



ST. GILGEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
AUSTRIA



MEET THE HEADMASTER

“Come to the edge, He said.
They said, We are afraid.
Come to the edge, He said.
They came. He pushed them

...AND THEY FLEW.”

Apollinaire, Guillaume, 1880 - 1918
French Poet and Writer

What is it that you think about when you read the above words by Guillaume Apollinaire? I have chosen these words to highlight the belief that in every person there is great potential for growth and an intrinsic desire to succeed. These elements will be set free and given direction for those who make the most of opportunities, discover and challenge themselves, accept support and guidance, and who are motivated to achieve. As a basis for success in life in an ever-changing and dynamic world it is a strong sense of ‘self’ and ‘community’ which lead to a personal understanding of Marianne Williamson’s words in her poem ‘Our Greatest Fear’, which begins, “Our greatest fear is not that we are inadequate, but that we are powerful beyond measure....”. Striving for this understanding by confronting our insecurities and building a feeling of accomplishment is a clear and present goal for those who receive their education in St. Gilgen International School.

In the unique, diverse and secure surroundings of St. Gilgen, we develop the character of our boarding and day students through a holistic and enriching programme of challenging intellectual learning, adventurous outdoor education, inspirational arts, and commitment to the community.

This personal character reflects a strong sense of self-respect, confidence, independence, awareness, empathy, resilience, adaptability, entrepreneurship, creativity, curiosity, leadership, health and an appreciation of nature; and each of these in the broadest sense of understanding.

From a daily perspective, this may seem to take the form of very normal school life, however, it is not just about what we do every day, but how we do it and why we do it a certain way; it is our way and our school life. St. Gilgen International School provides a safe and orderly environment within the village campus, based on ‘Respect and Peace’, in which each student is able to feel valued and cared for as a basis for their growth. Students and staff live and work together with clear expectations about how they are supporting each other, contributing to a positive atmosphere and making the school a centre of learning for life.

As Headmaster I welcome all those who are embarking on this new academic year with us, and invite all others to satisfy their curiosity about how we live our mission by visiting us in St.Gilgen.

Christopher Greulich
Headmaster

