



PRISM

IB Diploma Programme

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents,

I wish you and your family an excellent vacation season. Our students are now at home, relaxing with you, and this gives you a unique 'bonding' opportunity to get to know your young adolescent or teenage children better.

We were delighted to have an Academic Excellence Awards ceremony towards the end of the academic season and congratulate every family for the achievements of their children. Your support at home is as important as any academic input that the school will give, to make your child a winner. Winning, they say, is a team effort!

We had some eminent doctors for the "Talking Titans" at school, as part of professional development for the staff.

Dr. Divya Devulapally, MPsych, and a member of the Royal College of Psychiatry gave some significant points on Time Management which I share with you and your family:

- KNOW YOUR LIFE GOALS
- RANK YOUR PRIORITIES
- PLAN AND WRITE IT DOWN
- DELEGATE TASKS
- DON'T PROCRASTINATE
- LEAVE SLACK IN YOUR TIMETABLE
- LEARN TO SAY NO
- ONE THING AT A TIME
- IDENTIFY YOUR PRIME TIME
- OVERCOME PERFECTIONISM
- PLAN YOUR BREAKS.

As far as Handling Criticism, at home or in the workplace, here are a few valuable suggestions from her:

- Control your reaction
- Don't take it personally
- Process the criticism avoiding defensiveness and excuses
- Articulate what you plan to do differently
- Give yourself grace- there is always something to learn from the experience
- Show appreciation for the feedback
- Apologise conservatively
- Don't dwell on the criticism.

Sudeshna
Head of Middle & High School

Chatterjee



How about giving criticism constructively:

- Choose the right time and place
- Stay calm and speak slowly
- Focus on specific behaviour; avoid sweeping generalisations
- Avoid bringing up items from the past
- Acknowledge the positive first: Sandwich the corrective statement

Do not use labels, stereotypes and insults. Holidays are opportunities for the family to travel together to absorb the wonders of the world, read and watch movies that will always be archived as 'The best family books and movies ever' and just conversing with your children to get to know their thoughts, aspirations, fears, doubts and dreams.

Share your thoughts, opinions, wins and losses in life, your dreams and dares....reveal that Trust is the glue to your relationship with your child.

We will be gearing up for a fresh new experience for our students from June 2023.

Till then, au revoir!

From the School Counsellor...

Perseverance, The Key to Success

Perseverance means to attempt again and again to do anything with a view to gain success. As students it is a necessary trait that is possessed by all successful students. None can achieve success without perseverance. Success in anything needs unconditional determination and effort with concentration. As the students receive feedback of their Term exams, they understand their progress through the assessments and the feedback from the teachers helps them to analyze their performance and plan for better performance. Parents hereby play a vital figure in student's lives to guide and help them understand their consistent effort and determination.



Nelson Mandela rightly quoted "It always seems impossible until it is done." Which means that students may perform poorly in one or two subjects or perhaps not below average, not up to their expectations but the zeal to keep focus and keep working harder should not diminish. We need to constantly counsel our children as parents and teachers and help them provide constant emotional support. Students, especially teenagers need constant motivation from their parents and teachers to be focused on their goals. As teachers we at The Gaudium help the students to recognize their potential, understand the value of hard work, provide problem solving skills and allow them to take responsibility for their academic progress. This helps the students to meet their academic submissions on time, helps them prepare well for their exams, and makes them more resilient to face any adversities in life. It is the dint of perseverance that makes a student more successful in life because they choose not to give up till, they reach their goal.

So, try, try and try, until you reach your goal !!!

Sukanya

School counselor and IBDP Psychology facilitator.

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Holistic Excellence – Session on Citations



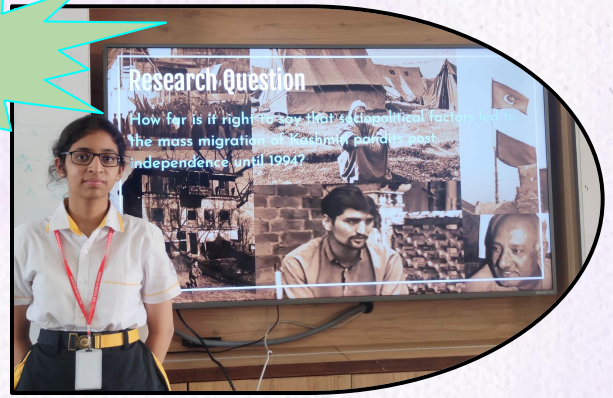
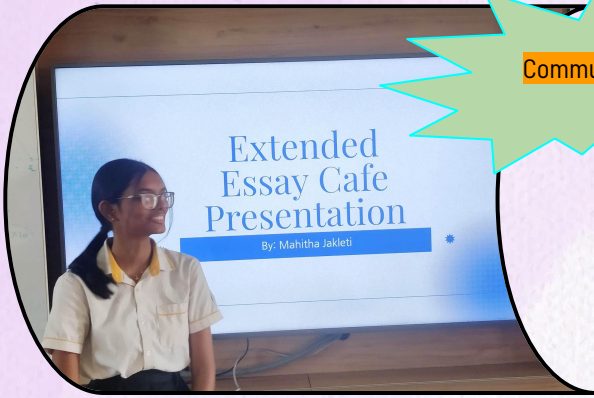
The MLA (**Modern Language Association**) is most commonly used to cite sources within the language, arts and other humanities disciplines. A standard MLA Works Cited entry is structured as follows:

Author. "Title of the Source." Title of the Container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location.

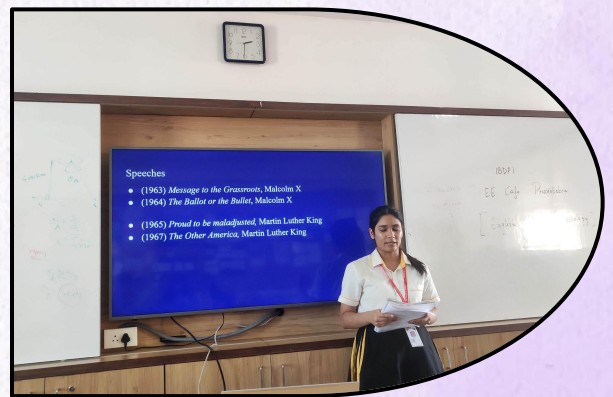
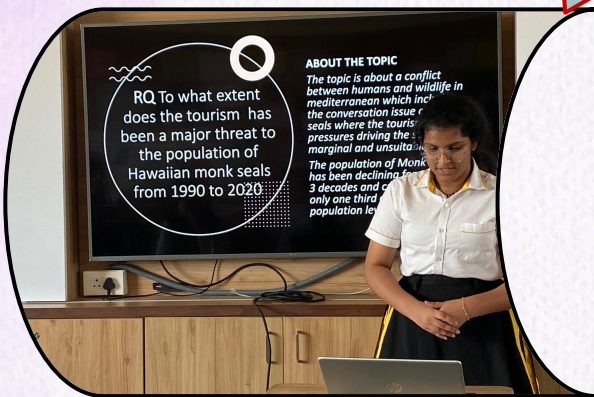
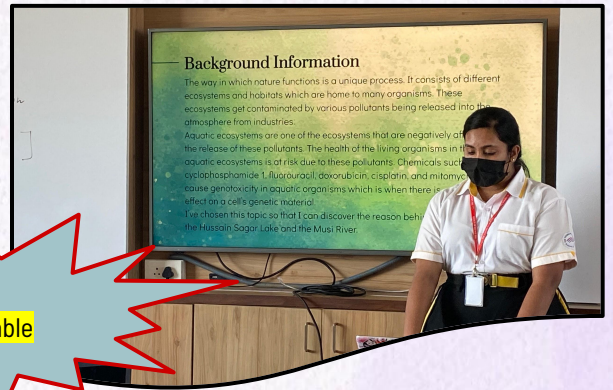
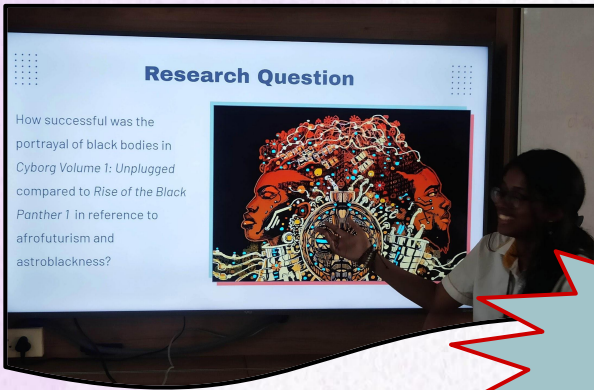
IBDP students need to know this thoroughly so that they can structure their academic submissions properly along the expectations of IB and the academic circuit. In order to re-emphasise this and teach them the MLA structure, the Librarian for middle & high school, Mr Yatheesh Babu conducted a session on proper and exact citations. It was a 90 minutes' session where the EE Coordinator and TOK Coordinator also joined and let the students know how the citations may differ, though slightly, in each subject.

Holistic Excellence - Extended Essay Cafe Presentation

Communicators



Knowledgeable



Students of IBDP 1 completed their Extended Essay Cafe presentation on 10th April 2023. Presentation was done after the EE orientation and subject selection by students. During their presentations, students presented their Extended Essay area of topic, research question and methodology in their groups allotted in front of related subject teachers. Detailed discussion was done in front of the teachers and students. The whole idea of doing the cafe presentation was to understand the personal engagement of students in selecting the topic and research methodology and then discuss their exploration ideas. Teachers shared their ideas on student presentations and suggested possible changes required for RQ and exploration.

Holistic Excellence-EE Cafe presentation



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Extended Essay develops research, thinking, self management and communication skills

Stakeholder Connect - Telangana Govt awards us 'The Green School' award



We are absolutely delighted to announce The Gaudium School has emerged victorious in the Schools category at the prestigious 7th Garden Festival 2023. Hosted by the esteemed Government of Telangana Horticulture Department, this coveted award serves as a resounding testament to our unrelenting dedication towards promoting a sustainable and eco-friendly environment.

At The Gaudium, we hold the firm belief that environmental awareness and a profound love for nature should be instilled in our students from a young age. This conviction is wholeheartedly shared by our Founder & Director, Ms. Kirthi Reddy, who is a passionate advocate for fostering green practices and promoting sustainability.

In line with this vision, we have undertaken several initiatives, including the planting of trees, the maintenance of a lush green campus, and the inculcation of eco-friendly habits among our students and faculty members. Our unwavering commitment to creating a sustainable environment has undoubtedly contributed to our resounding success at the 7th Garden Festival.

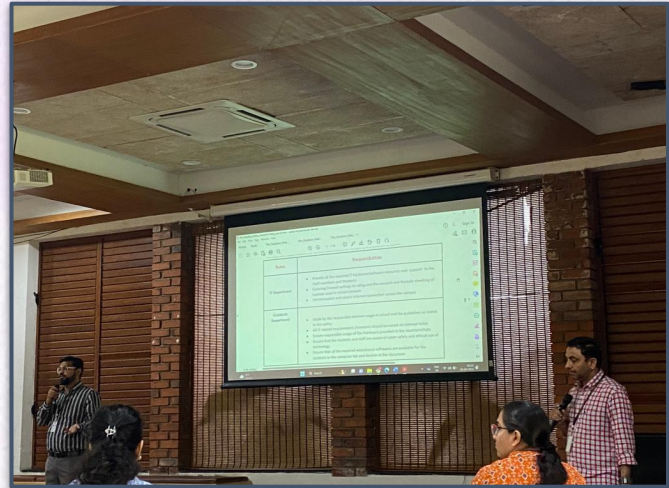
Stakeholder Connect – Three Way Conference



Together we nurture the dream of holistic development for all our students, and parent-teacher interactions play a crucial role in the achievement of this goal. The interactions and discussions among the parents, students, teachers, coordinators and the Principal strengthen the bond among all the stakeholders, leading to an atmosphere where we acknowledge the child's aptitude and achievements.

With that end in mind, the Three-way conference was designed on the 0th of April to understand the child's progress assessed on the basis of the IB DP term II and Mock II exams results.

Stakeholder Connect - Annual Policies Review



During the final week before the teachers' vacation, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and Pedagogical Leadership Team (PLT) conducted an annual review of School policies. The purpose of this review is to enhance the policies and ultimately improve the quality of student life in terms of happiness, knowledge acquisition, and safety. From the 24th to the 28th of April, teachers from the Middle and High school levels participated in informative sessions and shared their valuable insights to enrich the policies.

Stakeholder Engagement - Session on Orthopaedic Health



Due to the nature of a teacher's job where the teacher has to sit and stand for hours we have seen many teachers suffering from spinal or lumbar related or any other orthopaedic ailments which again impedes their daily activities as a teacher. Keeping this in mind, the management of the school invited **Dr Rammohan Reddy, MBBS, MS - Orthopaedics, FRCS - General Surgery, an imminent orthopaedic surgeon**. Dr Reddy met all the teachers of middle & high school and informed them about the most basic habits that teachers should try to inculcate so that they can avoid the ailments. Mr RK Reddy, the CEO was instrumental in inviting the learned doctor. It was an extremely informative, and foremost, important session and teachers asked quite a few questions and the learned Dr Reddy obliged gracefully.

Stakeholder Connect - Session on Renal Health



The life of a teacher is hectic, and there is no denying that. It is also one of the most demanding professions in the world. So, naturally, it is extremely important that a teacher who knows the values of caution and precaution quite literally, must ensure that the necessary health issues are addressed without fail. And in line with other sessions, the management of The Gaudium School had organised a session by **Dr Mallikarjuna Reddy, an imminent Urologist, avid researcher and a robotic surgeon** who came and informed us about our renal health. He busted quite a few myths regarding renal diseases. He also showed us how he conducts the robotic surgeries and also invited our students to come to his hospital for live demonstrations. All in all, it was an eye opening session full of revelations.

Stakeholder Connect - The Mentor-Mentee Programme



The IBDP segment of The Gaudium has taken the initiative to start the well-structured and defined Mentor-Mentee programme. The school believes that the Mentor Mentee Program is an essential component as it bridges the gap between the faculties and students. Mentoring provides students emotional and instrumental support, guidance, encouragement and a better environment in school. This will give an opportunity to the mentees to approach his / her mentor for both educational and personal guidance. The students were oriented about the purpose and benefits of the mentor-mentee programme by Ms. Meena Malik on 6th April.

Stakeholder Connect - Career Counselling



Career counselling is an essential factor for identifying real potential and guiding students onto the right career path. Profile building is one of the most important factors in college applications. To help the students in this process, a career session has been organised with the alumni of MIT and Columbia University on the topic of "How to Create a Profile to Stand Out in Top Global Universities". Mr. David explained to the students what matters to make their profiles stand out, and he also shared case studies of students with excellent profiles who were enrolled in prestigious international universities and went over the key areas on which they should concentrate in order to build their profiles..

Stakeholder Connect - CAS Initiatives: Empathising with our Pillars of Support



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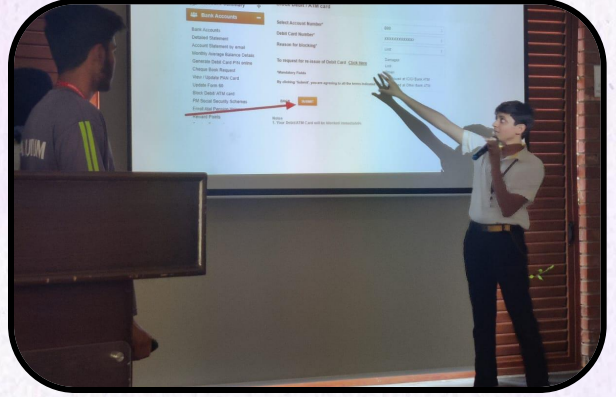


IBDP year 1 students recently planned and executed a donation drive for the underprivileged, as part of their CAS and in line with the core value of Empathy. The entire initiative took 10-12 days during which they meticulously campaigned for the cause and after receiving an amazing response from all the stakeholders and dedicating time and effort in sorting the donations in organized packages ensuring each contained clothes for men, women and children, the culminating event occurred on 19th April, 2023 when the students donated the packages to the support staff of the school. We appreciate and applaud the efforts made by the students to reach out and help the underprivileged and for practising the values taught to them throughout the years.

Debanita
CAIE/IBDP Biology Facilitator & CAS Advisor

Roy

Stakeholder Connect - CAS Initiatives: Digitising the Drivers



IBDP year 1 students planned an interactive session with the school bus drivers to empower them with Digital Literacy. The students executed an enlightening session where they taught the drivers to access and use Google map in offline mode to enable better navigation. They were also given hands-on exposure in using digital media for learning and daily necessities. It was a successful initiative that showcases how much the students respect the support staff and the generosity in their hearts to impart learning and empowerment.

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Stakeholder Connect – THE TEENAGE BRAIN: ADHD session by Dr.Divya



On the 24th of April, the day after the students had gone for vacation and the teachers' collaboration time started, we thought that a session on everyday teenager concerns is a tremendous necessity. So, we contacted Dr Divya Devulapally, MPsych, and a member of the Royal College of Psychiatry who came and obliged us with an extremely informative and entertaining session on the different dimensions and manifestations of ADHD. Rare insights were shared and the teachers' knowledge and understanding of the teenage mind were greatly enhanced by the session. Such a session is extremely beneficial for the community of teachers as they become more equipped to handle young minds in this ever changing world.

Empathize to build strong Connections...

Stakeholder Connect- Session on Work Life Balance



The life of a teacher is often compared with the life of a ten-limbed goddess. The vastness of the responsibilities of a teacher cannot be fathomed and hence, it is also important that the community of teachers are able to strike a fine balance between their work and their life. So to address the teachers on this invaluable balance, **Dr Divya Devulapally, MPsy and a member of the Royal Society of Psychiatry** conducted a session on 27th April where through real life examples she drove home some lifelong lessons that we must acquire to ensure our personal life and work space are balanced.

Stakeholder Connect – Graduation Day



In the life of every teacher, this day keeps coming every year, whereas for a student it is only once in a lifetime event. And, on the 15th of April, the same happened again as the IBDP cohort of 2023 celebrated their graduation day. The procession of the students wearing traditional blue gown and cap made all of us proud and happy. On the other hand, with the speeches of the valedictorian and salutatorian, especially with the maturity and intellect that oozed from those speeches, was evidential of the learnings that they have gathered in the school. Amongst proud parents and teachers, their beaming faces are going to remain in all our minds for quite some time.

Global Leadership - Academic excellence



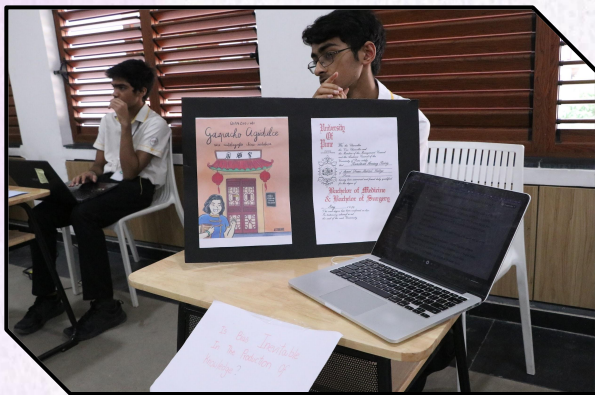
On the 19th of April, the whole of Middle & High School gathered in the skating rink to celebrate the academic champions of the just concluded academic year of 2022-23. The students of IBDP were awarded based on their academic performance, subject wise and overall. The principal, the coordinators and the heads of different department presented the certificates and were all laughs to see their students' happy and radiant faces.

Global Leadership - TOK Exhibition



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Reflecting critically on diverse ways of knowing and on areas of knowledge

Global Leadership - TOK Exhibition



Inquiring into the process of knowing

For the cohort of 2024, the journey of how we know what we know had started on a rainy day in July last year. That day when I showed them the Nazca lines and told them that someone thought that those were made by alien spaceships and, moreover, that aliens actually are our gods - little did I know that after around 10 months when the students of Year 1 present their TOK Objects during the TOK Exhibition they will bring up more alien ideas and more outlandish manifestations of TOK around them. On the 20th of April, amidst the gracious presence of our Founder-Director, Ms Kirthi Reddy and the Principal of the Middle and High School, Ms Sudeshna Chatterjee the students started exhibiting their understanding of the way TOK engulfs our existence. Parents, teachers and other students thronged to see their objects linked with knowledge questions that explored ideas like bias, culture, values and foremost the creation and dissemination of knowledge. Overall, it was a successful event, especially, like the ones that please the teacher after teaching a batch of students.

Kudos, my dear students!

Prithvi Sinha
TOK Coordinator & HOD English



Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event	Grade
12th June	Monday	Reopening for students	IBDP
12th June	Monday	Holiday homework and homework related to EE & IA submissions	IBDP

Links

Our website:

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