It all began in September 1964, when Madame Monique Porter decided that it was important to have an international school in the heart of Paris. 50 years and over 5,000 students later, we know she was right!

**Early years**

The school started in 1964 in a private building called Pershing Hall. Madame Porter reflected on the early years:

“We started with 6 children – the Liberian Ambassador’s daughter, a Filipino diplomat’s son, two children from the U.S. Embassy, one French boy and my daughter – we were already international.

We grew rapidly and soon opened a school from K to 8th grade. We had mixed K/1 under the eye of an adorable English teacher who passed children in review every morning, like the Queen’s Horse Guard: nails, ears, hair and polished shoes. I am sure that those children were the cleanest of all!

Mrs. Jannick Jones, who started the school with me, was the first Headmistress and gave the basic philosophy to our school.”

– Monique Porter, Founder of the School. (Read more at www.isparis.edu/history)
Focus on Learning

"The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."
– International Baccalaureate 2015

ISP Milestones

◆ CIS Accreditation: 1981
◆ First Graduating Class: 1985
◆ IB Diploma Programme: 1992
◆ IB Middle Years Programme: 2003
◆ IB Primary Years Programme: 2004

"ISP has a special bond with IB as a continuum school, with the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programmes, because we share a mission. Together, we build an educational experience that lasts a lifetime because of the love, values and lessons that une vie internationale gives us all."
– Dr. John B. Bader, Chief External Academic Relations Officer of the International Baccalaureate (IB), ISP Alumnus

Top left: Amanda Reynaud, Dave Stansfield, Tim Stone, Michael Collett, Valerie Norman, Gareth Jones, Diane O'Reilly and Damian Kerr.
Bottom left: Summer School students playing next to the wall. This was eventually taken down when the school purchased Ranelagh 98 in 2005, gaining a proper playground in addition to much-needed classroom space.
Top right: The iconic class picture on the Beethoven steps. This one is the Class of 1992.
Bottom right: Jonathan James, Jackie Todd-Morel, Sylvie Le Jan, Thomas Ryan, Bertrand Mouscardes and Birgit Hauke hard at work during a Professional Development workshop in 2009.
"Looking back, it seems I spent more time house hunting than anything else! In 1982, we found Chardin."
– Monique Porter

"As the years passed by, more students came and more teachers arrived. Because of its constantly growing size, the school moved from its first home to Villa Copernic, to Rue d'Auteuil, to Ranelagh, which was later accompanied by a high school at Chardin. Along with our list of addresses, we have an even larger list of faculty members, school directors and students, who have attended our school from all over the world."
– Omar Kodmani, Class of 1985, 20th Anniversary Yearbook

"It is sometimes difficult to envision the rapid development of the International School of Paris. From a handful of students at the beginning of its existence, ISP has grown into a prospering international community. It is crucial to establish a sense of identity and awareness both as an international community and as an educational institution."
– Graham and Stuart Wong, Class of 1989, Yearbook '89

Top left: The Upper School was still housed in Ranelagh. Note the absence of uniforms!
Bottom left: ISP was already neighbours with the majestic Eiffel Tower at the centennial celebration of the landmark in 1989.
Top right: The annual visit to the local fire station is a long-standing ISP tradition.
Bottom right: Primary School students compete in a 50 meter race at the legendary ISP Olympics in the '80s.
Community

The International School of Paris community is the sum of many parts.

Our sincere thank you to our families, PTA representatives, Board members, alumni, donors, and countless other volunteers who have helped create a dynamic, warm and welcoming atmosphere at our school.

Faculty & Staff

Our dedicated faculty and staff have been the pillars of ISP’s learning community throughout the years.

Continued professional development is essential for any educational institution. Our teachers are ‘life-long learners’ in every sense of the word, and they are ready to take the school further – into the next 50 years of ISP!

Left: Marianne Freire, Felicity Herbert, Clodagh Ryan, Barbara Kelly, Kate Read and Philippe Gallot in 2002.
Top right: A group of PTA parents dine together following a tour in the historical district of Saint-Germain-des-Pres.
Middle right: The volunteer work of our trustees is extremely valuable for the continuity of our school. Pictured here is ISP’s Board of Trustees in 2008.
Bottom right: Graduating Class of 2014 ready to share their ISP spirit with the world!

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