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### IB Newsletter - Alexander Mackenzie High School

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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.

#### **Semester 2 has just started**

Semester 2 started on February 3rd. It will run from Feb 3rd to the end of June and the last instructional day before exams is June 17.

#### **Course Selection**

Students will need to register for courses that they wish to take in the next school year through a process called "Course Selection". This year, the time window for **Course Selection is from February 13 to February 21**.

For current AMHS students, course selection will be done through "My Pathway Planner", you and your child can find the link at the lower right corner of our school [website](#).



For **IB students** in particular, please refer to [this document](#) for specific course selection information. Based on the grade of your child, the specific IB streamed courses should be selected for next school year.

#### **For Current Gr. 10 students, who are going to start Gr. 11 (DP1) in September 2025**

Please understand that it is important for you and your child to talk about the options for **Group 3,4 and 6** subjects.

As **Chemistry** will give all students the necessary background knowledge for any **STEM** related fields, if your child is planning to study any **STEM** related field in University, please choose either Psychology **OR** History for Group 3, **Chemistry HL for Group 4**, and Physics **OR** Biology for Group 6.

If your child is planning to study non-STEM field, like business or social sciences, your child may choose **History** for Group 3, Physics **OR** Biology for Group 4, **and Psychology** for Group 6.

Please note that IB requires all Diploma Candidate to take 3 HL and 3 SL courses. Since we only offer Chemistry and English at HL, French at SL, so for students choosing Music SL **OR** Theatre Arts SL for Group 6, they will need to pick Chemistry HL for their Group 4 subject to fulfill 3 HL and 3 SL requirement.

Please understand that the amount of available options is subject to the guideline set by the Ministry of Education. Certain courses are not able to run if there is not enough interest in it.

**If there are any questions about course selection for your child who is currently in Gr. 10, please let me know by Email.**

### **Extended Essay for DP1**

Gr. 11 students have been assigned an Extended Essay teacher mentor who volunteered to support and provide guidance to students in this EE journey. There will be various workshops and checkpoints throughout this and next school year before the final Extended Essay is due in December 2025.

### **New link is added to our AMHS IB page**

I have been receiving inquiries from students and families about the post-secondary destination from our former IB graduates. As a result, we have recently included a “statistic” tab under our [AMHS IB page](#). This page, which will be updated annually, listed the Universities and the corresponding programs that our former AMHS IB graduates got admitted to.

**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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