

# IB

G. T. (Ellen Yeung) College is a candidate school\* for the Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorisation as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that G. T. (Ellen Yeung) College believes is important for our students.

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## Are You G9?

It is the current G9 students' term to consider which senior secondary curriculum, the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), is a better fit for their G10 to G12 years.

Being up to date, the IB Group at GTC has already published 6 issues of the IB Newsletter for parents and students to know more about the IB education and the IBDP curriculum.

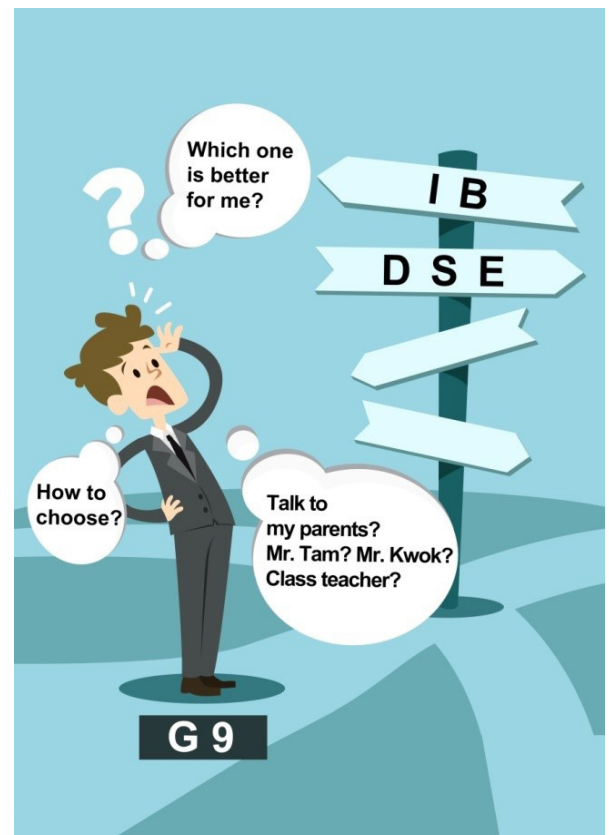
This first issue of the IB Newsletter in 2017-2018 will update the school's IBDP curriculum as well as the more recent progress in the school's IBDP application.

## G9 Gets Ready for Curriculum and Stream Selection

The parents' night for G9 streaming selection will be held on **8 December 2017 (Friday)**. The Teaching and Assessment Group (T&A Group) and the IB Group will collaborate to present the timeline and the procedures for current G9 students to consult, select and submit their curriculum and stream application for their G10 to G12 study at GTC.

In addition, during the Parents' Day on **2 December 2017**, parents and students may also stop by the new IB office on the 7th floor (Room 700) where they can meet and talk with the DP coordinator, Dr. Vincent Tam, increasing their understanding of the Diploma programme.

They can find more information on the IB education and curriculum from the display board as well as from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) official documents available there.



**Parents' Day**  
**2/12/2017**  
**(Saturday)**

**Streaming**  
**Talk**  
**8/12/2017**  
**(Friday)**



The first cohort of Pre-IB students (2017-2018) with Prof. Li, Principal Tam and teachers of the IB office.

## Pre-IB TOK Class



Mr. Thomas Ma, our IBDP CAS Coordinator

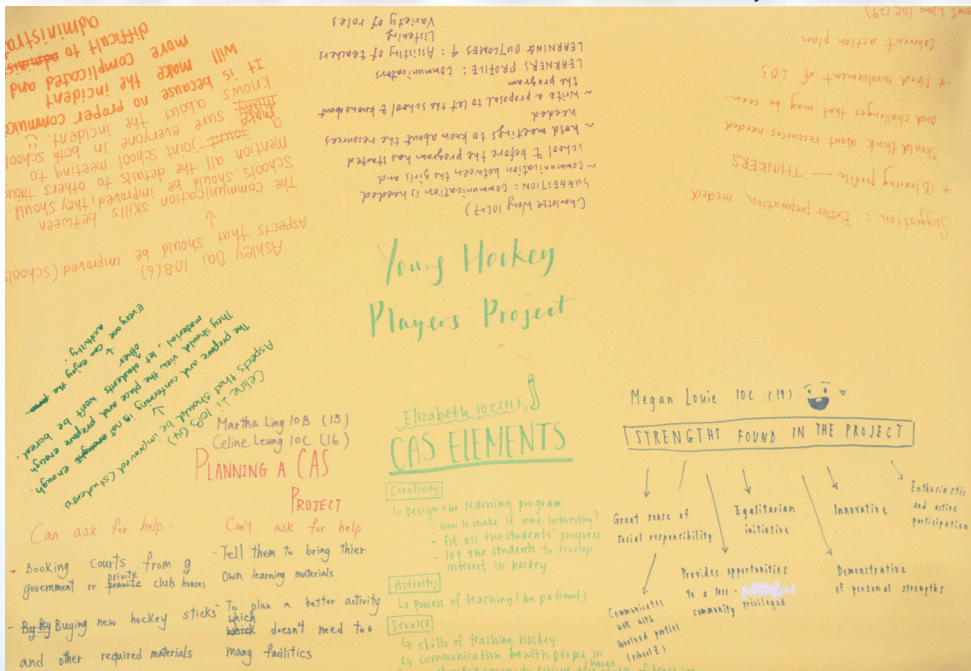
Theory of Knowledge (TOK) is an essential element of the IBDP curriculum. It emphasises on fostering students' abilities to think critically, but at the same time, promoting mutual respect to different perspectives.

To prepare for the TOK classes in the coming Year 1 of the IBDP, GTC provides Pre-IB students with Pre-TOK classes in this year.

22 Pre-IB students had an enjoyable and fruitful learning journey in Term 1 2017. During the classes, they were very attentive and many of them were excited for a chance to explore their thoughts on issues that they had never been considering. Classes were full of interaction and laughter.

Meanwhile, Pre-IB students are requested to have extra reading materials and writing exercises in order to further stimulate their thoughts and writing skills. An assessment of essay writing was also conducted to evaluate the progress of Pre-IB students at the end of Term 1. Their learning journey keeps going on, broadening their horizons.

## Pre-IB CAS Class "Take chances, make mistakes"



Analysis of an IB project

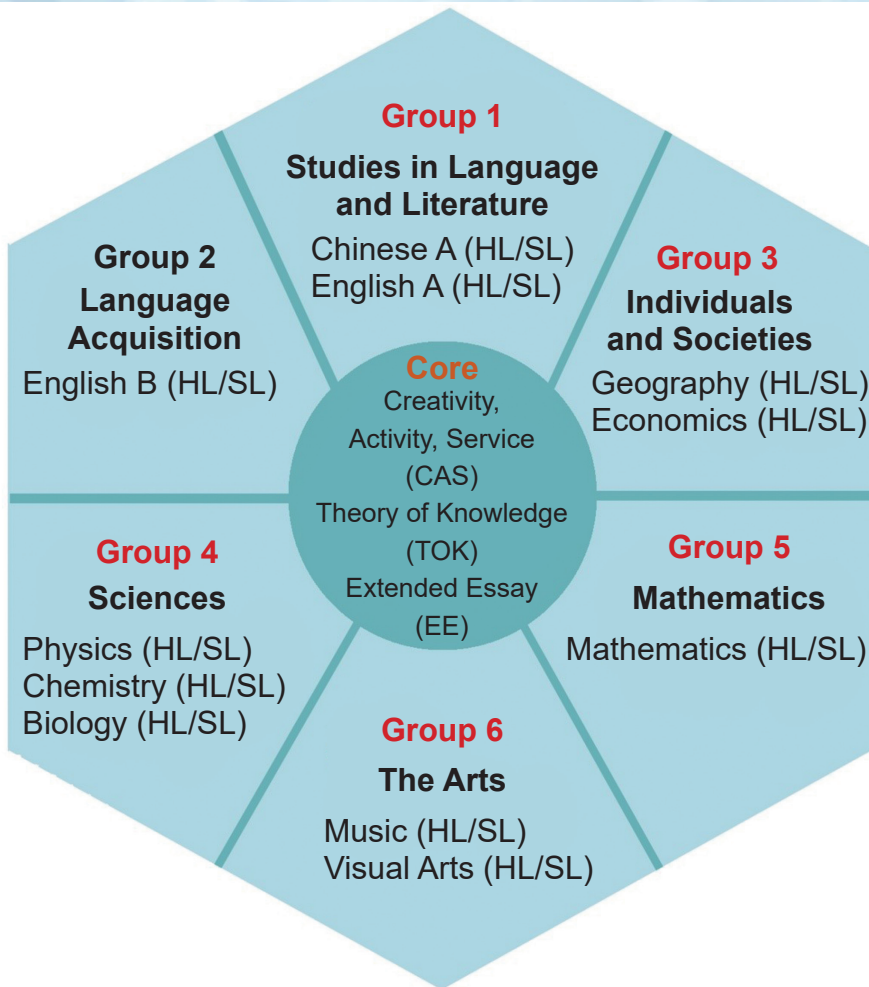
In the Pre-IB CAS class, I am just like Miss. Frizzle in her magical school bus. We dug to our innermost thoughts to find out our personality, skills and talents. We travelled to our future to see how to become successful leaders and followers.

We also went beyond Hong Kong to see what had happened to a village in mainland China. Of course, like a magical school bus, all these things happened in the classroom.

Through team-building activities, group discussion, presentation and reflection, we learnt the aims, learning outcomes and the IPARD

model of CAS. The voyage has just started. I am sure CAS will prepare our students as lifelong learners, building their perseverance.

# The IBDP Curriculum at GTC



The IBDP curriculum includes six subject groups and three core subjects:

The curriculum is made up of the DP core and six subject groups.

Student chooses one subject from each of the groups 1 to 6.

Students may opt not to choose a subject from Group 6. He/she instead can take one more subject from either Group 3 or Group 4.

## The New IB Office (700B) and mini-lecture room (700A)

Starting from the second term, the IB office and resource centre have been moved from the 3rd floor to the 7th floor. Now we have a multi-lecture room for IB students to use, providing them sufficient space for their learning.

So far we have been using this room for CAS and TOK classes. Parents and students are welcome to make an appointment with the DP coordinator whose office is inside Room 700B.



Room 700B

Room 700A

## Application Progress for IBDP

GTC is now at the final stage of the IBDP application. We have submitted the application for authorisation in September, 2017. The IBO is now checking the written documents we have submitted and then an authorization team composing 2 to 3 IBO officials will visit the school for a verification visit, motivating us to get ready for their inspection.

We are expecting the verification visit to be held in late January, 2018. To be successful, we need support from all levels of stakeholders including parents and students.

## IB Learner Profile Poster Design by G8 Students (2016-2017)

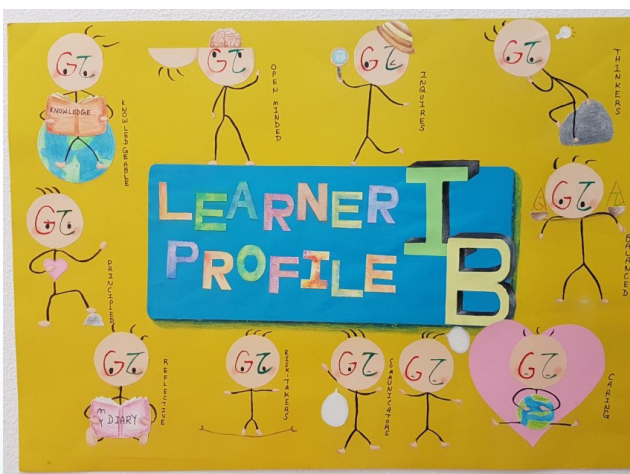
Ms. Jessie Tang, our VA teacher, guided some of the G8 classes in the last school year to design posters for the 10 IB learner profiles. Here are the outstanding products. Good work designers!



[2016/17: 8B] Hedia Ching, Wing Tung Chiu, Susan Ho, Elsa Jian, Kristy Law



[2016/17: 8C] Cyrus Chan, Jack Chan, Alton Choy, John Leung



[2016/17: 8B] Gaia Kwong, Janice Mok, Vina Ng, Thomas Yau



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