



# GIS NEWSLETTER

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## PERSONAL PROJECT 2021

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. Essentially, students are required to manage their 'own, personal MYP subject' over nearly a year!

This year, Grade 10 GIS students completed their Personal Projects in March, and their written reports, photographs, journal extracts and moderated teacher evaluation reports will be submitted to the IB for external evaluation (also called, e-assessment) this week. We anticipate learning the outcomes during summer, an MYP Record of Achievement from the IB.

This Grade 10 demonstrated agency and growth in self-management skills through their implementation of a truly diverse range of concepts and by the depth of their final, reflection on the process.

Their projects are listed below, and will be on display in the school foyer this week. Stand by for an update on the GIS Facebook page!

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grade 10 Student</b>	<b>Project</b>
2021	Thomas Kalgraff	Confronting the fear of deep bodies of water using virtual reality: Thalassophobia
	Jiahui Lui	The physics of figure skating and its effects on beginner skaters.
	Advaita Mishra	Making my own skincare projects.
	Emilia Nowostawska	Writing and illustrating a story
	Wiktoria Nowotarska	Pandemic Photography Project
	Eirun Luyu Svarthaug	Creating, teaching and illustrating: My Dog Agility Training
	David Wanda	How has YouTube affected society?
	Anaïs Werbrouck	A helping hand to home-made workouts

In the next few weeks, Grade 9 will be starting their own Personal Project 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 2020-21

## MYP parent-teacher conferences

MYP parent-teacher conferences will take place on 7 and 8 April 2021 after classes. MYP teachers are available by appointment. Like last semester, conferences have been pre-booked with relevant teachers if an area of concern has been identified for a student. The parents of remaining students are not required to attend conferences. However, they can sign up for selected conferences using our online booking [system](#).

Please note that both the conferences that have been prebooked for students of concern and those that you book yourselves can be rescheduled within the times indicated in the sign-up system. If you need to change your booking, please remember to cancel the original reservation in order to free the slot up for other families.

MYP parent-teacher conferences will take place via Zoom. Parents receive links to Zoom meetings by email. You may want to check your spam box.

## Wanted: supply staff

We are always keen to hear from people who can substitute for absent teachers and teaching assistants. This work can be day to day or for longer periods of time. If you know of a suitable person for this role, please encourage them to send their CV to [employment@gjovikis.no](mailto:employment@gjovikis.no)

## Contact details

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