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IB Newsletter - Alexander Mackenzie High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

IB Exams: (for Gr. 11 and 12)

For some DP1 (Gr. 11) students, IB exams will start at the end of April. For the rest of the **DP1 and DP2** students, exams will take place some times in May. All IB teachers are currently in the stage of preparing students for the IB exams coming up. Please be reminded that these exam dates are set by IB and **there is no room for our school to move the exam either by time or by date. We are not allowed to let students write the exams on another day.** Students will be given information about exam protocols such that they will know what to expect on the day of the exam. All exams will take place at AMHS.

In particular, IB exams are written either in the morning (AM) or in the afternoon (PM). If students are writing exam(s) in the morning, they are expected to attend the classes in the afternoon, attendance will still be taken during the afternoon classes. We understand some students may choose to study at home after the exams during the day. **In such a case, please continue to follow the attendance procedure if you allow your child to stay home before/after the exams by signing them out for specific periods every IB exam day.**

Here is a summary of the IB exam schedule for this year. (There is a 15 minutes break between 2 consecutive papers from the same subject)

DP1 (Gr.11)						DP2 (Gr.12)					
Subject	Paper	Date	Duration	AM/PM	Time of Exam	Subject	Paper	Date	Duration	AM/PM	Time of Exam
Physics	1	Thursday April 25, 2024	45 mins	PM	1:00PM-1:50PM	History	1	Tue May 7, 2024	1 hr	PM	1:00PM-2:05PM
			15mins		1:50PM-2:05PM				15mins		2:05PM-2:20PM
Physics	3	Thursday April 25, 2024	1 hr	PM	2:05PM-3:10PM	History	2	Tue May 7, 2024	1 hr 30 min	PM	2:20PM - 3:55PM
Physics	2	Fri April 26, 2024	1 hr 15 mins	AM	9:00:00AM-10:20AM	History	3	Wed May 8, 2024	2 hrs 30 mins	AM	9:00AM-11:35AM
Math	1	Wed May 1, 2024	1 hr 30 min	PM	1:00 PM - 2:35 PM	Chemistry	1	Wed May 8, 2024	1 hr	PM	1:00PM-2:05PM
Math	1	Wed May 1, 2024	1 hr 30 min	PM	1:00 PM - 2:35 PM	Chemistry	3	Wed May 8, 2024	1 hr 15 min	PM	2:20PM-3:40 PM
Math	2	Thu May 2, 2024	1 hr 30 min	AM	9:00AM-10:35AM	Chemistry	2	Thu May 9, 2024	2 hrs 15 min	AM	9:00AM-11:20AM
Math	2	Thu May 2, 2024	1 hr 30 min	AM	9:00AM-10:35AM	English	1	Thu May 9, 2024	2 hrs 15 mins	PM	1:00PM-3:20PM
Biology	1	Mon May 13, 2024	45 mins	PM	1:00PM-1:50PM	English	2	Fri May 10, 2024	1 hr 45 mins	AM	9:00AM-10:50AM
			15mins		1:50PM-2:05PM	French	1	Thu May 16, 2024	1 hr 15 min	PM	1:00PM-2:20PM
Biology	3	Mon May 13, 2024	1 hrs	PM	2:05PM-3:10PM	French			15mins		2:20PM-2:35PM
Biology	2	Tue May 14, 2024	1 hr 15 mins	AM	9:00AM-10:20AM	French	2 - reading comprehension	Thu May 16, 2024	1 hr	PM	2:35PM-3:40PM
						French	2 - Listening Comprehension	Fri May 17, 2024	45 mins	AM	9:00AM-9:50AM

The start/end time for each exam is strictly monitored and all IB schools in the same timezone are having **the same exams at the same time.** I have been encouraging my IB students to take good care of themselves and make sure they stay healthy during the critical exam times. If, unfortunately, there are circumstances where

DP1 students could not write the IB exams, our school can request IB to let them write the exams in November.

However, in November, they are already very busy with other heavy loaded courses, these students will have to spend their own time after school in preparing for such exams they have missed. They will also miss the classes scheduled during the November exams. For **DP2** students, if they missed the May exams, it is unlikely they will earn the IB Diploma as a result, since they may already be admitted to University in the next school year using their predicted grades.

* Please note that DP1 and DP2 students are not going to write the June Exams at AMHS.

(Preparatory years Gr. 9 and 10 will follow the exams/final summatives schedule in the regular program)

Other News:

IB has conducted a school survey about Digital Examinations in the future. Here is the result of the survey:

- Participation rate: An impressive 67% of schools (2,509 out of 3,739) submitted complete responses.
- Transition readiness: A majority, 74%, express readiness to transition by 2026, with an even more optimistic 84% prepared for the shift by 2027.
- Positive sentiments: 77% of respondents conveyed excitement and positivity about embracing digital DP/CP examinations.

IB DP study: Positive university outcomes in Australia:

A new study by the Australian Council for Educational Research compares the university outcomes of students who completed the IB Diploma Programme (DP) in Australia compared to non-DP students nationally. **The findings demonstrate that DP students consistently and significantly outperform non-DP students** in offers of university admission, persistence to the second year of study, and university completion rates. ([Read more](#))

Thank you for your attention and continued support of the IB Programme at AMHS. If there are any specific questions about the IB program, please contact us directly.

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