

MYP @ ABIS

Growing & articulating our Middle School Programme



Providing more quality, rigour & articulation

We are happy and proud to announce the next step in the school's curriculum development. By adding the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) we will be providing students with a world class, articulated programme from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

The MYP bridges the two IB programs being offered at ABIS: the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and the prestigious Diploma Programme (DP). The MYP will build on the knowledge, understandings, skills, and attitudes acquired in the PYP to better prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the DP. First offered in 1994, the MYP is currently implemented by 1,356 schools in 108 countries. Broad, rigorous and relevant, the MYP is a curriculum framework grounded in concepts that provide both interdisciplinary breadth and disciplinary depth within an authentic, real-world context.

Students are assessed in eight disciplines, as well as in their interdisciplinary synthesis skills. The MYP also requires that students to act on what they learn through Service as Action. The MYP curriculum is delivered through units of inquiry, which allows students to learn by asking and seeking the answers to challenging questions.

The MYP...



Flexible approaches

Allow schools to meet local and national curriculum requirements



Rigorous

Has rigorous learning objectives and consistent assessment criteria



Meaningful

Provides opportunities for meaningful interdisciplinary teaching and learning

How does the MYP assess students?

The MYP offers rigorous eAssessments that lead to IB MYP course results and the IB MYP certificate.

Why is it good for our students?

MYP eAssessments meet the General Conditions for Recognition established by England's Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation, and is recognized by other national education systems as preparation for further study at the senior secondary level. Students who demonstrate additional proficiency in a second language or mother tongue can earn the IB MYP Bilingual Certificate.

Quality assurance...

Once authorized with the MYP, ABIS will hold the status of an 'IB Continuum School'. This is a quality assurance that ABIS can deliver coordinated and consistently high-quality education to all students.

The other great thing is that it is aligned with the Council of International School standards which means that as parents you can rest assured that our programme is rock solid!



Authorisation

1

APRIL 2018

Submit an application for candidacy

2

SEPT 2018

Become an MYP Candidate School

3

SEPT 2019

Complete trial implementation



How will it be implemented?

Before ABIS can implement the MYP, the school will have to undertake a process of authorization that involves a self-study, submission of a school report, one year trial implementation, mandatory staff professional development and a verification visit by IB representatives.

ABIS opts to gradually implement the MYP. In AY2018-2019, Grades 7 and 8 adopt the MYP curriculum framework, while Grades 9 and 10 continue with our existing program. In AY2019-2020, Grades 7 to 9 implement the MYP framework, while Grade 10 continues preparing solely for the IGCSE exams. In AY2020-2021, the entire middle years will be under the MYP framework, with the Grade 10s preparing to sit for the eAssessment, as well as have an option to sit for IGCSE exams.

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Grade 7	MYP	MYP	MYP	MYP
Grade 8	MYP	MYP	MYP	MYP
Grade 9	IGCSE	MYP/IGCSE	MYP/IGCSE	MYP/IGCSE
Grade 10	IGCSE	IGCSE	MYP/IGCSE	MYP/IGCSE

Timeline

4

OCT 2019

Submit the Application for authorisation

5

JAN-JUNE 2020

Carry out a verification visit

6

SEPT 2020

Complete the authorisation process

The MYP...



Critical Thinking

Emphasis on critical and creative thinking, social and emotional well-being, and learning how to learn



Deep Inquiry

Deep inquiry into human identity and global challenges that explores what it means to be internationally minded



Service & action

Ongoing discovery of service as action through engagement with local and global communities.

What about the IGCSEs?

We plan to use the MYP as the backbone of our curriculum for the middle school but will also offer specific IGCSE courses when it is appropriate to do so. Offering our students the best of both worlds...

What is the difference between the programmes?

The main differences between the 2 programmes are really simple.

The **IGCSE** is an examination system with a syllabus for each of the exams. Schools teach the syllabus. There is no quality control of teaching and no required training. Essentially, you pay the money and can offer the IGCSEs.

The **MYP**, like all IB programmes, requires the school to commit to far more and requires intensive training, quality control and much more. It also provides a high level of support. Most importantly for ABIS parents, the IB programmes dovetail together to provide a K - 12 programme which is aligned with the Council of International Schools (CIS) standards.

Will the school stop offering the IGCSEs?

No, although they will no longer form the basis of our curriculum. The IGCSEs will be phased out over time but we anticipate that we will continue to offer specific exams if we believe that this will offer benefit to students.

In addition to the IGCSEs, we are looking at becoming an SAT testing centre.

	IGCSE	MYP
Outline		
Paid programme		
Required content		
External Assessment		
For Grades 9 -10		
For Grades 7 - 8		
Standards & Requirements		
Quality control		
Authorisation process		
Training requirement		
Learning & Teaching		
Research Based		
Curriculum Framework		
Concept/ Skill based		
Diploma Alignment		

CAN I FIND OUT HOW THIS CHANGE WILL IMPACT MY CHILD?

Yes!

We will be holding separate information sessions for parents with children of different ages. These sessions will be tailored to answer any questions that you may have.

Parents with a child in **Grade 5 and below**: November

Parents with a child in **Grade 6 & 7**: November . Students welcome.



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