

Hersby Upper Secondary School



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Tradition and Progress

Hersby rests on long traditions, the first students leaving the school as far back as in 1921. We have a stable organization with highly trained and knowledgeable teachers, an experienced leadership and a low personnel turnover. All this guarantees the quality and continuity of teaching standards at Hersby. At the same time, great emphasis is put on progress at all levels. Over the years we have developed close co-operation with Karolinska Institutet, The Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) and Stockholm University. We are always planning for the future.

High Academic Standards

Our students' study results are among the best in the whole country, resulting in excellent and quality-controlled grades. The average grades attained to gain entry to university are higher than those at similar schools. At Hersby we take quality control very seriously. This involves using quality evaluation surveys annually (Synovate Temo) and giving our students the opportunity to evaluate all our courses every year. We strive for excellence in all areas.

A Small School with Great Opportunities

We regard the small size of the school as an advantage, not a restriction. We are proud to offer the friendly atmosphere of a small school as well as the variety of choice available at a larger school. This is achieved by co-ordinating study programmes, classes and through close co-operation with our sister school in Lidingö. At Hersby, there is a full range of optional courses for all students. There is a great variety of language courses available. We offer up to five different courses in English, French, German and Spanish as well as courses in Italian, Russian and Mandarin Chinese. As part of our international focus, we organise study trips to the Republic of Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and China. The school also successfully takes part in sessions of the European Youth Parliament.



Happy, Healthy and Contented Students

The school proudly offers a calm, secure and pleasant environment where the students themselves can have a say in how their education is planned. In order to ensure continuity, a student will be in the same class and have the same mentor all three years of study at Hersby. Advice on careers and on further education is available every day. Our school counsellor and school nurse are there on a daily basis to help and advise students. Naturally, the school has a zero-tolerance policy on bullying. We are convinced that physical exercise is of the greatest importance both for personal well-being and high academic results. This is why Physical Education and Health has a strong position here. Students have at least two sessions of physical education per week for the three years they spend at Hersby. Competitions such as "Tors Fiske" and "Frejakampen" attract both teachers and students and add to the friendly atmosphere at the school. At Hersby we do our best to keep our students happy, healthy and contented.



Hersby Location and Programmes

Hersby is located on the island and municipality of Lidingö which is situated only six kilometres from central Stockholm. The school is surrounded by private homes and parklands. Today, 600 students attend Hersby and study the Natural Science Programme or the Social Science Programme. Hersby also offers an Individual Programme which prepares the students for the completion of basic education courses. The programme can be studied full-time at school or as a work-study programme. Students have the opportunity to choose the course of study according to their individual abilities and wishes.



Social Science Programme

The Social Science Programme at Hersby has an international profile. The mandatory courses as well as the elective courses are taught from a global perspective. Internationalization is the main theme throughout the mandatory courses as well as the elective courses in Social Studies, History, Geography and International Relations. In addition, students can study Mathematics up to D level, which means that they will have the qualifications to study Business Administration and Economics at university level. Globalization along with the power shift towards East Asia has meant that for the past few years the Social Science programme at Hersby has focused on China. We offer courses in Mandarin Chinese and in their third year, all Social Science students have the opportunity to participate in a study trip to China. Our students are well prepared for studying at university and working in a globalized world.



Natural Science Programme

The Town Council of Lidingö has chosen to concentrate all the courses in Natural Sciences at Hersby. This has made it possible for Hersby to build up a first-class science department with the latest up-to-date technical equipment - all to create the best scientific learning environment possible.

Four hundred students are on the Natural Science Programme. General courses are studied the first two years. These general courses give a broad scope of education. In their third year the students then choose different specializations. These Natural Science courses provide the basis for successful studies at college or university level.





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