



# Helping an IB Student to Succeed

Carol Pratt – IB Diploma Coordinator

8:45am Old Drama Studio

# Overview of Expectations

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- 27 lessons per week (variable depending on programme)
- 3-4 hours of CAS per week
- 15-20 hours of homework per week
- Internal Assessments: Every subject
- External Assessments: Languages, ToK, EE
- Significant independent study time
- Meet all deadlines
- Behaviour and social graces: Role models
- Skill development: Presenting, planning, collaborating, initiating, motivating

# Home/School Support – What can we do?

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- Quiet working environments
- Flexible schedules
- Technology (family preference)
- Transport
- Routines and expectations
- Healthy food
- Forming good habits
- Positive encouragement and support
- An understanding of adolescence

# University and Careers Guidance

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- Allow independent research
- Do not heed rumours or hearsay
- Avoid the pitfalls of the Top 100
- Give strict guidelines for non-negotiables (i.e., country, city, cost, living conditions, etc.)
- Engage early on in the conversation
- Communicate with the University Guidance Counselor and Form Tutor

# Significant Dates

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- Extended Essay
  - Year 13: October 2015 Draft 2
  - Year 12: May 2016 Draft 1
- CAS
  - March of final year
- Internal Assessments:
  - Term 3 Year 12
  - Term 1 Year 13
- Theory of Knowledge:
  - Final essay: December final year
  - Final presentation: February final year

# Pastoral Support

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- Growing-up children
- Coping strategies – stress
- Communication with school – issues arising; concerns
- Chris Cundall – Assistant IB Diploma Coordinator
- Year 12 Form Tutors – Ms MacIver, Mr Alles, Mr Harnett
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- Year 13 Form Tutors – Mr Chakraborty, Mr Jones, Mr Morgan
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## How to Help Students with the Core

# What is CAS? ToK? The EE?

## Creativity, Action, Service

- Student-led
- Take place over 18 months
- Reflections, portfolios, evidence

## Extended Essay

- Subject of choice
- Approximately 40 hours of work required
- Higher-level research skills

## Theory of Knowledge

- Learning about knowledge (metacognition)
- Requires higher level thinking skills
- 100 hours of instruction
- 1 essay, 1 presentation



# How can you help with CAS? ToK? The EE?

## Creativity, Action, Service

- Support students' projects
- Attend school events
- Transport and/or time


## Extended Essay

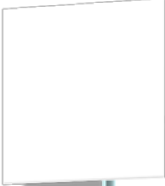
- Be interested in their Research Question
- Ask regularly about progress
- Offer to read and give advice


## Theory of Knowledge

- Ask them to discuss with you about what they learnt in lessons each day
- Look at their book/notes to generate questions
- In Y13, discuss their choice of Prescribed Title and Presentation Topic

# Links to the Tanzania Projects

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- Students can choose their level of involvement with the projects.


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- If they wish to develop a project further, or see a need they wish to help fill, students are encouraged to do so.

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- However, if students wish to simply engage with the projects during the residential trip and no more, that is fine.



# Home and School Communication

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## 2 Weeks

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Today			11:55AM "The greatest enemy of any one of our truths may be the rest of our truths." – William James. To what extent does this quote illustrate the nature of shared knowledge? - 500 words ⓘ			

### oming Events or Deadlines

Essay

Due 11:55am

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Wednesday, 3 days away

### t Activity


Theory of Knowledge (Year 12)

Essay


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- Calendar of deadlines
- Monitor CAS portfolio
- ToK Final Essay – progress?
- Extended Essay – research question and progress
- \*Daily Email – details of homework





Thank you.