



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back!

We are very pleased to welcome back students in Grades 1-4. School resumed for them yesterday and it was very exciting to see how eager they were to return. Each class has been divided into two groups of up to 10 students and they work in separate rooms. Each group has their assigned area of the football pitch to play within during breaks to limit contact among students from different groups. Parents are kindly asked not to enter the school and contact teachers via email. If you have any feedback, please send it to your child's class teacher.

Please remember this week is a very short one and ends tomorrow for students and teachers, both at school and at home. **Classes resume on Monday, 4th May 2020.**

Admission to Grade 1 starting in August 2021

Please note that we will soon start accepting applications for children that will start Grade 1 in August 2021. If you know someone that is interested, you may

want to advise them to submit an application as soon as we can accept it, which is 1st May 2020, as Grade 1 classes have always filled up very quickly. Please note that applications submitted before 1st May cannot be accepted.

PYP Exhibition

As some of you are aware, Spectacular 6 students have begun their journey into Exhibition. This is the culminating event in the experience of a PYP student, and it signifies their transition from the PYP to the MYP. Although this event is often considered to be a celebration of the accomplishments and growth in the lives of students, it is actually much more than that. Exhibition is the result of collaborative efforts among all members of the school's learning community. The Transdisciplinary Theme for this Exhibition unit is *How We Express Ourselves*.

MYP Personal Project in 2020

Each IB Programme incorporates a culminating, self- study in which the student explores a topic of interest to themselves, in depth, and reflects on their journey as a learner in the IB programme.

Some parents may already be familiar with the **PYP Exhibition**. The equivalent study for our older students is the **MYP Personal Project**. Personal projects, as the name suggests, cover a topic of personal interest to the students themselves. These are truly big projects, and the entire process takes about 10 months.

Grade 10 GIS students completed their Personal Projects in February 2020, and their written reports, photographs, journal extracts and moderated teacher evaluation reports have now been submitted to the IB for external evaluation (also called, e-assessment). We anticipate learning the outcomes during summer, and students should receive an MYP Record of Achievement from the IB.

The range of projects completed by Grade 10 this year was truly exciting. Through the implementation of their concept and by the depth of their reflective writing every student was able to demonstrate growth in self-management skills.

In normal times, at this time of the year, before our Grade 9 cohort begins the cycle again, schools showcase their Personal Projects for the public. However, because of Covid-19, this year that may need to happen later. In the meantime, here is a list of our Grade 10 students' amazing work!

| Year | Grade 10 Student | Project |
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| 2020 | Ida Veseth Habbestad | Documentary about Gjøvik-Lyn girls 2004 |
| | Aksel Håkon Næss Johansen | Writing a Novelization |
| | Alisa Zehui He | Designing and creating a dress |
| | Olaf Pietka | Educational Videogame |
| | Oliver Benjamin Thoresen | Creating a First-Person Target Shooting Game |
| | Amelia Parish | Cultural recipe book |
| | Sigurd Kristian Øye | Making a pair of sustainable skis |
| | Bashar Albittar | Investing in a strawberry business in order to make a benefit in donation to Palestinians |
| | Doris Assad Falsafizadeh | Cultural artists |
| | Ida-Maria Ewald | Translated ski book |
| | Eero Palotie | Movie comparison review |

In the next few weeks, Grade 9 will be starting their own journeys. Because of the hard work by our senior students, they will have these inspirational examples from our own school.

Annie Termaat
GIS Personal Project Coordinator

17th May celebrations

Please note that this year we will be celebrating 17th May at home with our family. There will be no parade in town or a picnic at GIS. However, we will compensate for the party at the nearest opportunity!

School support contact details

If you have any questions about the matters below, please contact the relevant person:

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