

Dear Parents and Students,

## Gun défilé de mode

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of February the Year 9 students had a French fashion show. Their assignment was to work in pairs and produce a paragraph to describe stylish outfits in the target language. The Year 9's put a lot of effort and imagination into their outfits. The students found this event very enjoyable and we also learned new vocabulary as well as having two periods of complete laughter.

*By: Yasmina, Sara and Rokaya.*

"Fun and funny!" Daniel Vermond

"Everybody was strutting their stuff down the catwalk!" Jenny Jones

"I think it was amazing – it made us practice how to describe clothes and colours and it really worked!" Renada Khalil

"The highlight of the show for me was Mazen, Dab=niel and Mohammed.....!" Sherif El Helw

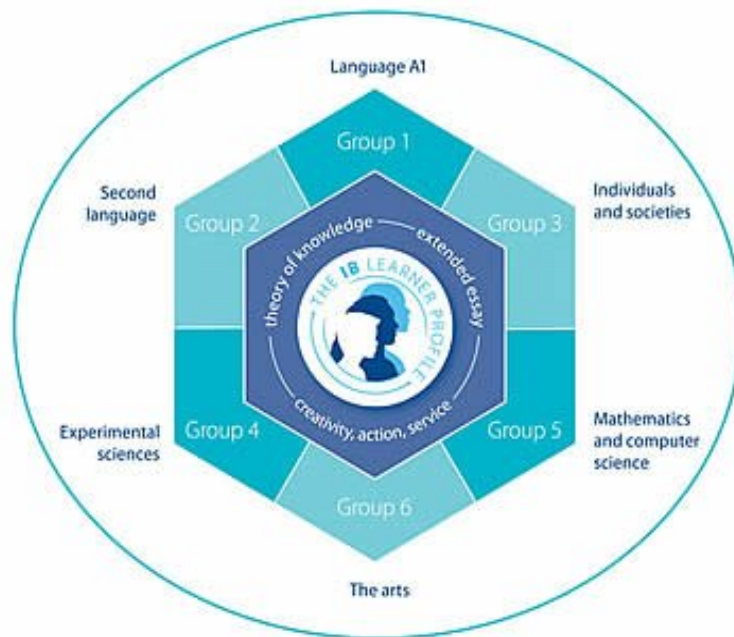
Thank you to the students involved for making this such a success! MFL department.



## IB Diploma Year 10 Student Information Session

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March the Year 10 students will spend their PSHE lesson looking at the IB Diploma and how it may work for them. The focus will be on how the programme operates, in which the central focus is the learner, encircled by the core elements of

Creativity, Action & Service (CAS); Extended Essay (EE) and Theory of Knowledge (ToK); which are used as vehicles for the six subject groups.



To achieve the IB Diploma students will be required to successfully complete all the core elements and three subjects at **Higher Level** and three subjects at **Standard Level**, over a two year period. Each subject has a maximum score of seven points which is added to three points from the core elements, meaning that the maximum points score in the Diploma is 45. The minimum number of points for a Diploma is 24, otherwise the student will be awarded certificates for the subjects they complete.

The choice of subjects that students will have available at NCBIS is still being finalised and will be an area of discussion in this forum. Many students will find it relatively easy to create a well-balanced programme that allows them to keep their options open for study at university, as well as future career aspirations. Students will be required to select one subject from Groups 1 to 5 with the sixth subject coming from Group 6 or a second subject from Groups 1 to 5. A couple of examples are listed below:

	G Citizen	M Doctor	V Undecided	I Construct
<b>Career Aspiration</b>	<b>Lawyer</b>	<b>Medical</b>	<b>Unsure</b>	<b>Engineer</b>
Group 1	English A1 (HL)	English Lit/Lang A1 (SL)	English Lit A1 (HL)	English Lit/Lang A1 (SL)
Group 2	French B (SL)	Spanish B (SL)	Arabic B (SL)	French B (SL)
Group 3	History (HL)	Geography (HL)	Economics (HL)	Geography (HL)
Group 4	Biology (SL)	Biology (HL)	Chemistry (SL)	Physics (HL)
Group 5	Maths Studies (SL)	Maths (SL)	Maths (SL)	Maths (HL)
Group 6	Visual Arts (HL)	Chemistry (HL)	Music (HL)	Chemistry (SL)

Note: HL – Higher Level

SL – Standard Level

Of interest to most students and parents will be the ability to gain entry to good universities and further education institutions. University admission policies exist worldwide (including Egypt) for IB Diploma holders and are very favourable to applicants holding this qualification. It is important for our Egyptian students and parents to note that this cohort will be the first with a requirement of 12 years of formal education prior to university admission.

At this early stage in the process you may find it useful to visit the following web-page on the IB website that lists the current recognition status for students who have completed the IB Diploma or IB Certificates.

<http://www.ibo.org/diploma/recognition/>

**Date Claimer: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2010** at 7:00pm in the Assembly Hall

Parents & students of Year 10 and all other interested parents and students are invited to attend an information evening on the IB Diploma programme. A presentation outlining the IB Diploma will be made, after which there will be an opportunity for a question and answer session.

Please remember if you have any questions regarding the IB Diploma programme do not hesitate to give a call, make an appointment or send me an email ([progers@ncbis.net](mailto:progers@ncbis.net)).

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Yours faithfully

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