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Welcome!

Dear Prospective Student,

We would like to take this opportunity to cordially welcome You to the community of Ranum Efterskole College...

Ranum Efterskole College is a bilingual Danish and international boarding school for students between the ages of 14 and 18. The unique combination of the Danish efterskole and the certified Cambridge Assessment International Education programme, offers students enrolled at Ranum Efterskole College an unparalleled opportunity to prepare themselves, personally and professionally, to life in a complex and ever-changing world.

Intercultural Understanding & Competencies

We are part of an interconnected global society and we innately believe that in diversity, there is similarity. We believe tolerance and acceptance to be key elements in order to facilitate an intercultural understanding, and we believe curiosity and open-mindedness to be key elements in establishing 21st century competencies. The global department has become a most stimulating and rewarding feature among students, teachers and members of staff in general.

Inclusive Community & Learning, Participatory Democracy - For You!

Ranum Efterskole is founded on the philosophies of 'Inclusive Community and Learning' and 'Participatory Democracy'. We believe it to be our prime objective to provide a framework in which you and your teachers in unity contribute to the development of school curricular and activities. This, among other, in order to ensure you an understanding of community, democracy and responsibility, whilst also nurturing your personal development, your passions, interests and skills.

We strive to provide an environment where you feel safe, protected, supported and encouraged in your own personalised learning journey. When you leave our community, we want you to feel prepared and empowered to share your experiences with the world.

Non-sectarianism

Ranum Efterskole College is part of a non-sectarian boarding school and more than 400 students from all over the world study at our school. We welcome each and everyone, who wishes to be enrolled in our programmes and contribute to our continuous growth and development

Yours sincerely
Matthew Danaher
Head of International Department
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Join us now and You are guaranteed to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

What is an efterskole?

"The Danish Efterskole"

The Danish efterskole is an independent, educational and residential institution for students typically aged 14-18, who can choose to spend one, two or three years to finish their upper secondary education. It is in many ways similar to the concept of boarding school, but has rather clear distinctions. The Danish efterskole is based on the idea of combining academic learning with that of general 'life-learning' as a preparatory tool for all aspects of life, as well as facilitating an understanding of 'the individual in a community'.

Solidarity, Community, Unity are key concepts within the Danish efterskole.

Danish Rule of Law

It is written in the "Efterskoleloven" (Danish Rule of Law on Independent Continuation Schools and their activities), under §1, that the primary objective of the efterskole is to ensure enlightenment and democratic culture, as well as offering courses that focus both on educational and personal development as well as the general culture of the students. The Danish efterskole often represents a philosophy of offering such a variety of educational subjects, sports and activities that there is an opportunity for everyone to excel at something, and thus gain an experience and confidence to develop their talents to their own advantage and to the service of others. It is inherent in the culture of many efterskoles that they be a reflection of societal diversity and thus shall offer a variety of opportunities for personal, professional and cultural development.

History and Characteristics of "The Danish Efterskole"

The first efterskole was founded in 1851 by Christen Mikkelsen Kold, who gave inspiration to many Danish Folk High Schools and who was connected to the educational ideas of N.F.S. Grundtvig (1789-1872). Both Kold and Grundtvig wanted schools to provide enlightenment for life rather than formal vocational training.

Freedom of the Efterskole

Compared to public schools the efterskole has substantial freedom in terms of e.g. choice of subjects, teaching methods and educational approach. These vary in accordance with the school's political, religious or pedagogical orientation. Freedom of the efterskole is assured by substantial state subsidies to both schools and students.

Teacher-student relationship

One of the things that are unique about the efterskole is the teacher-student relationship. The teacher is responsible for both teaching and supervision outside of school hours. This means that teachers and students are together all day from the time they wake up until they go to bed. This often engenders a close, personal and non-formal relationship between students and teachers.

Subjects and exams

Most efterskoles offer the same subjects and final assessments as the public schools, but many focuses on special subjects like physical education, music or theatre, or teach an international or bilingual programme.

The Danish Free School System - "Prøve-fri 10. klasse" (Assessment-free 10th grade)

Ranum Efterskole College is an "Assessment-free 10th grade" according to Danish Rule of Law. Students will therefore not be required to take Danish 10th grade assessment in all Danish subjects - just Danish, English and Mathematics FS10 assessment. Students will instead finish all their IGCSEs with exams at the end of May and do assessments in every subject at the end of each term (trimester).

Danish 9th grade students will do Danish 9th grade assessments in May/June along with their IGCSE exam.

As every student at Ranum Efterskole College is a member of an efterskole, we must emphasise that students should be aware that special requirements may apply when applying for further studies in Danish Upper Secondary Education, fx STX, HTX, Gymnasiums and IB. For more information contact International Office at Ranum Efterskole College.

Number of schools and students

There are more than 280 efterskoles spread across Denmark, mostly in rural areas or near provincial towns. At present approximately 28.500 students attend the schools. Schools vary in size from 25 to 900 students, but most schools have

an average of approx. 80-100 students. The number of students has increased considerably within the last 25 years. Ranum Efterskole College is currently the largest general efterskole and third largest in total in the country.

For more information

Please use following link, which will lead you to an information brochure from the Danish Union of Efterskoles: http://www.ranumefterskole.dk/images/College/Dokumenter-GB/Folder_UK_web.ashx.pdf

Ethos & Mission

The Tree of Life

- is the logo of Ranum Efterskole College. The tree symbolises the diversity and the broadness of the school. The root and the trunk symbolises the diversity of the community, whilst the circle symbolises the global.

Students will experience moving out onto the thin branches, discover- and grab experiences and excitement to bring back to the community.

Enjoy your climb!

Global Learning and Beyond

- The slogan for Ranum Efterskole College captures our underlying philosophies of “Inclusive Community and Learning” and “Participatory Democracy” as well as our vision of offering something *more* than the conventional. It represents our unique combination of the Danish efterskole and the International Cambridge School, and it reflects our approach to global society. Moreover, and to some extent, more importantly, it is a guiding principle for how we conduct ourselves as a school - It shapes our behaviour, informs our decision-making, guides our policy-setting and maintains our focus.

Ethos

The purpose of Ranum Efterskole College is to operate a self-governing, independent international boarding school within the framework of existing rules on private boarding schools in Denmark. This obliges us to provide development for everyone through challenging activities in a safe setting, focusing on both the academic content and the personal well-being. Students are encouraged to maintain a balance between learning and a wide range of extra-curricular subjects and activities, with sporting and cultural achievements valued equally. It is a primary objective to ensure that students develop a healthy and quality-based lifestyle.

Nature-sports and Imagination

Ranum Efterskole has two thematic focuses that supports our approach to learning;

Nature-sports are a concatenation of nature experience and sport in nature, in the wild. Nature becomes the learning environment and sports the subject in which the student develops a set of general competencies and skills.

Imagination is a general expression for creativity through an imaginative learning. Imagination is an educational process that provides insight into life and puts the contemporaries in relief.

The idea behind these focuses is that sports and imagination are seen as a key interface between creativity, art, culture, sports and nature. The school regard this interaction as a training and development process, in which the students ultimately will dare to seek own boundaries and to express themselves as an individual in the community.

It requires knowledge, imagination, courage and tolerance to navigate in a complex and ever-changing world. The interaction between nature sports and imagination creates a vibrant and spirited learning environment that can help to provide the individual with the social and academic skills that are needed for success in a dynamic global society.

“Inclusive Community and Learning” and “Participatory Democracy”

We strive to create a framework in which students participate in decision-making, take responsibility for own personalised learning experience and personal development as well as interacting in our community. We believe that in order to prepare and empower our students to the complex and dynamic world, it is a necessity that they live, learn, challenge, experience and push themselves. It is our responsibility to provide the support and encouragement, to create the safe and trustworthy setting, and facilitate a vision of *being able*. Moreover, we wish to demonstrate to our students what it means to be *one* among *many*, what it means to be an individual with own needs and dreams in a larger community and what it means to contribute to society.

Our philosophies on “Inclusive Community and Learning” and “Participatory Democracy” are inherent features in school spirit and agenda. This is particularly evident in students’ opportunities for co-management of extra-curricular activities

as it is students' drive, creativity and imagination that determine subjects, themes, study travels and learning content. We have chosen this approach to inclusiveness, participation and democracy, because we ultimately believe the best way to *learn* is to *experience*!

This conversion of our philosophies into practical opportunities for co-management, underlines the uniqueness of Ranum Efterskole College – it is one of the most prominent features that distinguishes us from all other schools.

Motto: 'Non Videra Son Esse – Not to seem, but to Be'

We regard it our prime responsibility to ensure that our students become competent, confident and open-minded global citizens. We empower our students through our community to take charge of their personal and intellectual development, we encourage them to challenge their fears and facilitate their dreams, and we establish lifelong friendships and networks. We believe, that through inclusiveness and learning, that students after their stay here at Ranum Efterskole College, will dare to Be, rather than to Seem.

Practical info:

Who can attend?

Ranum Efterskole College is open to Danish and international students from the age of 14 to the age of 18. Danish students can enroll in IGCSE class after they have finished either 8th grade or 9th grade, international students can enroll in IGCSE class the year they turn 14.

Costs and Fees

School tuition in academic year 2020/21 is 2575DKK per week in 43 weeks (most school years are 42 weeks) - calculate costs and fees via our main [homepage](#). Additional fees related to study trips in our wide range of co- and extracurricular subjects and activities are to be expected. The amounts may vary from 0DKK-6,000DKK for travels within the European borders, whereas travels outside of Europe may vary from 6,500DKK-12,500DKK in self-payment. Parents are always included in decision-making, and we expect a dialog between students and parents about all choices made in relation to a stay here. Moreover, parents/students must expect additional costs related to books used in the international programme - approximately 1,500DKK. Certificates obtained by students in the subjects: Diving, Sailing and Hunting, are permanent official documents, and costs related to these must therefore also be expected. International students with no relations in Denmark must add the REC Full Host Package to their stay.

Ranum Full Host Package

Ranum Full Host Package is our package deal for international students, who do not have any ties to- or relations in Denmark. This package includes basically everything the student may need during a year away from his/her home country and be a comfort for parents to know that their child is well-cared for during their absence.

School tuition for the academic year 2020/21 at Ranum Efterskole College is 43 weeks x 2575 DKK = **110,725 DKK** and includes boarding, meals, tuition, school clothing + backpack. Long weekends and holidays not included.

The additional costs for international students for the full host package is **65,000 DKK** for the academic year and includes:

- International mentor.
- Visa: assistance in relation to the ST1 application process and payment of Case Order Id Fee (currently 2110 DKK) *.
- Health insurance: assistance in relation to applying for the Danish National Health Insurance.
- Costs and arrangements related to transfers and local transport: in relation to travels between the school and the home during the academic year.
- Bicycle: rental of personal bicycle and helmet for the whole academic year.
- International book package: students enrolled in the IGCSE or AS programmes must purchase our book package that covers syllabuses in all subjects. This book package has a total value of 1750 DKK.
- Exam fees and certificates: including for subjects such as Diving and Sailing.
- Bed linen and towels: changed every 2 weeks.

- 3 profile/culture travels: primarily in Europe and countries where travels do not exceed a total of 12,000 DKK per year for the 3 travels - granted that students may achieve Visa.
- 1 Autumn holiday package: may include Host family visit or excursion.
- 1 Christmas holiday package: may include Host family visit or excursion.
- Long weekend packages (Thursday-Sunday/Friday-Monday): may include Host family visit.

An academic year at Ranum Efterskole College including full boarding and the Host package is 175,725 DKK. Parents are responsible for flight ticket to- and from Denmark, Registration fee 2000 DKK and travel- and Liability insurance. The Danish National Health Insurance and the School's Business Insurance cover all enrolled students.

*Please note that Case Order Id Fee/Visa is not to be confused with 'Handling Fee' - a fee charged at the Danish Embassy when processing the ST1 application.

Contact the international office for more information: international@ranumefterskole.dk or via telephone +45 96 66 44 06. For general administration contact: info@ranumefterskole.dk or +45 96 66 44 00

Host Families and Holidays

The school will be closed during national holidays and a few long weekends. International students under the Full Host Package are guaranteed hosting by the school or be offered a Danish host family during their stay at Ranum Efterskole College. The host family will be a 'reserve' family for those students that may not be able to- or wish to make the journey home during a weekend or a holiday, but who still want a retreat from school to relax and/or experience Danish culture and traditions. For international students who have chosen not to add the Full Host Package, it will be a requirement that the family/parents have made arrangements on their own for a Danish Contact or Host family for closed long weekends and holidays.

Registration and Residency

Citizens of Non-EU/EEA and Non-Nordic Countries

Students who are citizens of other countries than the EU/EEA or Nordic countries need a residence permit to study in Denmark. Please note that citizens of other countries than EU/EEA or Nordic countries can only obtain a residence permit for 1 year according to Danish laws and regulations. For further information on the conditions for study and residence permit, please see: <https://nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Study/Basic-and-youth-study-programmes?anchor=canyouapply>

Applying for a Residence Permit

The application process for a residence permit usually takes a considerable length of time (2-3months) - **and you should therefore start the application process immediately upon receipt of the letter of the admission!** Contact the international office in order to initiate the application process via international@ranumefterskole.dk. We will send you necessary documents and important links. You can see the application form (ST1) and find more information about the process here: <https://nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Study/Basic-and-youth-study-programmes?anchor=howtoapply>

Contact the Danish Consulate or Embassy in your country, or affiliated with your country, for more information on how to apply for the residence permit.

As a general rule you should apply for and receive your residence permit before entering Denmark. Citizens from countries where a visa is required to enter Denmark, cannot enter without a visa or residence permit - and it is not possible to apply after entering Denmark.

Citizens from specific countries are allowed to enter Denmark without a visa for short term stays (visa exemption). Citizens from those specific countries can enter Denmark under this visa free status and apply for residence permit after entering. However, applying after arrival often delay registration processes with Danish authorities - thus, it is preferable to apply prior to arrival if possible.

Find out more from the Danish Immigration Service website "New to Denmark": www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/

Good to know

- **Application fee:** A processing fee must normally be paid when a foreign national applies for a residence permit. For current fee and more information: <https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply>

- **Biometrics:** As of May 20th, 2012, residence permits must contain biometric data on the residence permit holder. The data consists of fingerprints, photo and signature. For more information, contact Danish Consulate or Embassy in your country.
- When registering with Ranum Efterskole College it is advisable to send a **copy of your passport**, so as to inform us that a process of applying for a residence permit will commence subsequently.

*Depending on their residency status. Please see information above.

Citizens of EU/EEA and Nordic Countries

EU/EEA citizens and Swiss citizens can live, work and study in DK under the EU regulations on freedom of movement. Consequently, they do not need visitor's visa, residence or work permit. However, they are required to obtain an EU residence document (registration certificate) from the Danish Agency for Immigration and Recruitment if they intend to reside in Denmark for more than 3 months, and also register with the local municipality they take residence in. More information on registration in Denmark can be found here: <https://nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Residence-as-a-Nordic-citizen-or-EU-or-EEA-citizen>

Please note that minors have to apply for EU residence document as 'a person with sufficient funds' and not as a student. Contact the international office via international@ranumefterskole.dk, when initiating the application process in order to receive supporting documents from the school. Processing time is approximately one week.

It is required that all international students have obtained proof of legal residence (visa or EU residence document), prior to their arrival at Ranum Efterskole College. The school will assist with registering international students with the local municipality after the intro period - after which they will receive the Danish yellow health insurance card.

International Meetings

All international students are invited to an international meeting min. every 2-3 weeks. These meetings are informal and mainly of a social nature - an opportunity for international students to share experiences, form a network and discuss any issues or questions related to being an international student in Denmark and at Ranum Efterskole College. The international meetings are organised by the international department.

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