

NEWSLETTER 2

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Welcome to VORM Tutoring's second Newsletter!

For most international schools the academic year has just started or will soon be starting. It will be an exciting year with a new IB curriculum for *Language A: Literature*.

In this Newsletter we discuss the new curriculum. We verbalise what VORM stands for in a 'Profile'. We inform you about our activities as an Expertise Centre and we also introduce the secure ELO (learning platform) that we can use, thanks to our cooperation with Stichting INIO (INIO Foundation).

We explain the CNaVT exam, we refer to Twitter and our blog... and we look ahead! The new curriculum looks exciting, we look forward to using our brand-new teaching materials with our students.

I wish everyone a great start of the academic year!

Pieter van der Vorm



VORM Tutoring offers online tutoring Dutch to IB and pre-IB students (14-18 years).

About the new curriculum



The 'old' IB curriculum for Language A lasted eight years. That's quite a long time. As an IB teacher, I got familiar with all its ins and outs.

Over the past few years, the IB has developed a new curriculum. The IB sent regular updates, to keep schools and teachers informed about it. The new programme will actually start in the academic year 2019-2020 .

What will change? If I try to summarise the changes in one sentence: "The new curriculum isn't aiming so much at literary analysis itself but has a clearer focus on using literary analysis as a tool to reflect on culture and society." Is it interesting? Yes, I think so! I really like the new curriculum and I think it will be interesting and challenging for students.

Profile of VORM

VORM stands for innovative tutoring. Students are encouraged and enthused by themes that are appealing to them. On the basis of young adult novels and literary works, we discuss themes and global issues like friendship, art, nature and technology, a refugee's life, etc.

Our teaching packages are comprehensive (often 30 to 40 pages per book!) We make use of illustrations, images and creative tasks. Because of its playful design, the VORM programme is very suitable for students who are not familiar to reading (literary) novels, while students who do like to read will enjoy the creative tasks.

Moreover, the teaching packages have clear instructions, though the programme itself is constructed in a flexible way. The instructions will support students for whom the course may be challenging, while stronger students are encouraged to delve deeper into the subject. We always try to adjust the programme to the student's needs and interest.

News from the Expertise Centre

VORM offers (free) services as an Expertise Centre. Through our website, teachers and students can get access to documents and syllabuses related to the new IB curriculum for Language A.

Parents can ask questions about the IB curriculum and/or the personal situation of the student can be discussed. Teachers can contact VORM for information or advice. This may include a check whether the literature list meets all formal requirements.

ELO

Students who are supervised by VORM can use the ELO (learning platform) of Stichting INIO (INIO Foundation). The ELO offers a professional, secure platform. Tasks, instructions, feedback, etc. - it can all be shared via the ELO.



Preparation for CNaVT exam

In some cases, the Language A: Literature course will not be possible for all students. If the student still wants to improve on his or her language skills, or when he/she needs a formal diploma, the CNaVT exam can be a suitable alternative.

The CNaVT (Certificate of Dutch as a Foreign Language) has developed a profile for young people (16+) who intend to study in the Netherlands or Flanders. Most Flemish and Dutch universities accept this CNaVT certificate as proof of language proficiency.

VORM offers online tutoring and test preparation for the CNaVT exam.

VORM on Instagram

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On Instagram, we inform you about the books we have selected for the students. The posts on Instagram may give you exciting, original reading tips!



Books on the book list for pre-IB and IB

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