

# Pre-conference event – visit at Baunehøj Efterskole

## Programme and how to get there

We leave from Copenhagen by bus at 08:30 from Israles Plads (see map). Look for a blue bus with the name 'Brønnums' written at the side. I will keep an eye for you so we do not depart without any of you.

We will be back in Copenhagen around 14:30 – the conference registration opens at 16:00

My phone number is +45 6118 1729

[Here is a short presentation of Baunehøj Efterskole and an approximate program:](#)

Like all Danish "efterskoler", Baunehøj Efterskole has its own individual profile determined partly by the specific subjects that we teach, the emphasis we lay on different activities, partly by the spirit of the place notably of the teachers, and partly by our location and the kind of students that we attract.

Common to all schools of our kind is the focus on moral, existential, cultural and social education - focus on health - mental as well as physical, the resilience of the individual and the importance of communality, friendship and solidarity. The practice of deep relations with peers - the development of friendships through a year of differentiated challenges, is perhaps our most important function - or at least the most important in the minds of our students. Through the expected and unexpected, planned and unplanned challenges the students mature and grow individually as well as a group. Our aim is to make students and parents aware of the almost endless resources of the creative minds and free spirits of our students.

We ourselves also believe that we contribute to the creation of a innovative, solid and dynamic youth that can take part in society on all levels in a constructive and democratic manner.

Our specific school is characterized by an emphasis on the principle of "farm to table", that means we produce some vegetables in our own garden - and the students cook all of their food themselves and are taught daily in cooking and basic housecare.

They are also taught common subjects like choir, "co-citizenship" (social science with an emphasis on possibilities for taking action and taking part in society on different levels), story telling, sports and singing. Of theoretical subjects we focus on danish litterature, languages (english, german, french and spanish) and mathematics. Individually they choose between 7 theme subjects, that are cooking, carpenting, design, music, creative writing, horses and out door living.

You are welcome of course to expand your impression by browsing our home page [www.baunehoej.dk](http://www.baunehoej.dk) and also to send more specific questions by email.

We have 101 students at the moment. That is also our full capacity.

The staff consists of 13 teachers, principal and vice principal (both of whom also teach), a practical caretaker (janitor) and an administration/business manager

The school was established as an efterskole in 1973. Before that it was a house keeping school since 1924 - it was at layer of a christian school for young women established in Copenhagen in 1914. The school became independent of this union called "Mariaforbundet" - ie "Maria Union" in 1997.

I have been the school's principal since 2011

Approximate program

09.45 Coffe with teachers

10.15 Browsing campus and attending classes with students

11.15 Meeting with a couple of students and principal - time for questions and individual enquiries

12.30 Lunch with students

13.15 Goodbye

Looking forward to seing you!

Best wishes,

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