

Press Release

Schule Schloss Salem: Henrik Fass becomes new pedagogical director

Henrik Fass, current principal of the school Birklehof e.V., will take over the pedagogical management of Schule Schloss Salem from the beginning of March 2023.

Salem, 20.10.2022. After an intensive selection process, coordinated by a well known personnel consultancy, the board of the association Schule Schloss Salem e.V. has succeeded in finding a successor for the position of the chairman of the senior management team, responsible for pedagogical leadership of the school.

Visionary with extensive boarding school experience

Henrik Fass is an educational visionary with proven knowledge of Kurt Hahn's philosophy. He has successfully managed the former Salem sister school Birklehof for a decade. Nationally and internationally networked in the boarding school world, he has implemented important reform projects in recent years, for example in the areas of boarding school education, music and MINT.

Henrik Fass will lead Schule Schloss Salem as the new managing director from the beginning of March 2023 together with Brigitte Mergenthaler-Walter and Thomas Obitz.

Brigitte Mergenthaler-Walter, executive director of studies and senior principal, will retire at the end of the 2022/2023 school year after more than 38 years of educational service.

A life for school and boarding school

Henrik Fass, born in Frankfurt/Main in 1975, studied history and Protestant religious education in Cologne and Bonn. In 2011, he completed a part-time master's degree in religious education and youth work (education management) in Freiburg i. Breisgau. Early on, he became acquainted with different types of schools and alternative school concepts and, after working for seven years at the Pädagogium Godesberg, focused on boarding school pedagogy and school development. After several years as a teacher in the public school service, he moved to the school Birklehof e.V. as a mentor and teacher. In 2012, he was appointed principal. For a decade, he further developed the well-known boarding school, advocated for quality standards with other schools in "Die Internate Vereinigung e.V.", co-founded the talent initiative plus-MINT and lectured in teacher training at the Protestant University in Freiburg.

Henrik Fass is looking forward to the new task. It is close to his heart to accompany young people on their journey through life and to educate them to take responsibility for themselves and others. "Together with the supervisory board, the staff and the students, it is a very exciting task to be able to develop Salem further. I am particularly pleased about the trust that has been placed in me," says Henrik Fass. "Especially in these turbulent times, I am enthusiastic about Salem as a place to live and learn, where the assumption of responsibility is also central in the sense of building democracy." The board of the sponsoring association of Schule Schloss Salem elected Henrik Fass as the new head of the school to take up his duties in March 2023.

Schule Schloss Salem

gemeinnützige Betriebsgesellschaft mbH
Schlossbezirk 1 · 88682 Salem
Amtsgericht Freiburg · HRB 704110

Geschäftsführung

Brigitte Mergenthaler-Walter
Thomas Obitz

Aufsichtsrat

Till Schreiter (Vorsitzender)
Dr. Constantin Beier · Nicola Dietzsch-Doertenbach
Axel Feldmann

Bankverbindung

Sparkasse Salem-Heiligenberg
IBAN DE39 6905 1725 0002 0019 07
BIC SOLADES1SAL

Henrik Fass will work with his family in the Salem school community. He has two children and is married to Dagmar Fass (née Dietel), former long-time employee of Schule Schloss Salem, who will return with him.



Picture credits: © Fotodesign Hanspeter Trefzer

Press contact:

Till Schreiter

Chairman of the board of the association Schule Schloss Salem e.V. and
Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Schule Schloss Salem gGmbH

till.schreiter@schule-schloss-salem.de

Brigitte Mergenthaler-Walter

Managing Director and Director of Studies of
Schule Schloss Salem gGmbH

brigitte.mergenthaler@schule-schloss-salem.de

Thomas Obitz

Managing director and business manager of
Schule Schloss Salem gGmbH

thomas.obitz@schule-schloss-salem.de

Schule Schloss Salem

Schule Schloss Salem is a German boarding high school on the shores of Lake Constance with a multinational orientation, leading around 600 students from over 40 nations to one of two possible degrees: either the German Abitur or the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Schule Schloss Salem draws on Europe's rich Christian humanist educational tradition and, in the spirit of its founder Kurt Hahn, aims to educate individuals who are willing and able to take responsibility for themselves and others.

Schule Schloss Salem

gemeinnützige Betriebsgesellschaft mbH
Schlossbezirk 1 · 88682 Salem
Amtsgericht Freiburg · HRB 704110

Geschäftsführung

Brigitte Mergenthaler-Walter
Thomas Obitz

Aufsichtsrat

Till Schreiter (Vorsitzender)
Dr. Constantin Beier · Nicola Dietzsch-Doertenbach
Axel Feldmann

Bankverbindung

Sparkasse Salem-Heiligenberg
IBAN DE39 6905 1725 0002 0019 07
BIC SOLADES1SAL