History International School Utrecht

August 2011
An agreement was signed by the municipality of Utrecht, the Province of Utrecht and Utrecht University to work together in founding an international school in Utrecht. The school is going to be a Dutch International School, meaning it will offer state financed international education. The municipality of Utrecht is responsible for the provision of the school’s accommodation.

August 2012
ISUtrecht opens its doors at the Notebomenlaan 400 in a former primary school building at the east side of the city. On the first day, founding director Jaap Mos, deputy Kate Corder and a small staff welcomed 53 students: 41 primary and 12 secondary (grade 6) students.

August 2014
From the moment ISUtrecht opened its doors, the student population grew rapidly. In August 2014 we started the school year with 160 students: 127 primary students and 33 secondary students (grades 6-8). The municipality of Utrecht and the school boards are in the process of finding a spot for a semi-permanent building to allow the school to grow, whilst at the same time starting the search for a permanent location.

March 2015
ISUtrecht moves to the Van Bijnkershoeklaan 8 where a semi-permanent building was erected, recycling second hand containers, in just 10 weeks. Students and staff love their new space. The new building has a capacity of 550 students.

November 2015
The school celebrates the International Baccalaureate authorisation for both the Primary Years Programme and Middle Years Programme.

April 2016
The municipality of Utrecht agrees to turn a former primary school for special education at the Grebbeberglaan into a secondary annex for our international students.
June 2016
The school is officially authorised to teach the IB Diploma Programme.

August 2016
The secondary students move into the annex at the Grebbeberglaan 25. This not only frees up much needed space at the Van Bijnkershoeklaan, but also provides the school with a science lab, a black box theatre and a new, bigger visual arts room. At this point the school has 399 students: 269 in primary and 130 in secondary (grades 6-11). The first cohort of grade 11 students start their Diploma Programme.

October 2017
We celebrate our 5th year anniversary with the whole school community.
February 2017
The municipality of Utrecht, together with the school board and Utrecht University start looking into the possibility of building a new permanent campus for the ISUtrecht at the Utrecht Science Park (USP).

April 2017
The municipality of Utrecht agrees to the extension of the main campus at the Van Bijnkershoeklaan.

June 2017
Students, staff and parents contribute to a Programme of Requirements for the permanent building, which will house 1215 students.

January 2018
The extension and new wing are opened, and staff and students move into the new classrooms. Diploma students enjoy their new DP lounge. The school now has both a primary and secondary music room, a design room and extra primary and secondary classrooms. Secondary students move between the Grebbeberglaan and Van Bijnkershoeklaan during their school day. The school can now house 770 students.

February 2018
The viability study for a new permanent building at the Cambridgelaan on the Utrecht Science Park is positive.
June 2018
The first IB Diploma students graduate from ISUtrecht. Over the summer break, the school building is extended further to provide the community with a much-needed parent room.

August 2019
We start the schoolyear with almost 700 students (408 in primary and 283 in secondary).

January 2019
The municipality of Utrecht start the procedure to select an architect for the permanent school building.

June 2019
The mayor and aldermen of Utrecht announce the start of the official planning procedure for the permanent building at the Cambridgelaan. On the basis of his vision and first sketches, Architect Gideon de Jong from SVP architectuur en stedenbouw is selected to design the new campus.

December 2022
Projected opening of the new campus at the Utrecht Science Park.