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## IB Newsletter - Alexander Mackenzie High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

### IB Exams: (for Gr. 11 and 12)

DP1 students with focus on Physics for Group 6 have already written their first IB exam on April 25th and 26th. For the rest of the exam schedule, please refer to the following tables:

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
Biology	3	Mon May 13, 2024	15mins	PM	1:50PM-2:05PM	French	1	Thu May 16, 2024	1 hr 15 min	PM	1:00PM-2:20PM
			1 hrs		2:05PM-3:10PM	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

Please be aware that if you allow your child to study at home, the usual attendance procedures should be followed. They will be marked absent if they are not in the classroom during the class time.

We understand that IB exams can be very stressful to some of our students. If there is any concern about the stress level your child is displaying (or not displaying), please let us know and we will put resources together to support students in stressful situations the best we can. The following screenshots that I came across about dealing with exam stress are shared and discussed with my students.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/RguYTVdw5zhBEa1aA>

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### **CAS requirement:**

CAS stands for Creativity, Activity and Service ([reference](#)). It is one of the core and required components in the IB programme. Without completing the CAS requirements, the IB Diploma can not be awarded. Starting in Gr. 11, we have a team of teachers working together to support students to fulfill the CAS requirements. We also have a CAS coordinator who oversees the CAS process for our students. Just a reminder that the activities done in the summer after the Grade 10 year **cannot** be counted towards CAS. All CAS activities can be counted only after the Diploma Program has started.

### **Other News:**

In this issue of our IB Newsletter, I would like to talk briefly about Artificial Intelligence (AI). As we all know, AI is an emerging technology and it is going to be more and more related to our daily life. Here are some examples of the AI tools you can access freely.

- Chat GPT
- Dal-E for creating images
- Perplexity
- Quillbot
- AI Tools Director

What Can AI do ([reference](#))

- Draft essays and short answer questions in a range of distinctive styles.
- Create rubrics and multiple-choice questions.
- Summarize articles, paraphrase passages.
- Complete translations
- Create images on request
- Writes computer code on request and much more.

As you probably know, the IB does not believe that AI tools should be banned in education. IB has published a lot of information about how to handle AI properly and there are guidelines for teachers and students. These guidelines have been shared with our teaching staff.

You can read more about AI in learning, teaching and assessment [here](#).

Quick [fact sheet](#) about IB and AI tools.

**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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