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IB Diploma Programme

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents,

It was a great beginning of the academic session in June 2023, with our students returning in their spotless new uniforms, new books and bags and primarily, their joyful smiles. A new academic block was launched which we call 'B Block' and we are mighty happy with all the new classrooms and soon to be set up staff rooms, additional IT labs and Science labs. At every level, academic work has begun in earnest. Our students of the Senior Classes are having weekly evaluations, soon to be followed by Unit Tests for others.

Along with the induction to new curriculum and approaches for the students, we have been conducting diagnostic assessments to get to understand our learners better. These will be followed up by parent meetings, so that you and the teachers work as a team to support our students. Inter House events are coming up and we expect all our students to be willing to audition and if chosen/ selected, participate wholeheartedly in the events. Educational excursions take learning out of the textbooks and classrooms, into the open world. We have therefore arranged for these outings to various interesting organisations such as the NIRD (Aspects of rural development and self efficacy), ICRISAT (UN International Year of Millets 2023), Akshaya Patra (The joy of Seva), the Zoological Park (Ex Situ Conservation of Fauna) etc to give different perspectives to their learning. The Student Council elections are a highlight of the school year. Our student leaders, elected representatives in a democratic system of E Voting will lead the students in various positions of authority, honing their skills of Global leadership. Preparations are going on for the student elections process. A number of senior students have been endowed with the responsibility of being Bus Prefects and looking after the wellbeing of the students of their respective vehicles. We admire the solemnity with which the bus prefects have taken up their role. Teachers have completed close to 100 hours of professional development with face to face sessions in school, the induction programme and online training for academic subjects.

We are joyfully on our way to unravelling one more grand year at school! We look forward to your gracious company and partnering with us on this journey ahead.

.Sudeshna Chatterjee

Head of Middle and High School



From the DPC's desk...

Dear Parents,

Welcome to The Gaudium for the academic year 2023-24! As the Programme Coordinator, I extend a warm welcome to all of you as we embark on a journey of learning and growth together. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us to nurture your child's potential. At The Gaudium, we believe in fostering holistic development through our Five pillars. We acknowledge your children's commitment to their academic pursuits. I want to highlight the Extended Essay projects and Macbeth production, in which your children are currently engaged are going on with full swing. These activities align perfectly with our educational goals and offer opportunities for your children to explore their creativity, develop critical thinking skills, and express themselves.

We also recognize the recent Induction program completed by our IBDP 1 students, which familiarized them with the IBDP programme. With experienced facilitators guiding them, they now have a strong foundation for their IBDP journey. Throughout the year, we will offer a variety of curricular and co-curricular activities to broaden their horizons, explore their interests, and foster leadership qualities and a sense of community. Your involvement and support are crucial to your child's educational journey. We encourage you to actively engage with us for a strong partnership. Parents and the School contribute to their overall success and well-being.



We are excited to work together with you to create a nurturing and enriching educational experience. Our dedicated faculty and staff are here to guide and support your child, ensuring their growth, resilience, and academic achievement. Welcome to The Gaudium! We look forward to an incredible year ahead, filled with shared accomplishments and transformative learning experiences.

Varsha Dillikar

IBDP Coordinator

Scaffolding Academic rigor as a “Life Skill”

Academic achievement and getting good grades in school can help the student develop important life skills, such as time management and organization. These skills will be useful later in life, both in their personal lives and in careers. Scaffolding Strategies Students can use to help make learning effective: Show and tell: Use a lot of visual aid while learning. it not only makes learning easy but also enhances memory. Tap into prior knowledge: Students you can share their experiences, and ideas about the content or concept of study and relate and connect it to their lives. Give yourself time to talk! think-pair-share, turn-and-talk, triad teams. Pause, ask questions, pause, review! Always connect your lesson with understanding the concept, ask questions and review what is taught. This surely enhances creative thinking. Wishing you all the very best dear students, always be joyful, proactive, attentive, and responsible in all that you do.



Leonie Marshall

HOD Inclusion and Learning Diversity Team.



Our Proud Achievement...A Visionary with a Mission

NURTURING CHILDREN IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS CURIOSITY, JOY AND HOLISTIC LEARNING

Even as she pursued her studies at Rutgers University in New Jersey, USA, Kirthi Reddy was constantly reminded of the invaluable exposure and experience she gained. The environment, structure, processes, and approach to learning deeply impacted her. What particularly fascinated her was the seamless convergence of various disciplines, encompassing diverse aspects of life, which not only motivated individuals to evaluate their strengths and capabilities but also explore their passions.

As a member of Hyderabad-based Promoter Group, Aurobindo Pharma, Kirthi Reddy knew that she could make a difference. She swiftly realised that the prevailing education system heavily favored rote learning, emphasising memory rather than instilling the joy and satisfaction of genuine learning. This realisation led to the establishment of The Gaudium, a place where learning extends beyond traditional subjects, to include sports, arts and theater, thereby creating a comprehensive educational experience.

Initially established as an experimental venture in one of Hyderabad's emerging hubs, The Gaudium eventually flourished into a full-fledged school set on a sprawling 27-acre campus. Kirthi Reddy firmly believes that expansive space is es-

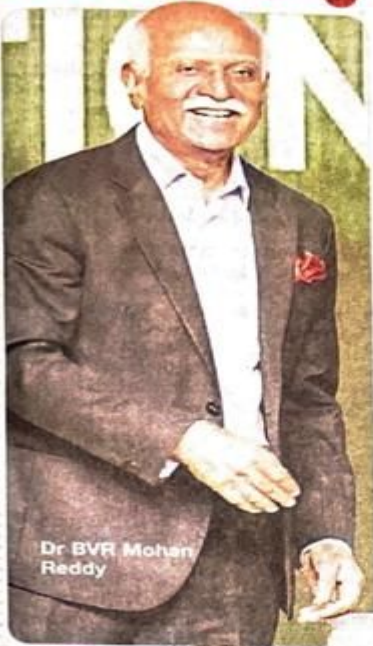


K Kirthi Reddy-Founder & Director The Gaudium School

sential for children to explore and connect with nature, providing them with an environment conducive to enriched learning. The grand campus offers numerous opportunities for children to pursue their academic, artistic, athletic and theatrical interests.

Kirthi Reddy's vision for The Gaudium is to offer a transformative educational experience that empowers children to discover their true potential, find joy in learning, and become well-rounded individuals in a rapidly evolving world.

ET Education Leadership Summit 2023: Celebrating visionaries in education



Dr BVR Mohan Reddy



Christopher Short



Rishab Mehta

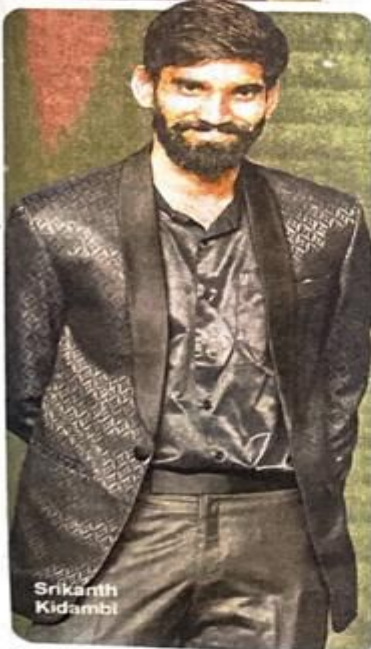


Amala Akkineni

The field of education encompasses a multitude of passionate educators dedicated to realising the aspirations of countless students and parents. Amidst this vibrant landscape, certain exceptional individuals shine bright with their visionary contributions and achievements. In a bid to acknowledge their contributions, Optimal Media Solutions, a division of the Times Group Company, took the initiative to launch the inaugural ET Education Leadership Summit 2023.

Presented by fee payment platform GrayQuest, the event that took place on Friday, turned out to be a glittering affair that honoured outstanding educators and institutions' contributions which played a pivotal role in transforming Hyderabad into a thriving education hub. The event featured two engaging panel discussions: 'Navigating Education Leadership in the Digital Age: Strategies for Success,' and 'Promoting Student-Centered Learning: The Shift in Education Leadership Paradigms.' Panellists included, chief guest of the day **Dr BVR Mohan Reddy** (corporate honcho and Padma Shri awardee), **Dr Santanu Paul**, **Amala Akkineni**, **Bharat Mathukumilli**, **Dr S Anand Reddy**, **Christopher Short**, **Seetha Murthy**, **K Kirthi Reddy**, **Dr Chandrasekhar D P**, **Rishab Mehta**, **Y Sridevi**. Educationist **Harishchandra Prasad** gave the keynote speech.

Adding to the event's grandeur, distinguished badminton player **Sri Kidambi Srikanth** served as the guest of honor and presented awards to deserving leaders in recognition of their significant contributions to the field of education.



Srikanth Kidambi



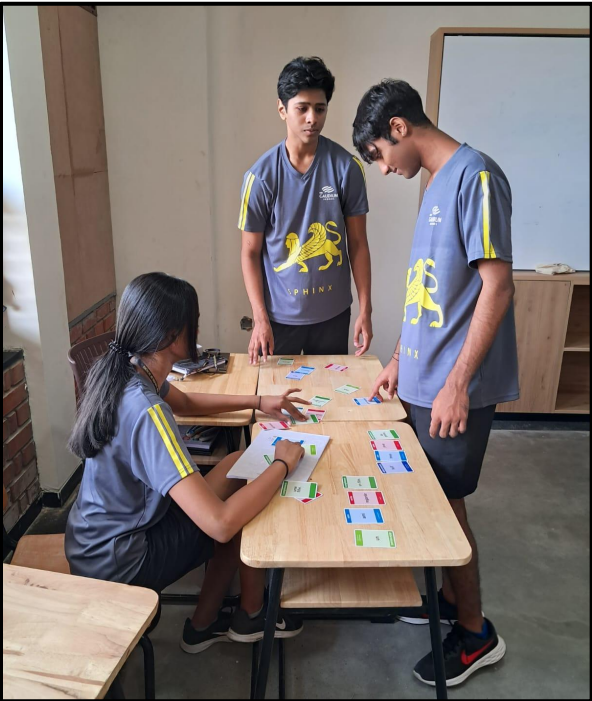
Bharat Mathukumilli



K Kirthi Reddy

French B Students' Language Skills Enhanced through Engaging Card Game-Holistic Excellence

On the 21st of March 2023, the French B students of DP1 had a unique self-assessment of their language skills. Their vocabulary skills and sentence formation abilities were tested through a card game. The objective of the game was to construct sentences using various cards while ensuring grammatical correctness, including noun-determinant agreement and verb usage. The students found the intricacies of the French language fascinating, and they not only learned a great deal but also thoroughly enjoyed themselves during the activity.



Navigating the Mathematical Pathway: Making Informed Choices in IBDP Math-Holistic excellence

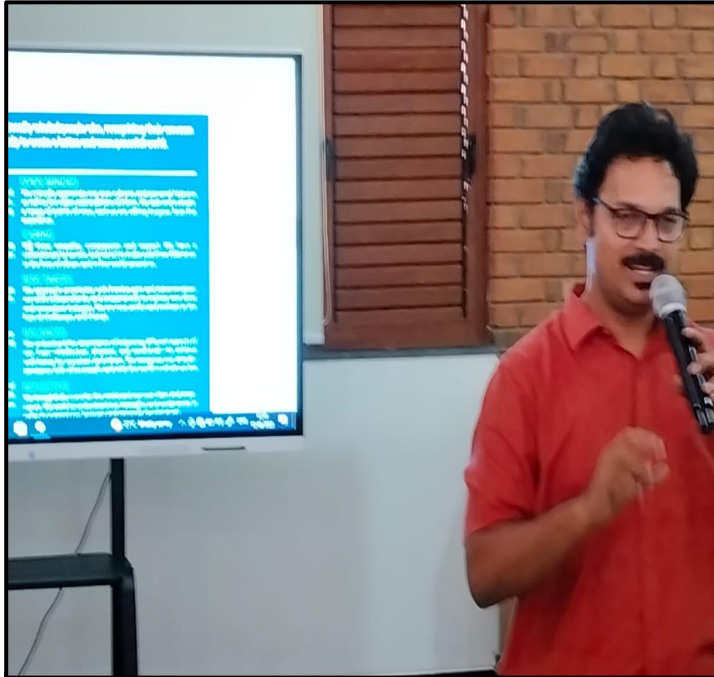
As part of the IBDP Induction, an insightful session on "Choosing Mathematics Level" was conducted, guiding students to make informed decisions regarding their mathematical journey. During this session, students were provided with comprehensive details on the differences between DP Math AA and AI, college expectations, specific paper patterns, levels of each course, and the requirements to opt for a particular level. This invaluable information empowered students to gain a deeper understanding of the courses and make thoughtful choices aligned with their future career aspirations. By making well-informed decisions, students set themselves on a path towards success, where their chosen mathematics level harmoniously intertwines with their desired career trajectory.



Sunitha V Gutta
Math Facilitator
Associate MYPC



ATL Skills Session- Holistic Excellence



Mr. Shivram, an experienced facilitator, led an engaging ATL session that empowered students to explore, experiment, and unleash their creativity. Through hands-on activities, collaboration, and mentorship, students were challenged to think critically and solve real-world problems. Mr. Shivram's emphasis on creativity and his personalized approach made the session a resounding success, leaving students inspired and equipped with essential skills for the future.

Strengthening Language Skills and Cultural Knowledge- Holistic Excellence

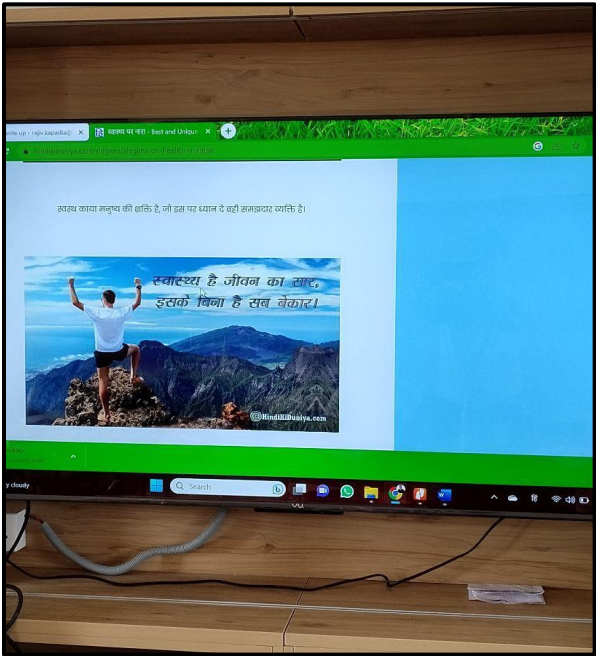


IBDP 1 Spanish Ab Initio students participated in a pair crossword activity to improve the understanding of Spanish cities, pronunciation, and spelling. Using communication, listening, and collaboration skills, one student shared the answers to spell out Spanish city names to their partner, who filled in the crossword puzzle. A dynamic and interactive learning experience ensued, fostering language proficiency and cultural awareness.



Igniting Creativity with Hindi Slogan Writing-Holistic Excellence

Through the slogan writing activity, students embarked on a journey to enhance their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills. As learners explored the power of impactful and memorable slogans in the target language, they discovered the importance of effective communication in everyday life. By crafting slogans, students learned that well-chosen words can shape perceptions, evoke emotions, and leave a lasting impression. Real-world examples of successful slogans, such as Nike's "Just Do It," demonstrated the potential impact of concise and catchy phrases. This activity has provided valuable lessons, emphasizing the significance of creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills. I appreciate the students' participation and efforts, and I'm confident that the takeaways from this experience will serve them well in the future.



Rajiv Kapadia
IB MYP & DP Hindi Facilitator



Special Assembly-Sharing and Caring-Core values



In the spirit of fostering a strong sense of community, the academic year, which began on June 12, kicked off with an impactful assembly focused on the values of Sharing and Caring. This assembly served as a warm welcome to the students, emphasizing the school's core values of Gratitude, Empathy, Respect, Integrity, and Perseverance. The students, hailing from IBDP1 and IBDP2, actively participated in meaningful discussions and engaging brainstorming sessions, sharing their personal experiences and insights on the importance of caring in our lives.

The assembly also highlighted the positive impact that acts of kindness and support can have on individuals and the community as a whole.

Teacher Induction Highlights – Stakeholder connect



Drawing inspiration from T.S. Eliot, 'Every step forward is a gateway to new horizons.'

The first 11 days of the academic year 2023-2024 witnessed a joyous gathering of familiar and fresh faces, ready to embark on a year filled with teaching and learning. The staff engaged in a series of enlightening sessions aimed at instilling the school's vision and mission. Commencing with an invigorating discourse by M. Pallela Gopichand, the journey continued with a diverse range of in-house workshops, including a comprehensive exploration of The Gaudium School five pillars, First Aid training, and fostering mindfulness regarding POCSO, among other focal points. The induction culminated with a collective commitment to unlearn, relearn, and uncover our true potential, recognizing that each progressive step we take opens doors to new and uncharted possibilities.

World environment day- Core values

World Environment Day, which focused on the pressing issue of plastic pollution. This assembly served as a powerful call to action, uniting our school community in a collective effort to beat plastic pollution and create a sustainable future.

The assembly was a testament to the dedication and commitment of our teachers. Through thought-provoking presentations, engaging discussions, and a shared pledge, they ignited a spark within us, inspiring us to become responsible stewards of our environment. The pledge encompassed vital steps such as reducing plastic waste, educating ourselves and others, organizing clean-up activities, collaborating with local organizations, and advocating for change.

One of the highlights of the assembly was witnessing the unity and camaraderie among our teachers. The pledge served as a unifying force, binding us together with a common purpose and shared goals. It was a powerful reminder that even seemingly small actions, when taken collectively, can lead to significant change. The support and guidance from our Head of the Science Department, Mr. Ranjit, further reinforced our commitment and emboldened us to make a tangible impact.

Let this assembly be a catalyst for action. Let us choose reusable over single-use, recycle diligently, and spread awareness about the importance of reducing plastic waste. By making conscious choices today, we can create a brighter, cleaner, and healthier tomorrow.



IC3 Student Volunteer CAS-Core Values



The IC³ Institute is a volunteer-based organization that provides support to high schools around the world through guidance and training resources for high school administrators, teachers and counselors to help establish and maintain robust career and college counseling departments. The Gaudium School is the host school and the IC³ is organizing a conference in the month of August 2023 and as a host school five IBDP students got a chance to volunteer at the conference which will be adding to their practical knowledge.

International Yoga day-Mindfulness and Awareness



In order to strengthen mindfulness and promote well-being among all stakeholders, The Gaudium took an initiative in collaboration with the Heart of Living and Kanha Meditation Centre. They organized a series of workshops dedicated to yoga and meditation for teachers, parents, and students. These workshops served as a platform for individuals to delve deeper into the practices of yoga and meditation, allowing them to cultivate a sense of mindfulness and enhance their overall well-being. By engaging in these transformative sessions, participants gained valuable tools and techniques to navigate the stresses of daily life, fostering inner peace and resilience. This collaborative effort between The Gaudium, the Heart of Living, and Kanha Meditation Centre underscored the school's commitment to holistic development and provided a nurturing environment for all stakeholders to prioritize their mental and emotional well-being.

Understanding Inclusion –Mindfulness and Awareness



The teachers' session on March 18, 2023, focused on understanding and supporting students' needs in an inclusion school. The session began with an activity to distinguish between inclusion and diversity. Strategies for teaching students with special education needs were discussed, followed by an exploration of behavioral issues and coping strategies in the classroom. This enables the teachers to come up with various successful strategies for their cohort.

Empowering Year 1 Students in the IBDP – Stakeholder Engagement



IBDP Year 1 students at Gaudium School recently participated in a four-day induction program to familiarize themselves with the IBDP curriculum. They explored TOK, CAS, Extended Essay, learner profiles, and school functioning, while also learning about academic honesty and the code of conduct. The program began with an overview of the IBDP curriculum, emphasizing critical thinking and knowledge acquisition. Students engaged in discussions on ways of knowing and the importance of questioning assumptions. CAS was highlighted as a crucial component, encouraging students to engage in creative, physical, and service-oriented activities. They brainstormed potential CAS projects, igniting their passion for positive societal impact. The Extended Essay day focused on topic selection, research skills, time management, and academic integrity. The final day emphasized developing learner profiles aligned with the IBDP's attributes and understanding Gaudium School's ethos and values. Discussions on the code of conduct fostered mutual respect and responsible behavior within the school community.

Prithvi Sinha
TOK Coordinator



Collaboration of Pedagogical Leaders-Stakeholder Engagement



In a collaborative meeting held on June 3rd, the Pedagogical leadership team at The Gaudium came together with the senior leadership team to underscore the true essence of leadership as a responsibility rather than just a position. This collaborative effort aimed to cultivate shared responsibilities, foster effective communication, and nurture collective ownership in propelling The Gaudium's visionary mission forward. Through this dynamic meeting, the Pedagogical leadership team at The Gaudium further strengthened their commitment to nurturing a culture of leadership that transcends titles, emphasizing the importance of collaboration, synergy, and shared vision within the Gaudium community to give the best learning experiences to the students.

Empowering Senior Students as Bus Prefects-Global Leadership



Gaudium fosters leadership in senior students who were selected as bus prefects in the absence of faculty members in their respective buses. They have accepted the responsibility to supervise students, maintain discipline, and address concerns during bus rides. This responsibility empowers seniors to develop organizational, communication, and conflict resolution skills, fostering responsible leadership within the school community.

IBDP-1 Parent Orientation- Stakeholder Engagement



Parents of new DP1 students attended the orientation on 10th June 2023. It was a pleasure to see parents join us as we explored the various aspects of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

Key Takeaways:

Holistic Education: The IBDP offers a holistic approach to education, emphasizing intellectual, emotional, and ethical development. Parents were informed that the IBDP program encourages children to embrace the learner profile attributes such as being open-minded, reflective, and principled.

Curriculum and Assessment: IBDP curriculum structure, which includes six subject groups, the core elements, and the learner profile was discussed and explained to parents. The whole idea was to familiarize parents and students with the assessment criteria and grading system to support their academic progress. **Academic Support:** the resources available to support students academically were shared with the parents and students. **Personal Development:** Parents were informed to encourage child's participation in extracurricular activities, leadership opportunities, and community service. These experiences contribute to their personal growth, develop their skills, and enhance their university applications. **Effective Communication:** the different ways of connection with the school and teachers through various communication channels were explained to parents.

Jyoti Singh

Associate Diploma Programme Coordinator



IBDP-2 Parent Orientation- Stakeholder Engagement



The IBDP2 Parent Orientation, focused on deadlines and submissions, was held on 17/6/2023. The purpose of this orientation was to inform parents about the upcoming deadlines and submission requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP2). The session aimed to provide clarity on the expectations, support systems, and strategies for effectively managing deadlines and ensuring successful submissions.

Key Points Discussed:

Overview of Deadlines:

The IBDP2 involves several significant deadlines throughout the academic year, including internal assessments, extended essay drafts, and final submissions for coursework and projects. Deadlines may vary for different subjects and components of the IBDP2, so it is crucial to stay informed and have a clear understanding of the timeline.

Internal Assessments:

Internal assessments play a vital role in the IBDP2 and are typically conducted by subject teachers.

The orientation highlighted the importance of meeting internal assessment deadlines and provided an overview of the specific requirements and expectations for each subject.

Parents were encouraged to communicate with subject teachers and assist their child in managing their time effectively to complete internal assessments on time.

IBDP-2 Parent Orientation- Stakeholder Engagement

Extended Essay:

The extended essay is a substantial research project that requires independent work by the student.

The orientation emphasized the key milestones and deadlines related to the extended essay, including topic selection, research, and drafts.

Parents were advised to support their child by providing guidance, resources, and ensuring that they meet the specified deadlines for the extended essay.

Final submissions refer to the completion and submission of various components of the IBDP2, such as coursework, projects, and portfolios.

Parents were informed about the specific requirements and submission procedures for each component.

The orientation stressed the importance of ensuring the accuracy, integrity, and timeliness of final submissions.

Strategies for Time Management:

The orientation offered practical strategies for time management, emphasizing the importance of creating schedules, setting realistic goals, and prioritizing tasks.

Parents were advised to help their child establish a routine that allows for sufficient time to complete assignments and meet deadlines. Overall, the orientation successfully equipped parents with the necessary information and resources to support their child's journey through the IBDP2 and ensure timely and successful submissions.

Jyoti Singh

Associate Diploma Programme Coordinator



Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event	Grade
8th July	Saturday	Macbeth Production	IBDP
11th July	Friday	Fieldtrip	IBDP
15th July	Saturday	Inter house Debate	IBDP
17th July	Monday	Bonalu Holiday	IBDP
18th-28th July	Tuesday	I Unit Test	IBDP2
27th July	Thursday	E-Voting for student council elections	IBDP



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