

20 Years of Phorms Munich – Shaping Education Together

As we look back on 20 years of Phorms Munich in 2027, there is much to be proud of. What began in 2007 with six primary school classes has grown into a campus that accompanies children and young people from nursery through to the Abitur. Ten cohorts have already successfully completed their Abitur or International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma with us, and our school has continued to evolve throughout this time.

It all began with the courage to rethink education within the German context: bilingual and international, with high academic standards and, at the same time, a commitment to supporting young people in their personal development. From the outset, our founding Head of School, Armin Eifertinger, shaped this vision with great enthusiasm and a strong spirit of innovation. The expansion to include a kindergarten and secondary school in 2008 marked the beginning of the journey towards the campus we know today. Under his successor, Peter Kemmer, the school continued to develop steadily. Many of the original ideas were translated into structures that also aimed to establish a firm foundation within the German education system, paving the way for state recognition of both the primary and secondary schools in 2017. Since then, our school has continued to develop academically and pedagogically. The prominent role that international educational opportunities, such as the Model United Nations programme and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, now play at our secondary school, as well as our ongoing development in digital learning and STEM education from Grade 1 onwards, reflect this ambition.

Behind every programme and every statistic are people and their very own personal stories. Every year, we bid farewell to graduates from our Abitur and IB Diploma programmes, some of whom first joined us as nursery children. Others discovered Phorms during their secondary school years and became an equally integral part of our community within just a few years. Some families have been part of our campus since its early days, with several of their children attending over the years. A small group of staff members have also been with us since the very beginning. Some of them share their experiences of the past two decades on this anniversary website. Perhaps these personal memories illustrate what makes our school special even better than any chronicle could.

Much has changed since 2007, both our school and the world for which we prepare our young people. At the same time, the essence of what makes a good school has remained remarkably constant. We want to provide our students with a challenging and enriching education, helping them become independent, respectful and open-minded individuals who learn to think critically, understand different perspectives and take responsibility. Our current mission statement captures much of what has grown over the past two decades and what unites us as a school community. And yet, a good school is never finished.

That is why our 20th anniversary should not only be an opportunity to look back and celebrate together. We also want to look ahead. Many of the children who are playing and learning in our kindergarten or primary school today will continue to attend our campus well into the 2030s. And beyond that, new generations of children will learn here, build friendships, overcome challenges and create their own lasting memories of school life.

To mark this anniversary, we therefore want to create something together that will benefit not only our current students but also future generations: a new outdoor multi-sport court on our campus. A place for exercise and sports, but equally for socialising, playing together, developing team spirit and strengthening our sense of community.

Throughout our anniversary year, we will organise a range of activities to bring this project to life together with our school community. Further information about our multi-sport court project and the available donation options can be found further down this page.

For us, 20 years of Phorms Munich represent, above all, 20 years of shared efforts, shared experiences and countless personal stories. We are grateful to the people who built and shaped this school, to those who bring it to life every day today, and to the families who have placed their trust in us throughout all these years.

A good school is always evolving. Its story is continually written by the people who are part of it. We are delighted to open the next chapter of Phorms Munich together with you.



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