want to enter Dutch HBO higher professional education.

NOTE: a diploma with merit is issued when a student achieves at least five C grades. The C grade is equivalent to a score between 6 and 7.

IB RESULTS 2013 - 2018



POSITIVE BENCHMARK

The quality of the education and boarding we offer is subject to continuous international monitoring. Accreditation is done by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and Boarding School Association (BSA). The Cambridge organisation monitors results annually by benchmarking our performance compared to over 10,000 schools in 160 countries. The same is done by the IB organisation, regarding

the IB Diploma Programme. This acts as an extra stimulus for us to work on continuous improvements to the content of our lessons, our didactics and supervision.

Cambridge selected school

We are also a member of a select group of 42 schools involved in co-developing and piloting the Cambridge programme.

THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS (CIS) IS A MEMBERSHIP COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO HIGH QUALITY INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

As a global non-profit membership organisation, CIS provides services to primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions and individuals that share these ideals:

- a desire to provide students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to pursue their lives as global citizens; and
- a commitment to high quality international education.

To achieve this goal, the members of CIS must infuse their programmes

and offerings with international and intercultural perspective so that students can move forward with the attitudes and understanding that will provide them with a solid base wherever their studies or work may take them. Primary and secondary school members must further commit to undertaking an ongoing external quality assurance process to enhance student learning.

The CIS community includes 733 schools and 80 colleges and universities representing 116 countries.



A group of children in a kitchen, wearing white plastic aprons, are focused on a task. One boy in the center is looking towards the camera while holding a spoon. The background is slightly blurred, showing kitchen equipment and other children.

“ I did the IB at three international schools. First in China, then in The Netherlands and the last year at Eerde, so I can easily make a comparison. What I noticed at Eerde was that it was all a lot more personal. You live there, you get to know people and you are supervised more carefully and intensively. And it’s really true: I just love the location and the castle. A great place from the very moment I saw it. ”

[alumnus]

THE SCHOOL



CASTLE

The elegant castle (dating from 1715) is the main building at Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands. Built in the French classical style, it is surrounded by two double moats. Crossing the water by bridge, you arrive in the imposing hall with its beautiful symmetrical marble floor. While many of the castle's spectacular original features have been preserved, it is also home to the 'Class of the Future' and a modern library located in the Learning Centre on the first floor. The school offices and the bistro for students and teachers are also located in the castle.

BOARDING HOUSES

The boarding houses nestle cosily on both sides of the castle, offering boarding pupils stylish and comfortable accommodation.

Boarders can opt for a single room or to share with a pupil of the same gender and age group. Boarding pupils have every opportunity to put their own stamp on the room in line with their personal tastes, preserving their privacy and individualism while feeling part of a community. We operate an 'open door policy' in the boarding houses so that life coaches can keep an eye on things at all times and intervene where necessary.

“ At Eerde I was turned from a teenager with issues into a responsible person. ”

[alumnus]



THE BUILDING, CLASS ROOMS & BOARDING HOUSES

SCHOOL BUILDING

Many people visiting Eerde for the first time fail to spot the separate school building. Which is understandable, since its architectural form blends seamlessly into the landscape. The huge windows fill the building with natural light, and give wonderful views of the countryside. All classrooms are equipped with both traditional and contemporary learning resources.



SPORTS

At Eerde we believe in healthy bodies and healthy minds. The sports hall and gym in the castle grounds is available to students as part of the curriculum, and for boarding pupils in their free time. Students can also enjoy physical exercise in the castle's natural surroundings.

KITCHEN AND BISTRO

At International Boarding School Eerde we run a professional kitchen with an international flavour, where our cook prepares nutritious homemade food, fresh every day. The attention devoted to healthy food and drink is part of our philosophy that education is not just about learning facts and figures. Attention to physical wellbeing, making conscious and balanced choices related to personal care and a balanced diet is just as important.



“ The castle and the forest are, of course, beautiful but it is the people that make Eerde into what it is. We dragged each other through the heavy IB exams. I was very happy here, it was great. I’m now studying Archaeology and Classical Studies at the University of Reading. ”

[alumnus]



HORSE RIDING

Riding and grooming a horse is a hobby many of our pupils are used to at home. And there’s no need to give up this passion when they come to Eerde. Our partnership with local stables De Hazelhorst gives ample opportunities for all types of equestrian activities, from riding lessons to competing in events.

COUNTRY ESTATE AND WOODLANDS

It’s hard to resist the temptation to take a long walk in the park and woodlands surrounding the Eerde country estate. There’s plenty of flora and fauna for nature lovers and wonderful trails for hiking, running or mountain biking. At Eerde the countryside is literally on your doorstep.



ORANGERY

The Orangery dates from the late 19th century. With its beautiful south-facing glass facade it’s a delightful space to discover art. This is why the Orangery is now home to our creative centre, an inspirational environment where children learn design, painting and modelling.



EERDE

A DELIGHTFUL HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Eerde International Boarding School is a small school with small class sizes. A school with a deep local connection and a global perspective. The school is located on a wooded country estate where children can enjoy wonderful scenery and plenty of fresh air. We give children ample space to develop as individuals and as part of a community. The elegant 18th century castle at the heart of the estate symbolises the quality of the education we offer.

As the poet Juvenal famously commented: 'mens sana in corpore sano'. It goes without saying that in a healthy environment like Eerde

we pay great attention to physical activity, nature and healthy food. Every day our cook prepares fresh healthy meals which, of course, take account of children's dietary requirements, cultures and religions. Our boarding pupils also learn to make nourishing and affordable meals based on natural and healthy ingredients.

Eerde operates a zero-tolerance policy concerning alcohol and drugs, as befits a school with a keen focus on healthy social and physical development.



“ Education is my passion, leading Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands towards excellence is my calling. ”

[Director CEO]



FAST TRACK TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

EXCELLENT ROAD AND RAIL LINKS PUT OUR TRANQUIL RURAL LOCATION WITHIN EASY REACH OF AMSTERDAM, THE HAGUE AND UTRECHT. WE RUN A SCHOOL SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR BOARDING PUPILS BETWEEN AMSTERDAM, THE HAGUE, UTRECHT AND EERDE ON SUNDAYS, MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

Pick up and drop off: From the Randstad conurbation to Eerde

For children whose parents live in the western conurbation of the Netherlands (Randstad) there is a private bus service between Amsterdam, The Hague, Utrecht and Eerde. This allows your child to travel safely and easily between home and Eerde boarding school.

On Sunday evening, the children are picked up at central spots in Amsterdam, The Hague and Utrecht. A learning coach travels with them on the bus, complete with learning resources so that they can start the weekly study programme on the trip back to Eerde

Early on Friday afternoon, at the end of the boarding week, the same trip is made back to the west. This time without any lessons but with a period of reflection on last week's and next week's study programme, so that your child comes home ready for a relaxed weekend with the rest of the family.





ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

FOR PARENTS AND EMPLOYERS

Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands was established in 1934. So we have extensive first-hand experience of what parents face when they move to a new country. At Eerde we take care of your child, providing excellent education in a warm and safe environment in which he or she can reach their full potential. But we do more than that. We also deploy our extensive international network to involve you as parents and help you adapt to life in the Netherlands.

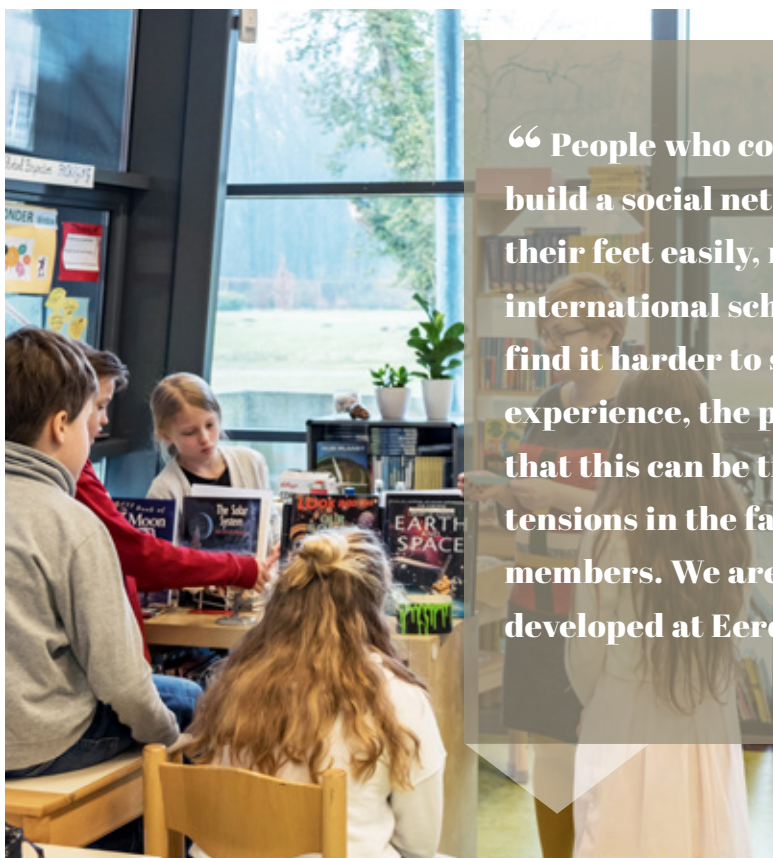
We are happy to talk to companies involved in helping expat staff settle in the Netherlands, either on a structural or one-off basis: to share our philosophy, our facilities and the options we offer to support and encourage expats and their partners feel at home.

Partner of Rijksmuseum

Amsterdam

We are extremely proud to be an official partner of the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. One of the world's most famous museums, it houses a rich collection by Dutch masters including Rembrandt, Vermeer and Hals.

We are exploring possibilities to incorporate the Rijksmuseum heritage to enrich and extend international educational programmes.



“ People who come to work for us from abroad generally build a social network quite quickly. And the children find their feet easily, making friends and doing activities at international school. It’s the partners of expats who may find it harder to settle in and may get left behind. In our experience, the people at Eerde boarding school understand that this can be tricky, it’s a situation that can breed tensions in the family with negative impacts on all the family members. We are happy to draw on the experience they’ve developed at Eerde and on their international network. ”

[employer]



Visit the school for a personal introduction

Mrs. Nelleke Deelen-Geuze, M.Ed. is the Director of Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands. She has worked in the education sector since 1984 and has extensive international experience. Since 1992 she has worked in a variety of management roles in European schools in Karlsruhe and Brussels. Before joining Eerde, she was Managing Director of Hollandse School Limited in Singapore.

"There's a lovely atmosphere at Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands, one that I consider unique in the Netherlands. I would like to invite parents - and their children - to visit Eerde, to tour the campus and talk to our staff, teachers and students. Feel free to call or skype me for an appointment."

Mrs. Nelleke Deelen-Geuze

Director CEO

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Open days

You are welcome to visit Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands during one of our regular open days. In addition to the open days, it's also possible to plan an individual visit. Please contact us for more information.

Why should you choose Eerde International Boarding School Netherlands?

- Day school, weekly boarding and full boarding options
- Accredited international education
- Balance between traditional, modern and 21st century learning
- Individual, focussed guidance by life coaches, learning coaches and teachers
- Inspiring, healthy and safe environment

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