

WELCOME TO VIRUM GYMNASIUM



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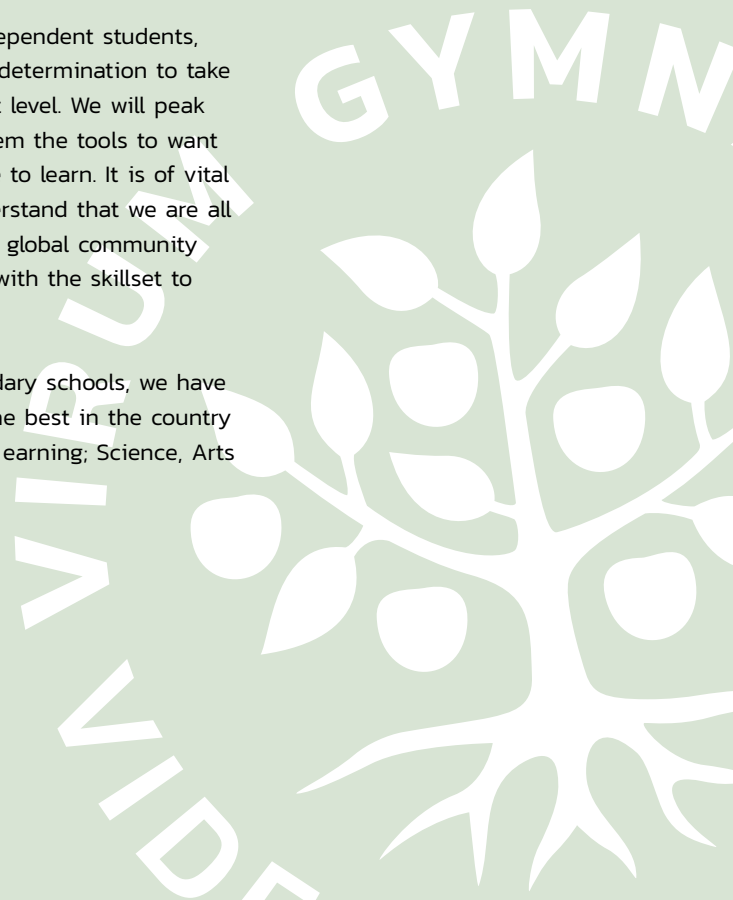
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VISION

Our vision for Virum Gymnasium is to be a serious, dedicated educational school with close ties to its local community. Academia, creativity, innovation and social skills are all instrumental in creating a social and inspirational teaching environment as well as an attractive workplace. To study at Virum equals being immersed in your studies and perpetually pursuing academic advancement.

Our goal is to educate independent students, who have the insight and determination to take their education to the next level. We will peak their interests and give them the tools to want to and be able to continue to learn. It is of vital importance that they understand that we are all part of a local as well as a global community and we will provide them with the skillset to navigate both.

In regards to Upper Secondary schools, we have a vision of being one of the best in the country within all three spheres of learning; Science, Arts and Social Studies.



Welcome to Virum Gymnasium



Virum Gymnasium bustles with "Vision and Values". This is strived for, not only on an academic level, but also on a social level. With each other we raise the bar on which the students sit, so they can be guided, challenged and gently pushed to reach their full potential academically, personally and socially.

During their time here, we are determined that all our students learn to be critically reflective about the possibilities and limitations of society and of science. As citizens of a democracy, this entails assuming responsibility and being mindful of the world, we are a part of.

Through the people we invite and the places we explore, students will have the opportunity to learn in other ways than in the classroom. They will learn to relate to others; both digitally and in person. Students who graduate will know how to act online in order to be respectful, ethical and critical

towards whatever they might encounter beyond the screen in front of them.

In August 2017, a new reform for Upper Secondary Education was implemented in Denmark. The changes are instrumental in raising the academic level opening up for a more individual combination of classes. The important thing to notice is that VG still offers an attractive education mentored by skilled and dedicated teachers.

Mette Kynemund
Headmaster







SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

The daily management of the school falls on the Headmaster (Mette Kynemund), two Vice Principals (Birgit Riedel Langvad and Andreas Olesen) and one director of education and training (Pia Gars Jensen).

The School Board oversees the school's strategic goals and reports to the Ministry of Education. It consists of the Headmaster, the Vice Principals, two teachers, two students and outside members from local businesses and the local community.

Furthermore, the school houses five Study Counsellors, three IT Counsellors as well as four Reading Instructors, two Mathematics Trainers, an Elite Sports Counsellor, an International Development Coordinator and an in-house psychologist.

AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The world is in a flux; climate change, refugee crises, terrorism, and financial recession are all headlines of yesterday and tomorrow. These headlines demand political action and international collaboration. Denmark is an important part of several organizations working across borders. This combines local interest with global interest and this again is converted into *what* and *how* we teach at Virum Gymnasium. We realise that with democratic citizenship comes responsibilities. Our students must be presented to these to fully understand the impact of an international world. So, to better prepare our students, we have established a network of friendship schools across the globe and we accommodate three study tours during their years with us.

1st year

As part of their first three months in Upper Secondary, all classes participate in a 2 days teambuilding tour. The purpose of this tour is to instil a sense of unity in the individual class in a non-school setting.

2nd year

The classes will travel to a major European city, predetermined by the teachers. They are to conduct field observations and hone their international skillset.

3rd year

Teachers prepare study tours worldwide for students outside the regular class setting and the students are encouraged to *apply* in accordance with their academic interests.





Language and Exchange Schools

Virum Gymnasium also has friendship schools we visit every year. Our French, German and Spanish classes go abroad every year and receive schooling in local communities as well as inviting their host brethren to stay with us for a week. Lastly, we are proud to announce a recently formed partnership with Wagner College in New York.

How to facilitate a good and inspirational school





There is one pivotal line in the "Rules of Conduct and Studies", which states that *...you show responsibility, mutual respect, consideration and willingness to help in all contexts*. That concept

saturates everything taking place at Virum Gymnasium.

Our values are reflected in our everyday work in regards to Academia and Responsibility. We work relentlessly to provide our students with the best academic education *and* general education. Both are of equal importance to us as our students will reflect how we teach them when we travel abroad and when they move on to university. They are to understand how

"If there are five stars to give, VG has them. Academically and community-wise"

Oscar, 2m



local interests interact and correspond with global interests.

Attending Gymnasium also means having a strong network socially. We welcome this as the social community helps strengthen the academic community. And so, we arrange social activities for the entire school, for the individual years and for the classes.

VALUES



Top priority

Our top priority is the highest standard of teaching, individual subjects as well as interdisciplinary subjects.

We encourage the students to remain curious, inquisitive, to stay engaged and find joy in learning and passing on knowledge.

Responsibility

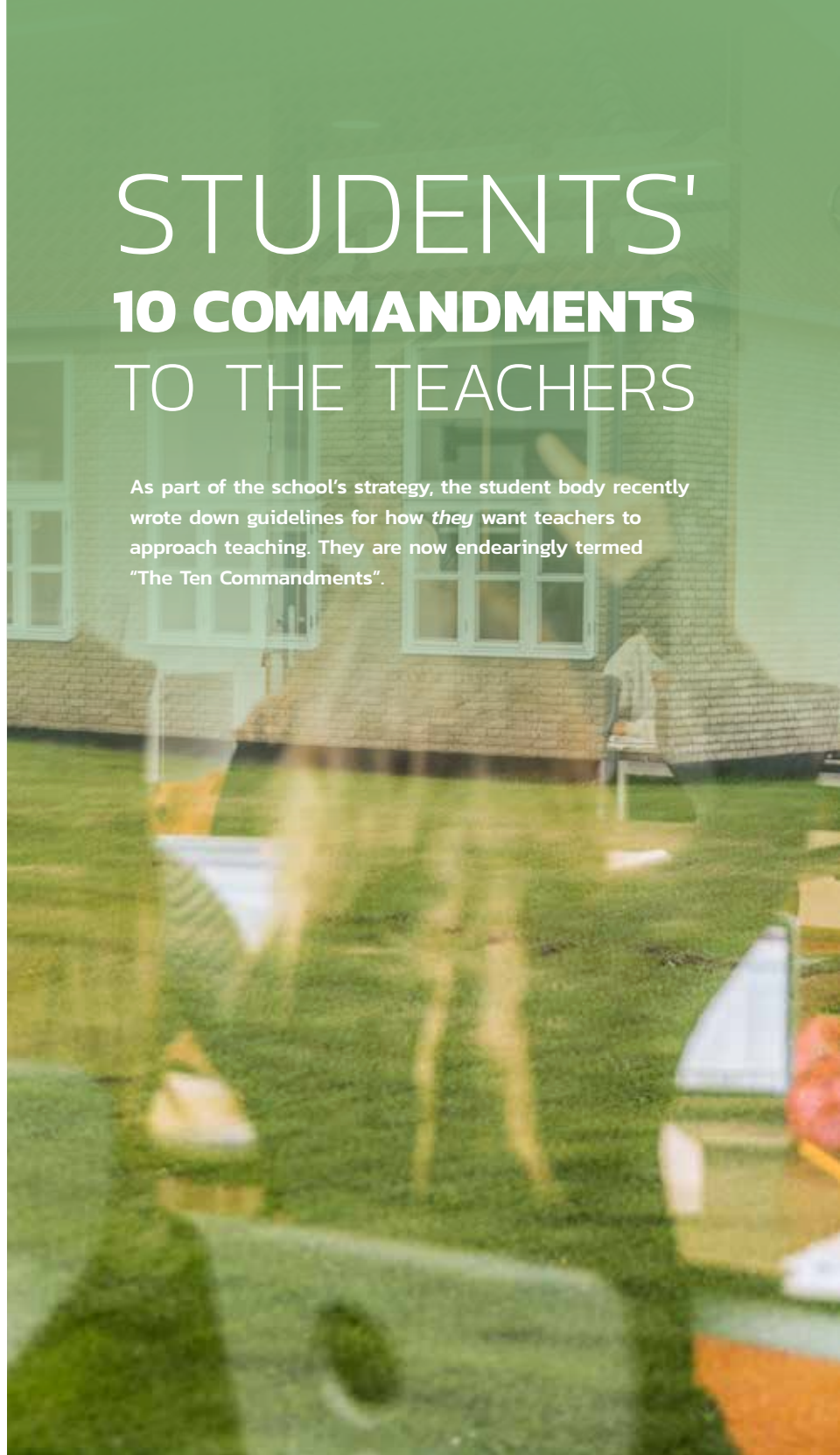
- We are proud that the teaching environment at Virum Gymnasium is characterized by mutual respect, trust, and freedom.
- We teach the students to think and act as citizens in a democracy.
- We respect that the Student Body Council is an intricate part of our school.
- We believe that it is vital that the students understand the complexities of an ever-changing international community. Hence, it is a goal of ours to accommodate several field trips outside Denmark during their time at Virum Gymnasium.



1. Be committed
2. Be consistent
3. Diversify your teaching methods
4. Be respectful
– be respected
5. Let your students be involved
6. Accommodate papers and homework
7. Have a purpose with what you teach
8. Evaluate what you teach
9. Adapt to your classes
10. Be engaged on a social and an academic level

STUDENTS' 10 COMMANDMENTS TO THE TEACHERS

As part of the school's strategy, the student body recently wrote down guidelines for how *they* want teachers to approach teaching. They are now endearingly termed "The Ten Commandments".

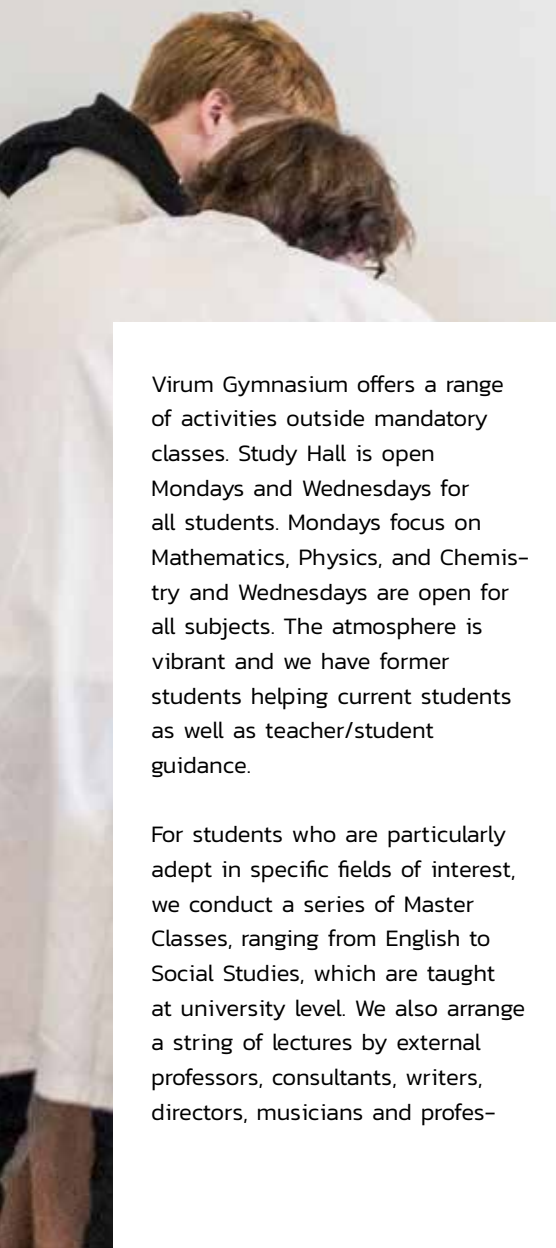


TEACHERS' 10 COMMANDMENTS TO THE STUDENTS

Likewise, the teachers have made their "Ten Commandments" to the students.

1. Be prepared and ready to learn
2. Take responsibility for yourself and your community
3. Be curious and engaged
4. Be persistent – do not give up – practise
5. Concentrate on your classes and assignments
6. Show respect
7. Focus on actually improving rather than just looking improved.
8. Be critical – have the courage to think independently
9. Have the courage to fail
10. Cultivate your fascination

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Virum Gymnasium offers a range of activities outside mandatory classes. Study Hall is open Mondays and Wednesdays for all students. Mondays focus on Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry and Wednesdays are open for all subjects. The atmosphere is vibrant and we have former students helping current students as well as teacher/student guidance.

For students who are particularly adept in specific fields of interest, we conduct a series of Master Classes, ranging from English to Social Studies, which are taught at university level. We also arrange a string of lectures by external professors, consultants, writers, directors, musicians and profes-



sionals called VGcc (Carpe Cognitionem) to encourage students to expand their horizons. We are also fortunate enough to have a few published writers in our midst who organize a Writer's Workshop. Several of our students are professional athletes as well as students, and we extend their school life with a year, so they have time for tournaments, championships and training camps.

Notwithstanding what we offer, Virum Gymnasium has proudly sent students to compete in sever-



al domestic and international competitions for many years. These include the Physics Olympics, the Chemistry Olympics, The Philosophy Olympics, Georg Mohr's Mathematical competition, the Budding Scientist, The ESU Public Speaking Competition, Debating Cup, Drug-hunter (for Biology and Bio Technology), Innovation Camp and ATU (the Academy for Talented Youths).



LOCAL HISTORY

Virum Gymnasium is situated just North of Copenhagen in a small suburban setting. We are fortunate to have excellent company in our "backyard". NovoZymes, Microsoft, DTU (Denmark Technical University) and Chr. Hansen are all located within a few miles of the school and are frequently visited by classes. Culturally, we have "Frilandsmuseet" (The Open Air Museum) less than a mile away as well as Sorgenfri Slot, a castle owned by the Royal Family. We have also worked with Brede Værk

(Brede Works), a historic site operated by the National Museum of Denmark.

This allows for Virum Gymnasium to have immediate interaction with both the worlds of culture and business and it gives the students a chance of insight into a world outside their academic bubble. As an example, many of our Science students use DTU when conducting experiments for their written exam project during their final year.





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