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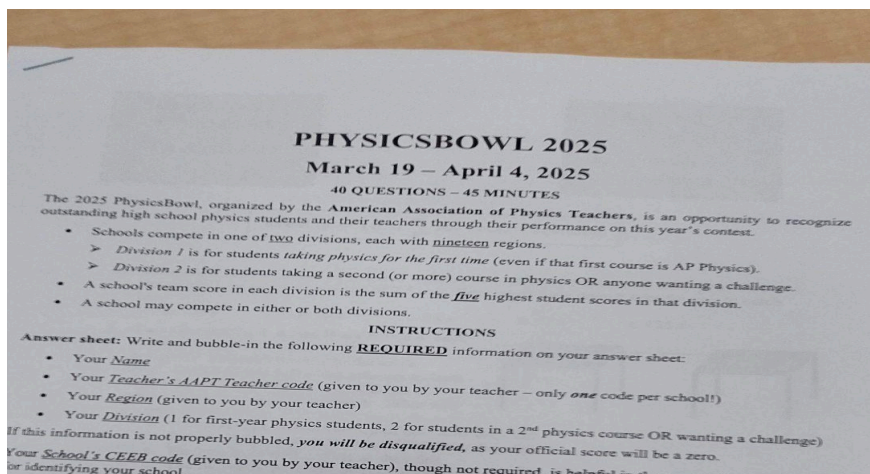
IB Newsletter - Alexander Mackenzie High School

April 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hope you are doing well. In this newsletter, you will find some relevant information and updates about our IB program at AMHS.

Many IB students participated in the [Physics Bowl](#) Contest on March 25th. They had 45 minutes to answer 40 Multiple Choice questions in Physics with increasing difficulty. Results for the contest will be available soon.



We used to run the Sir Issac Newton (SIN) Physics contest by the University of Waterloo in the past, however, it usually coincided with the IB exam time so we did not run it for a few years. Physics bowl is organized by the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT).

Starting Gr. 11 (DP1), teachers in IB classes will use IB materials in teaching and in assessment. Although there are similarities between IB materials and Ontario curriculum, students in all courses are learning so much more in such a short time. As a result, IB schools in Ontario have a mark alignment mechanism to align marks based on the intensity of the program. The mark alignment for **DP1 and DP2** is based on IB students' performance over the years statistically and every subject has a slightly different alignment table. You can always ask your child's IB subject teacher to share the corresponding alignment chart with you.

After DP1 and DP2 students write the IB exams in May, the overall IB results will be available in July. Each IB level corresponds to a specific range of mark percentage. For example, level 6 corresponds to anywhere from 93 to 96 as the final mark. Once the IB exam results become available in July, based on the marks on the June report card, we will use [this alignment chart](#) to readjust the final mark for each course. Changes will be made in September in the following school year.

Exam schedule - Below is the exam schedule for DP1 and DP2 students. As mentioned before, we are not able to accommodate any request for moving the exam to any other date or time. Failure to write exams may result in losing the IB Diploma that your child has been working hard on.

DP1 Exam Schedule

Subject	Paper	Date	Time
Physics SL	Paper 1a and 1b	Tuesday April 29, 2025	12:35PM-2:05PM
	Paper 2	Wednesday April 30, 2025	8:35AM-10:05AM
Biology SL	Paper 1a and 1b	Monday May 12, 2025	12:35PM-2:05PM
	Paper 2	Tuesday May 13, 2025	8:35AM-10:05AM
Mathematics AA SL	Paper 1	Thursday May 15, 2025	12:35PM-2:05PM
	Paper 2	Friday May 16, 2025	8:35AM-10:05AM

DP2 Exam Schedule

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Note
History HL	Paper 1	Monday May 5, 2025	12:35PM-1:35PM	PA day
	Paper 2	Monday May 5, 2025	1:50PM - 3:20PM	PA day
	Paper 3	Tuesday May 6, 2025	8:35AM - 11:05PM	
English HL	Paper 1	Thursday May 8, 2025	12:35PM-2:50PM	
	Paper 2	Friday May 9, 2025	8:35PM-10:20PM	
Chemistry HL	Paper 1a and 1b	Friday May 16, 2025	12:35PM-2:35PM	
	Paper 2	Monday May 19, 2025	8:35AM-11:05AM	Victoria Day
French SL	Paper 1	Tuesday May 20, 2025	12:35PM-1:35PM	
	Paper 2 (Reading)	Tuesday May 20, 2025	1:50PM-3:05PM	
	Paper 2 (Listening)	Wednesday May 21, 2025	8:35AM-9:20AM	

Note 1: Students will be writing exams on May 5th (**PA day**) and May 19th (**Victoria Day**). More information will be provided soon about the logistics of these two days.

Note 2: During exam days and after exams, regular attendance protocols are still going to be followed by teachers. For example, during exam days, regular attendance for the classes outside the exam time will still be taken. If you let your child study at home outside these exam times, please follow regular attendance procedure by emailing alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca with the relevant information.

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 me directly by phone or Email.

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