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## "SCHOOL WITH A DIFFERENCE"

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### NARRATION SCRIPT

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PAN BUILDINGS OF  
SCHOOL

In a city often described as a melting pot,  
the education of children from the New York  
area and the international community, has  
found a special home.

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INTERIOR, INSTRUMENT  
CLASS

When you step into a classroom at the  
United Nations International School, you're  
entering the world-in-miniature: a mix of  
cultures and languages, races and religions.

(VOICE OVER)

028

JUNIOR 1 CLASS  
ATTENDANCE

"Time to take attendance. Bruce Robina -  
here."

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NARRATOR

The children come from more than 100 countries. Their teachers represent close to 50 Nations.

(VOICE OVER)

"Inge Marie - here. Anna Neighr - here. Joanna Kleine - here. Bettina Lerner - here.."

NARRATOR

040 FRENCH CLASS

French is just one of the languages taught at the International School, with classes open to even the youngest students. Since the school is located in New York, English is the language of instruction for all other subjects.

056 TEACHER WITH CHILDREN

(On Camera)

"Put your teeth like this - gloves. Shall we all say that together - gloves ..."

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE CLASS

NARRATOR

Not everyone comes to the International School with a working knowledge of English. Special classes are designed to help newcomers feel at home in their adopted language.

(On Camera)

"No, it doesn't mean to go skiing .. who knows what it means to glide? Have you seen people doing hand gliding?"

NARRATOR

073 CU CHINESE GIRL, PULL  
OUT TO REVEAL "HISTORY  
OF THE AMERICAS" CLASS

With an international student , it's not surprising that United Nations studies are part of the curriculum. And with so many cultures in the same classroom, pupils are able to add their special perspective to the discussions.

CLASSROOM

Many of these older students take part in the demanding International Baccalaureate Programme. Successful completion of this diploma course satisfies University entry requirements in many of these students' home countries.

096 TEACHER WITH  
SCIENCE CLASS (Middle  
School)

(On Camera)

"This is a piece of Litmus paper ..."

(VOICE OVER)

"You have to gear a lesson so that all the ideas can be understood in every language. I never leave a word undefined. I break everything down to the simplest term. Even a piece of equipment - the name gets repeated very, very often.

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(VOICE OVER)(Science teacher)

"Alright lets test your saliva - but lets also test the drinking water - you only need a little teeny bit ..."

(FIRST VOICE OVER)

Kids in this school get a very individualized approach, and are very carefully tended to, whatever their individual needs are. Because everybody who comes here is different in some way."

NARRATOR

126 ZOOM FROM HDQS  
TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

A sense of community - an international spirit. That's why so many parents choose to send these children to the International School. To be a part of such a group gives students a sense of belonging, something especially important if you happen to live thousands of miles from your own country and culture.

140 VARIOUS INTERIORS,  
SHOWING FACILITIES

Up-to-date facilities and the latest equipment back up the learning process at the International School. This is true for both traditional subjects and less academic areas

such as woodworking, music, theatre and arts and crafts. Girls and boys participate in all activities here, helping to instill a sense of equality.

165 CHILDREN WITH BOOKS

The International School was founded in 1949. There are also international schools in Geneva and Vienna.

Two New York campuses house more than 1400 students, from 12th grade down to kindergarten.

CHILD READING

"The moon is up -- now the owl is awake -  
In the pinetree ..."

180 STUDENT INTERVIEWS

(On Camera) (Girl)

"Well I like the International School because you meet with a lot of kids from different countries and you learn a lot. They have another mentality, other customs, another way of thinking."

187 BOY STUDENT

(On Camera)

"It's an organized school, and it knows what it wants to do, and it has great facilities as you can see. And I'd say it's the best school I've been to."

(Voice Over) (Interviewer)

"Most of your friends are from ...?"

GIRL STUDENT

(On Camera)

"America, Africa, Sweden, everywhere ...."

NARRATOR

197 SINGING IN CLASS Beyond the fellowship, the facilities, the varied teaching programmes, lies the hope for something that will remain long after these school days have ended.

208 INTERVIEW - LITTLE GIRL (VOICE OVER - INTERVIEWER)

"What do you like best about school?"

(On Camera)

GIRL "Music"

(VOICE OVER - INTERVIEWER)

"Music - do you like to sing?"

(On Camera)

GIRL "I like to play the instruments and sing."

NARRATOR

In a sea of different cultures, the lessons of international understanding might just endure, becoming more than simply a pleasant memory.

239 INTERVIEW - GIRL (On Camera)

"People can't be prejudiced here because there's people from all over the world and you can't say he's from somewhere else, you can't treat him differently - we're all alike here."

246 LAST FRAME