



Being Ambitious

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Geography JAWS (Job-A-Like-Workshop) at the British International School, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



The course was led by our NAE colleagues from BIS, Vietnam. We spent our days sharing current innovative ideas within the classroom; looking at IB provision for internal assessments and completing the course within the time specified; and a day looking at Fieldwork opportunities in the Mekong Delta.

As a result of attending the course, my Year 8 classes have been involved with using Google My Maps to design a safe escape route from an impending Zombie Apocalypse. For this they needed to focus upon what would attract both Zombies and survivalists to attack them; and also to find requirements for a safe final destination. They then planned the route using Google My Maps.

This is giving the students the opportunity to further their ICT provision gained in the ICT Department, but also to apply this cross curricular initiative in a creative and thought provoking manner. The work will be used as part of our ongoing scheme of work, and will also be used to produce a Department display highlighting innovative classroom techniques.