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IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME NEWSLETTER

October 2016

A note from the IB DP Coordinator, Neeraja Nibhanupudi

Greetings to parents and students!

The academic year 2016-2017 has started off really well. We have had a great half-term of valuable learning experiences and fun filled activities at the Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad. In August 2016, we welcomed 87 new students into our Diploma Programme which includes 54 from our Middle Years Programme. This brings the total of our DP cohort to over 150 which is an increase of 300% compared to our first entry in 2012.

We witnessed over 50 universities visiting us between August and October. Our Saturday School activities were enriching and expanded students' focus from academics to local issues in order to understand global issues. The first Saturday School in August had over 50 students presenting their summer internships. DP students were able to practice the arts of writing and debating during the Academy Model United Nations, 2016.

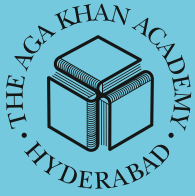
I'm happy to share that we have introduced a new subject, 'Information Technology in a Global Society' (ITGS), to bring His Highness the Aga Khan's vision more closely to our students. The ITGS course is the study and evaluation of the impacts of information technology (IT) on individuals and society. ITGS provides a framework for students to make informed judgments and decisions about the use of IT and digitized information within social contexts at the local and global level.

In addition, we are proud to announce that 3 DP I students have opted for their mother tongue, Telugu (self-taught) as their 1st language. This exhibits the students' confidence as they model the IB and Academy's mother tongue policy.

At the Academy, we strongly believe in "Excellence in Education" and we will continue to strive hard to prepare our students to be ethical leaders in a constantly changing dynamic world.



The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is more than its educational programmes and certificates. At our heart we are motivated by a mission to create a better world through education.



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A truly epic Careers Season at the Academy

The Academy is proud to have hosted 58 universities from 7 countries in 4 continents who visited between August to October 2016. 7 University Fairs, 2 individual visits & 1 counselling roundtable. What a testament to the Academy and its students!

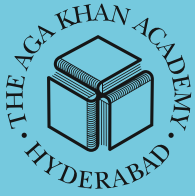
Country	Visiting universities and colleges	
USA	Middlebury University Macalester University Smith University Connecticut University Haverford University Drexel University Bucknell University Pepperdine University Southern Methodist University Northeastern University Arizona State University Ball state University California Lutheran University Fairfield University Florida Institute of Technology George Mason University Minerva College	University at Buffalo The State University of New York University of California, Berkeley University of Maryland, College Park University of Missouri, Kansas City University of Northern Arizona DePaul University DePauw University Lycoming College Rowan University State University of New York at Genesco Susquehanna University University of Arizona University of California, Davis University of Colorado Boulder University of Houston University of Missouri
Canada	Dalhousie University Carleton University University of Toronto Memorial University Waterloo University UBC	University of Victoria Brock University University of Alberta University of Ottawa Acadia University York University
Australia	Macquarie University Griffith University Monash University	University of Melbourne Deakin University
India	Indian School of Business and Finance (ISBF) Ashoka University	Mahindra Ecole Centrale Flame University
UK	University of St.Andrews	
Singapore	Yale NUS University	
Switzerland	École hôtelière de Lausanne	

Gallery - Careers Season 2016



Upcoming events

DATE	EVENT
12 November 2016	Theory of Knowledge presentations
18-19 November 2016	Academy 4th Interschool Sports Tournament
24 November 2016	Intra-Academy Senior School Sports Day (tentative)
1-7 December 2016	Mid-year examinations
10 December 2016	DP 1 Extended Essay Day / DP 2 Individual Oral Commentaries
17-19 December 2016	Academy's 1st Metro Model United Nations
17-25 January 2017	DP 2 mock Examinations
25-29 January 2017	DP 2 trek to Araku Valley



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Academy Model United Nations 2016

“It was finally that time of the year when the students of the Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad get prepped for their 'once-in-a-year' experience of debating at the MUN. Yes. AKAHMUN (Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad Model United Nations) 2016 had arrived.

Having been initiated with a grand opening ceremony, this year's MUN invoked and revealed the hidden oratory and diplomacy skills of the many delegates. The anticipation, the rush, the eagerness to get into serious debate. Students radiated their determination to discuss issues of global significance and clearly demonstrated perseverance in coming up with pragmatic solutions for them. From security issues regarding drug trafficking in North America, to the world of virtual currency, to Third Party Interventions, discussion topics differed across a diverse scale and brought forth various perspectives and ideologies up for debate.

With DISEC securing the future, ECOSOC conquering the economy, SC crowning world peace, HSC recreating history, HRC ensuring humanity, SPC integrating time and space, and the IP being the eyes and ears, AKAHMUN 2016 was in full swing.

In a highly sophisticated and contradictory world where globalisation and localisation are constantly at disagreement, MUN remains a platform for our students to widen their perceptions about the increasingly inter-dependent and cosmopolitan environment. Aiding them to widen their reach to international limits, the debate elicits the basic attributes of all the IB learner profiles, guiding students to think at a global scale, while not forgetting to consider implications at local levels.

Our Chief Guest, Dr. Praveen Kumar, an honoured IPS Officer and UN Peacekeeper, wisely said, “Don't debate to demolish your enemy. Debate to establish humanity.” And this maxim remained as the most important lesson for the participants at AKAHMUN 2016.

In a very organised manner, the MUN produced constructive debate and meaningful discussions amongst all the diverse agendas. And true to its motto, AKAHMUN 2016 was a reflection of students' efforts to research, resolve, and rise. It was everything we hoped for (and more!) Having gotten the initial taste of debate for the year, students now look forward to the inter-school MUN coming up in December!”

Tvisha Devavarapu, DPI





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Summer Internship presentations

This summer, 48 International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma students participated in our Academy Summer Internship Programme, a unique service-based learning initiative that supplements the CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) portfolio of the IB Diploma Programme. Students spent an intensive month in urban and rural areas of eight Indian states, working with non-profit organisations focusing on education, rural development, women and child health, disaster awareness, youth training, agriculture and nutrition.

All 48 interns made presentations at the Academy for grade 11 students and Academy Senior School staff. Students spoke about their projects, moments of elation, challenges, and how the internships have helped shape their career paths. They received certificates of appreciation.




Curatorial practice gallery visit

"The Diploma Programme Visual Arts students visited the State Gallery of Fine Arts, Kalakriti and Shristi. These are large galleries which display artworks of different media by local artists from several Indian states. We got an opportunity to interact with two curators and learnt about curatorial practices and necessities to curate an exhibition. We learnt about different techniques and the way to display our artwork in our upcoming exhibition with importance to space, positioning, and alignment. We were also exposed to the symbolist, surrealist, expressionist, and impressionist approach in Indian art."

- Zahra Quadri, DP-I



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