

# Meet The Principal of Internationella Engelska Skolan Helsingborg.

Parents attending an information meeting about Internationella Engelska Skolan Helsingborg can meet the experienced and well-qualified principal who will lead the new school.

In August 2017 when IES Helsingborg celebrates its first day of school, Mr Joakim Andersson will stand by the newly opened doors, welcoming students in his role as their principal.

Mr Andersson has worked in education since 1988 and has led free schools as well as those run by municipalities. He has been a teacher, a principal and has even worked in schools leadership for Helsingborg's education department.

Mr Andersson knows Helsingborg well, it is his home town and the place that he has worked for nearly 30 years, including at Bårslövsskolan, Fredriksdalsskolan, Norrlyckeskolan, Dalhemsområdet, and Kunskapsskolan.

Over the course of his solid career in education he has spent 12 years as a wood and metalwork teacher and amassed over 16 years experience as a school leader, including more than ten years as a principal.

As he prepares for his new role, Mr Andersson said: "I am really looking forward to being part of building a school from scratch in a learning environment where old meets new through the spirit of Internationella Engelska Skolan.

"Cornerstones in the process of building this school for the future include holding students learning in focus, and encouraging high expectations for success. Using the three pillars of the IES ethos I am convinced that we can develop the ideal school for students in the city of Helsingborg."

Ralph Riber, CEO of Internationella Engelska Skolan, welcomed Mr Andersson to his role.

He said: "I am pleased to have recruited a principal with the experience of Mr Andersson to drive our new school in Helsingborg to be the best school in the area. He has unmatched local knowledge while at the same time clearly embracing all three aspects of the IES ethos – high academic achievement, command of the English language, and providing a safe and calm environment, where teachers can teach and students can learn.

"His first task as principal will be absolutely key to the success of the school, as he builds a strong international team around him, bringing the best teachers from the English-speaking world as well as excellent teachers from Sweden."

Barbara Bergstöm, founder and vice chairman of Internationella Engelska Skolan, added: "I am delighted to welcome Mr. Andersson to our IES family.

"Mr. Andersson is a highly qualified educator who has his heart in the right place. With his dedication to implement our ethos of discipline, high expectations and the strong pursuit of knowledge, our school in Helsingborg will be one of the finest in the area.

"Mr. Andersson is very familiar with the larger Helsingborg area. He and his team will contribute with an international atmosphere and dynamics to education. I look forward to welcoming our new students and staff in Helsingborg."

In preparation for the school's opening, Mr Andersson will take on his new role from 1 January 2017. In order to meet future parents and students he will also attend the information meeting about the school which is being held on Monday, 21 November, from 18:30-19:30 at Dunkers Kulturhus in Helsingborg.

Internationella Engelska Skolan Helsingborg will be a 4-9 school and will open in August 2017. The queue is open now and parents are welcome to apply for a place for their children on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit [www.helsingborg.engelska.se](http://www.helsingborg.engelska.se) to apply for a place today.

If you would like to interview Mr Andersson or the leadership of Internationella Engelska Skolan before or after the information event on Monday, 21 November, from 18:30-19:30 at Dunkers Kulturhus please contact Jonathan Howell on 070 164 3320 or [jonathan.howell@engelska.se](mailto:jonathan.howell@engelska.se)

*Internationella Engelska Skolan (IES) is a leading independent school group ("friskola"), reaching academic results far above average. It was founded in 1993 by Ms Barbara Bergstrom, a science teacher originally from the US. Over 21 000 students are currently enrolled in our 30 schools around the country, mainly grades 4-9 in "Grundskolan". IES is the largest free school organization in the compulsory school system in Sweden. The company has a turnover of nearly 2 billion SEK (2015-16) and employs around 2 200 members of staff. It is in a phase of rapid expansion.*