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GRADUATING 101



- Lam Nguyen



DID YOU KNOW

THIS MONTH, ISA HAD THE MOST BIRTHDAYS

- OLIWIA SMOLINSKA**
- BICH LAM**
- HASAN HAMDAN**
- KIRSTEN LAI**
- OLIVIA PENG**
- MS ANN**

SERVICE AS ACTION
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This week, we are honoured to interview Ms. Fanny, our Service as Action (SA) coordinator, on SA in MYP.

In the interview, she mostly addressed the three major issues that MYP students are raising.

What is SA? Why do we need to do this? And where should MYP students start their SA project?

To begin, she states that SA requires students to provide a service by developing or participating in a project that would benefit a certain community (classmates, schoolmates, and even wild animals) through their activities. Furthermore, she explained why SA is vital in MYP.

SA provides the best opportunity for MYP students to prepare for CAS in DP. Aside from IB requirements, students may reflect and evaluate their own work through SA, become aware of problems beyond the classroom, and utilize their ability to make improvements.

Ms. Fanny also gave a helpful tip to all MYP students. Have a try!

As long as students are motivated to start their assignments, teachers are eager to assist them and develop their projects. However, the student's drive remains the most significant component.

Finally, Ms. Fanny expressed to us that as a SA coordinator, she enjoys watching students improve their various abilities via their SA project and become more proactive in fixing the problems around them.

PALM PAYMENTS

THE FUTURE OF CONTACTLESS PAYMENT



Picture a future in which you could make purchases, take the subway, or enter workplace by yourself, just by waving your hand. A Chinese multinational technology company – Tencent is already implementing this in China. This IT company has launched a hand scanning solution in China, allowing customers to leave most of their valuables indoors, such as house keys, wallets, and phones. The whole idea is not new as Amazon already addressed it in the past, however Tencent wants to be the first company to implement it in daily life. For now, they managed to create a Weixin Palm Payment, a biometric technology released in May for Weixin Pay subscribers. By waving their hands over a device with sensors, customers may avoid using their mobile devices or transport cards while riding the Beijing underground. Infrared cameras then analyse individual palm prints and vein patterns beneath the skin, allowing each user to be recognised and payment processed in seconds. Unfortunately, this technology works only in China for now, however the company aim to globalize it.

HOW TO GRADUATE

COMPLETE YOUR CAS REQUIREMENTS!

What do you think the attendance rates are for the DP this year? Give me a predicted percentage and the reason why.

I think the attendance rate is 70% because I did a lot of chasing down of students to go to their clubs and activities

What do you think is the most popular club and why?

Badminton club because students kept asking if they could have extra days to play badminton.

How do you feel about the clubs available this semester?

I like the availability because students are starting most of the clubs.

Which club would you join if you were a DP student and why?

American flag football or beach volleyball because when I was your age I was heavily into athletics and I won the physical education award.

What are your future goals for clubs, sports, and activities (CAS)?

My goal someday is to have varsity sports where students can participate in games against other Swiss boarding schools.



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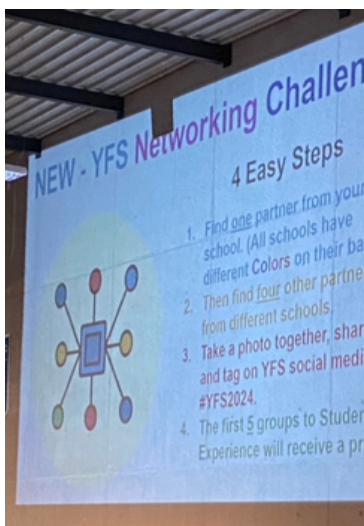
BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION

Hosted at The International School of Zug and Luzern, the Youth Forum Switzerland (YFS) aims to explore, connect, and inspire young changemakers. This year, a selection of our students attended as part of the 900 over participants of this event. They were given the chance to not only listen to and interact with renowned guest panels, but it was an opportunity to form new connections with others. Both locals and international students joined together during this event, sharing their experiences, opinions, and future aspirations.



"I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hear such amazing people and to learn so many things. I learnt many things I did not know before. I am also very inspired to see such successful people, I strive to be like them and do go in our world."

Michael DP1



"I was reluctant to miss school to go to the forum, however after having been reassured that this experience would be beneficial to my overall education, I decided to go. An interesting feature about this event is that you can create your timetable, consisting of whatever panels, talks or Impact Labs (specialists teaching a small group of interested individuals) you desire to go to. I attended, the panel: The Future of Medicine, panel: The First Steps in Youth Engagement, Talk: How Do We Create an Inclusive World, Panel: The Energy Source of Tomorrow and the Impact lab: light the Himalayas. I must say that I enjoyed all the events I attended, however, I found the panels about the future of medicine and the panel about the energy sources of tomorrow most insightful. The highlight of my visit was being able to talk to the panelists who were at the top of their respective fields. I must say that the only negative aspect of my experience at the forum was trying to navigate their campus tactfully so that I would not be too late for anything."

Iman DP1

DON'T FORGET!

TWO NEW STUDENT LED CLUBS: JOIN NOW!



MYP5 PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION

Come down and check out what our MYP5 students have been working on these past few months. A combination of passions and interests, this exhibition is a chance for them to display their hard work, and for you to find out what it is all about.

**MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
2024**

ROOM 1.11

2PM TO 3.30PM



IMPORTANT DATES THE PERFECT COMBO: HOLIDAY, EXAMS, AND SKI

FEBRUARY BREAK

FEB 12 - FEB 18

SKI WEEK

FEB 19 - FEB 23

DP2 MOCK EXAMS

FEB 19 - MAR 1



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