

GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2020

This edition of the Newsletter brings to you the events, the happenings at Gateway IB for the month of July 2020



Beginning of a New Academic Year – 6th July 2020

This academic year 2020-2021 commenced on the 6th July 2020 for our staff members. The ever so enthusiastic team jumped straight in to planning and preparation for the classes that are scheduled to be open for students from the 20th July 2020.

6th July 2020 – DP and MYP Collaboration Meeting

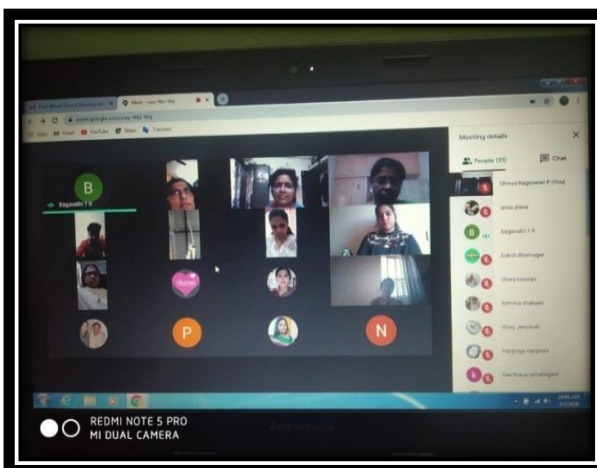
The discussion on how to prepare the DP and MYP students for this crucial year of schooling was done. The discussion prevailed on the most important aspects of what the students and the staff needed to focus. A well planned derivative was achieved by the end of this collaboration.

6th July 2020 - Understanding Enhanced Making the PYP Happen

Participants: School head Principal, PYP coordinator and PYP facilitators

*An interactive online Brainstorming quiz session was conducted by the PYP coordinator, Ms. Susan Pramod, for the PYP teachers on how to implement Enhanced PYP in the classrooms.

*The teachers actively participated and had a discussion on the various aspects of effective teaching.



07th July 2020 – DP and MYP CAS Collaboration Meeting

Meeting with the Programme Co-ordinators Ms. Sangeetha and Ms. Vidya, the CAS Coordinator Ms. Dharakeswari and the DP 2 Students. The discussion on the completion of the CAS portfolio and preparation and presentation for the interview was done.

08th July 2020 – Collaboration on Extended Essay

Meeting with the Diploma Programme Co-ordinator Ms. Sangeetha, the Extended Essay Coordinator Ms. Vidya Sagari, the EE Supervisors and the Subject Teachers.

The below points were discussed

- Discussion with the DP Co-ordinator, the Extended Essay Coordinator, the EE Supervisors and the Subject Teachers regarding Extended Essay in the IBDP
- An introduction about the IB Diploma Programme and its Programme Model; requisites for successful completion of the programme
- A brief outline of the core in the IBDP
- An in-depth introduction to Extended Essay: with regard to the choice of subject and topics and word-count

- Requisites of the EE: in terms of working hours, consultation sessions with the supervisors and also the
- Researcher's Reflection Space (RRS)
- Explanation about the role of a supervisor and the assessment criteria (in detail)

08th July 2020- MYP Horizontal Planning

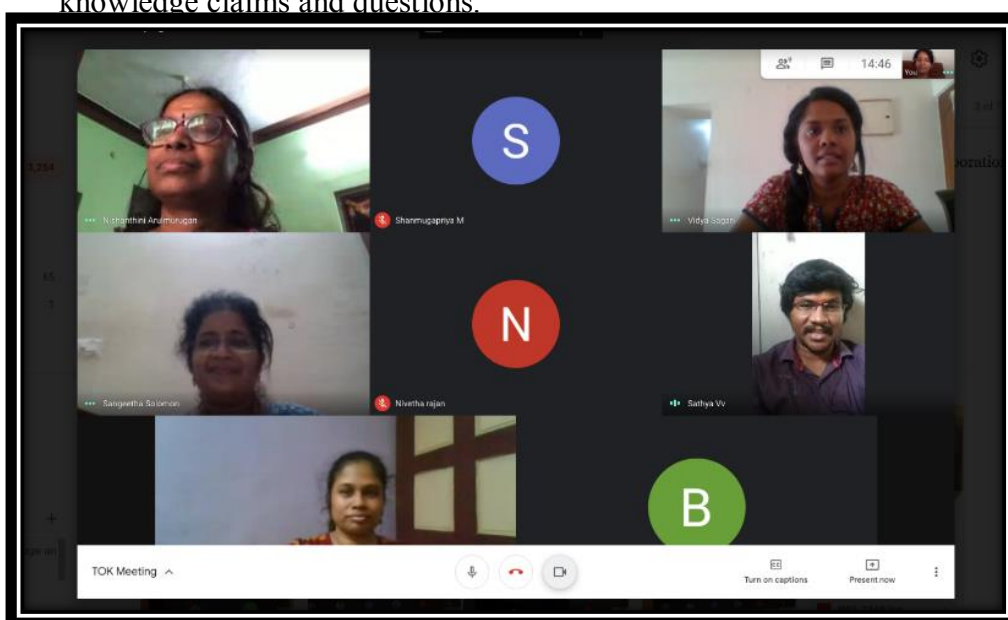
Discussion with the MYP Co-ordinator and the teachers regarding Horizontal Planning in the MYP (2020-21); In-depth discussion on the different sections of the course overview document, unit wise. Special focus on the different requisites to be looked after in the subjects in terms of addressing the key concept, related concepts, global context and explorations, assessment criteria and service as action; a minimum of 50 teaching hours for each subject group in a year; addressing the ATL Skills and planning the Summative Assessments.

09th July 2020 – Assessment Practice

- Meeting with the Diploma Programme Co-ordinator Ms. Sangeetha, and the Subject Teachers was held. A brief outline of the subject groups and an in-depth insight about the selection processes in terms of choice of Higher Level and Standard Level

10th July 2020 – Course Outline and TOK Discussion

- Meeting with the Diploma Programme Co-ordinator Ms. Sangeetha, and the Language and Literature Teacher Ms. Sharanya regarding the Course Outline. Discussion about the different components of the Course in terms of the specifications for SL and HL in terms of number of works to be studied and their categorization, and also the requisites from the IB with regard to assessments.
- An In-depth discussion about the types of works addressed in the course and the ways in which they are approached.
- Special Focus on the Internal Assessment component of the subject group- Individual Oral, with a detailed overview of the Mock assessments planned and also, a proposal of timeline for completion of the portions in Years 1 and 2 of the Programme. Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge- with special attention on 'knowledge' and knowing about knowing; an extended discussion about the meaning of theory, knowledge claims and questions.



11th July 2020- Career Counselling:

A Webinar on career counselling by Ms.Chandra Majumder was held for our students of DP on 11th July 2020. It was a very informative session and the students and the parents benefited from this initiative by Gen Next Education.

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Department of Career Counselling Invites you for the Webinar on Profile Building & Class-by-class planning suggestions

Our profile building session will focus on giving them class-by-class planning map so they can make an informed decision after high school which leads to more scholarships and receiving offers from their dream universities.

We will cover topics like explore the different majors, develop career goals, preparing for the standardized tests, planning the extracurricular activities etc.

RESOURCE PERSON

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GIS IB CAREER COUNSELLOR

Ms. Letishia, Principal,
Gateway International IB School

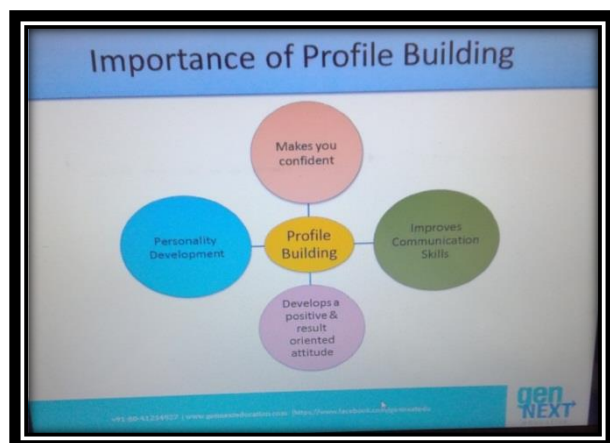
Date: 11th July, 2020 Time: 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Webinar Platform: Zoom
Register in advance for this webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81YR8g5S70Yh5G6-2c0w>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

13th July 2020 – Webinar on Profile Building by Gen Next Education

Webinar hosted by Ms. Chandra Majumder from Gen Next Education on profile building

- Ms. Chandra provided detailed understanding on what is profile building, the importance of profile building and ways to build a student's profile.
- Special focus on the myths and facts of profile building.
- Detailed discussion on the planning of profile building, a brief instruction on what a student should do from MYP 3 to DP 2 and the pointers to be addressed each year.



What is 'Profile Building'?

Profile Building is a continuous process and accumulation of 'activities' undertaken by students over the years, to identify their inner core strengths and empower them to represent themselves in the best way.

Academics (Grades/GPA), Take relevant online courses, Olympiads, Strong essays/statement

Standardized Test Scores (PSAT/SAT General/SAT Subject Tests/AP credits/ACT)

Extracurricular Activities, leadership role (MUNs, internships, Join clubs in the school, Volunteering work)

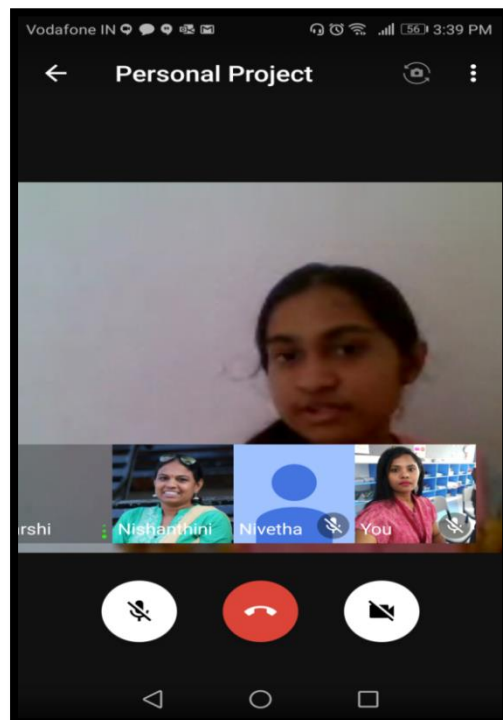
Soft skill Development, Networking, Talk to Alumni/International Representatives/ Counselor.

CAREER CRUISING: A free tool for students and families to support informed – decision making about the future.
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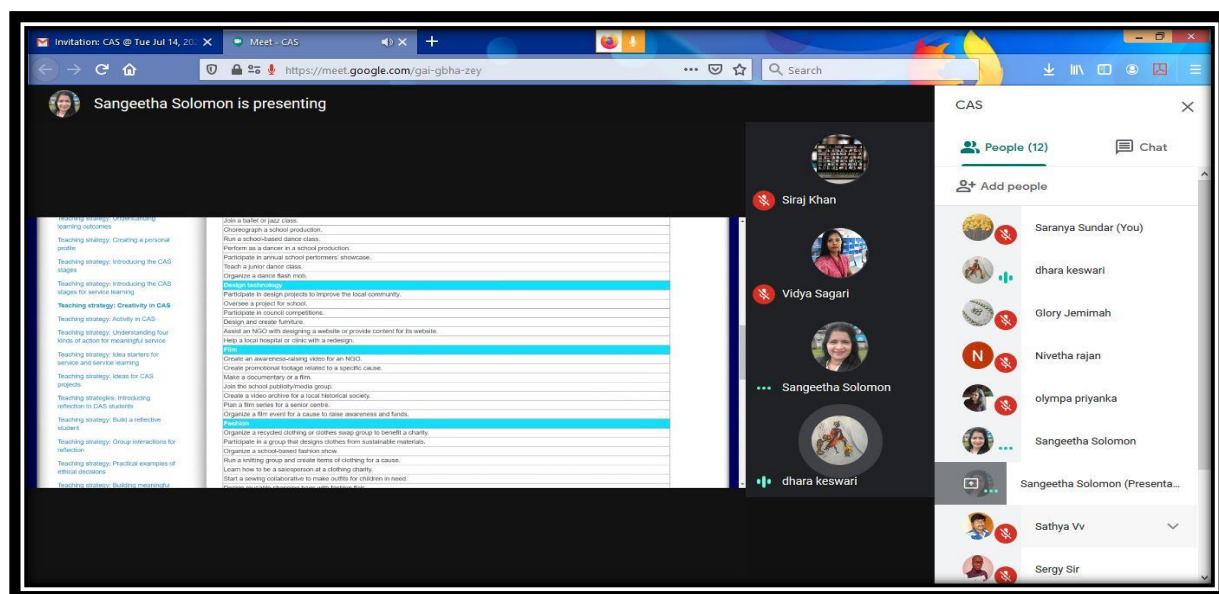
13/07/2020 – Personal Project Collaboration

Meeting with the MYP Co-ordinator, the Personal Project Co-ordinator, the students and the supervisors regarding choice of a highly challenging goal. Discussion with the MYP Co-ordinator, the Personal Project Co-ordinator, the students and the supervisors regarding choice of a highly challenging goal. A detailed explanation of the differential aspects of the process of goal-setting; also, the constraints in practical implementation of certain goals due to the lockdown scenario were discussed. A brief note about the role of a challenging goal in the different levels a student is bound to achieve in the assessment process of the personal project. Special guidance to the students in refining their goal.



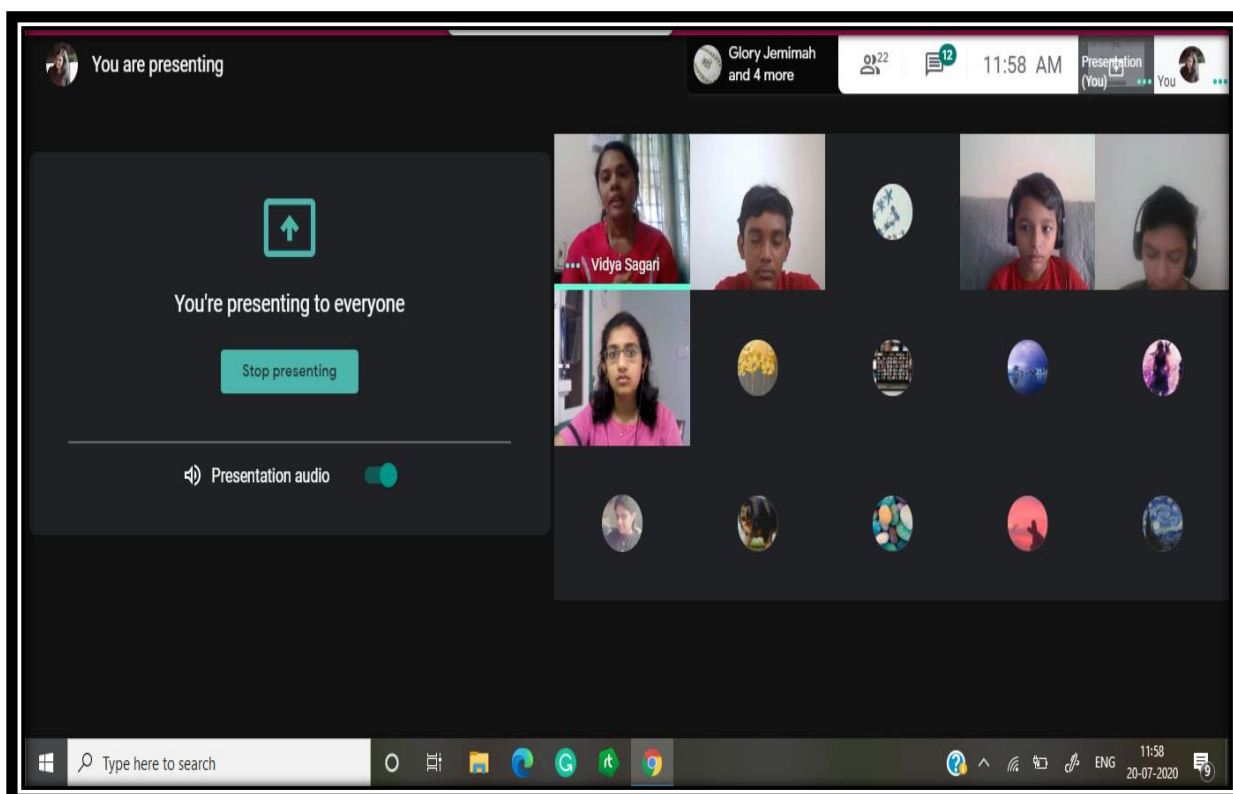
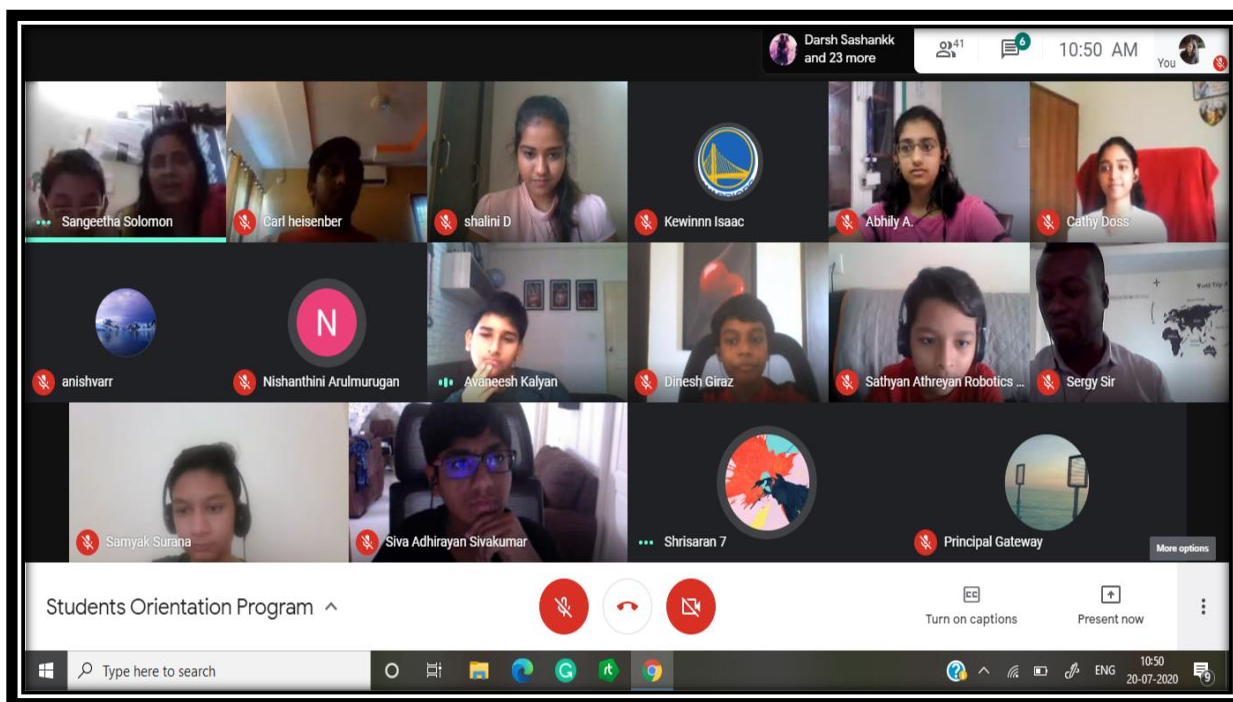
17th July 2020 - Orientation Session: Online Teaching Platform- Google Classroom

Meeting with the MYP Co-ordinator, the DP Co-ordinator and the teachers regarding the Procedures for Teaching Online through the Google Classroom platform. The teachers were given a run through on how to navigate around the online teaching platform to enable a smooth transition from the Classrooms to the Virtual Classroom sessions.



20th July 2020 – MYP Students Orientation Program

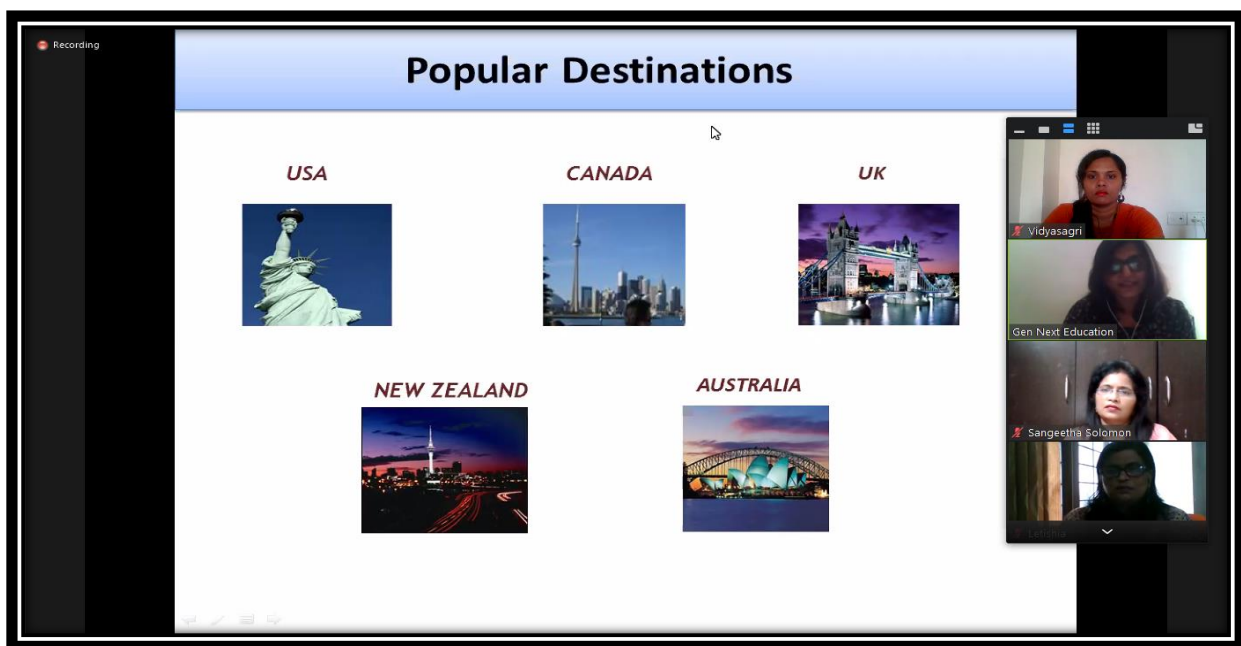
Education is at the forefront of global development and International education signifies a new strategic direction in comprehensive education, broadening perspectives and building diverse connections. A multicultural learning environment is considered an ideal setting to foster understanding and appreciation of learners from different backgrounds. This enriches the society in the process. This is because learning aims are also associated with the ability to live in harmony with each other, the skills to adapt, to be creative, to use multiple intelligences and the adoption of attitudes and actions which support a sustainable future for our world and development of the learner, in both the cognitive and affective dimensions.



24th July 2020- Webinar on Road Map to College Application Process & Essay Writing Tips

Gateway International School in collaboration with Gen Next Education conducted a Zoom Webinar on Road Map to College Application Process & Essay Writing Tips, for students and parents of MYP 5, DP1 and DP2, on 24th July between 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM.

Our Principal Ms. Lethisha Harris and the coordinators was the panellist for the session, the webinar was conducted by Ms. Chandra Majumder, Manager, College Counselling and Student Success of Gen Next Education. The webinar provided proper guidelines to students regarding the ways to apply to universities, how to choose the course and university, documentation process, essay writing process and other tips.



Popular Destinations

USA

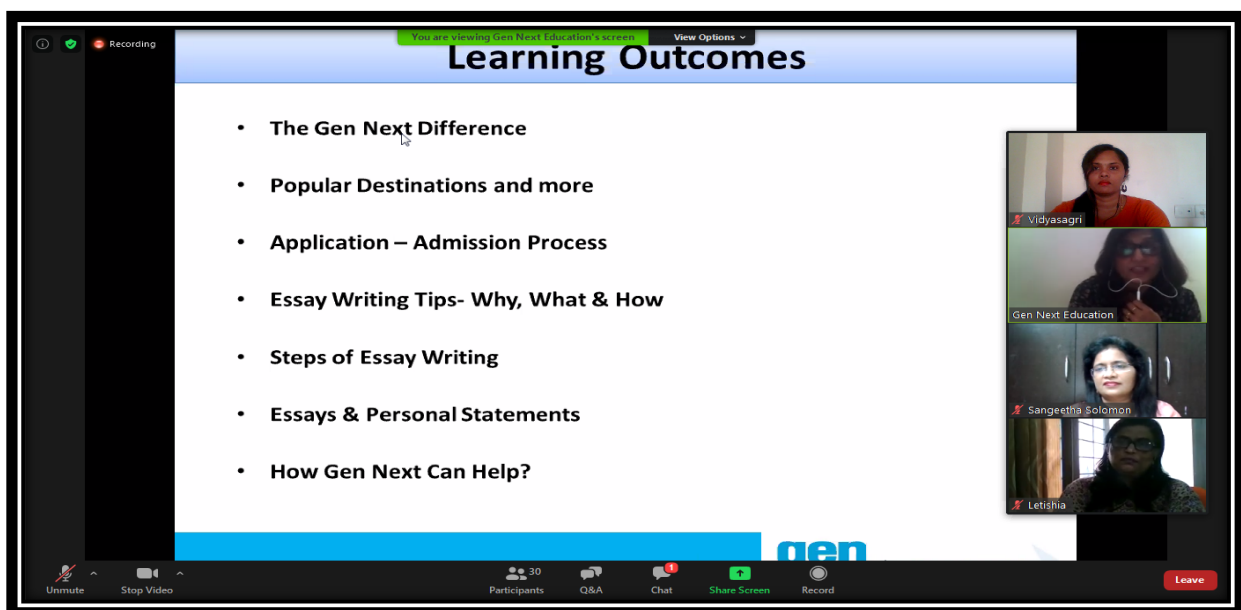
CANADA

UK

NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIA

The slide displays five popular destinations with corresponding images: USA (Statue of Liberty), Canada (CN Tower), UK (Tower Bridge), New Zealand (Skyline at night), and Australia (Sydney Opera House). A vertical sidebar on the right shows four video thumbnails of participants: Vidyasagri, Gen Next Education, Sangeetha Solomon, and another participant.



Learning Outcomes

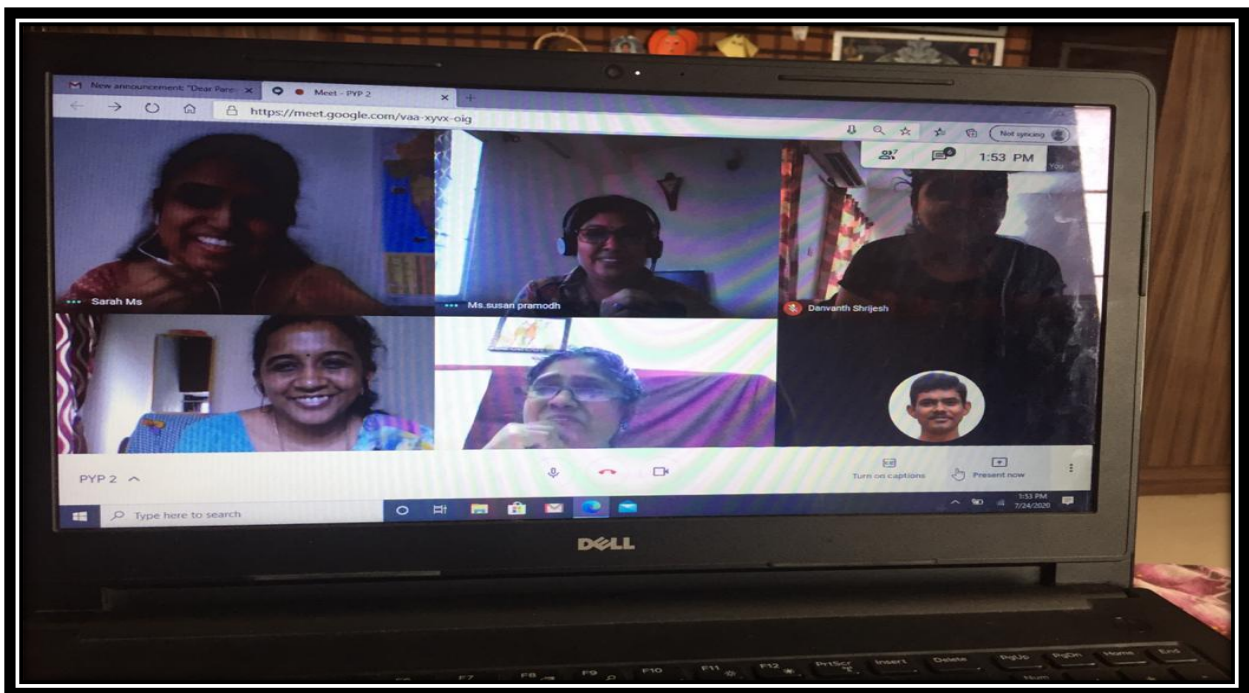
- The Gen Next Difference
- Popular Destinations and more
- Application – Admission Process
- Essay Writing Tips- Why, What & How
- Steps of Essay Writing
- Essays & Personal Statements
- How Gen Next Can Help?

The slide lists seven learning outcomes. A vertical sidebar on the right shows four video thumbnails of participants: Vidyasagri, Gen Next Education, Sangeetha Solomon, and Lethisha. The Zoom interface at the bottom shows 30 participants, a chat icon, and a 'Leave' button.

24th July 2020 - PYP First Unit Introduction Meeting

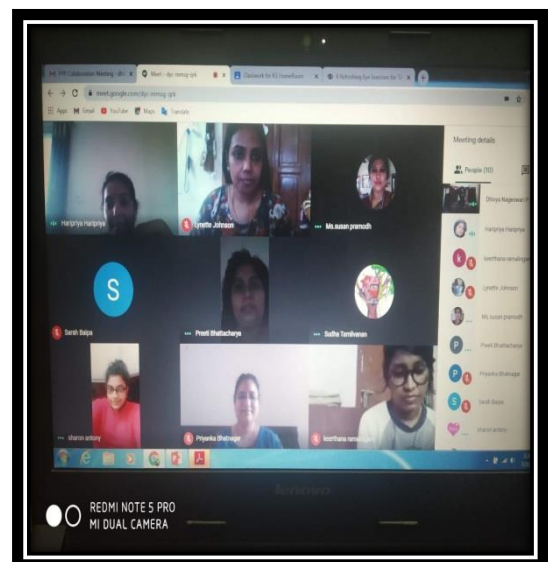
All the Parents of PYP 1-5 were waiting and curious for this wonderful opportunity to listen to the proceedings of the learning and teachings from their homeroom teachers for the unit. The parents were excited to know the plan drafted for the unit learning and they enthusiastically participated in the unit introduction session. They made use of this session to interact well and understand the learning of the students. They also provided their valuable suggestions that can facilitate learning better.

The parents gave in their insight on framing the central idea. It made them connect to the theme and really enjoyed participating and was happy to be part of the students learning. They also justified the reason for better understanding and in-depth inquiry process, teachers then discussed the lines of inquiry, key concepts and related concepts and connected to the formative and summative assessment, further the integrated subjects along with the subject focus were also discussed to the parents and parents were briefed regarding the online learning methodology and the tools that were supported to make the class more interesting.



25th July 2020 - PYP.Orientation Programme

The Parents Orientation program for the PYP was conducted on 25-07-2020. The session started at around 10:00 a.m., with a prayer by Ms. Susan Pramod, followed by reading a Bible verse by Ms. Sarah Baipa. Our beloved Principal Mrs. Letishia Harris addressed the parents highlighting the virtual class timings, modes of communication and general rules and regulations. She interacted well with the parents, encouraging them to play an active role in their child's learning process. The session was then taken by our PYP Coordinator Ms. Susan Pramod. Emphasis was made on how effectively the school is



providing the students a warm learning environment. Activities based on creating a unit was conducted by the teachers to give a hands-on experience of having fun learning in PYP. The new parents enthusiastically participated in the activities and interacted well during the session. This served as a platform for the parents to learn that a conducive learning environment is created for the students where they take ownership of their learning. The parents also clarified their doubts regarding the virtual classes and the program. Towards the end, Ms. Saranya, the school resources coordinator addressed the parents about the various online resources that are available for the students to make use of.

25th July 2020 - Parents Orientation Program

Orientation program was conducted on 25th July between 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM on Google meet. Our principal Mrs. Lethishia Harris gave an opening speech addressing the MYP parents and communicated important aspects of the virtual class planned for this year. Ms. Vidya Sagari the coordinator of the middle years programme, gave an orientation on the MYP curriculum by presenting the programme model and discussing the various attributes in brief. Ms. Saranya discussed the development of the digital library at GIS and provided information on the free access of books to students. The program ended with a brief question and answers session between the parents and the coordinator.

The screenshot shows a Google Meet interface. On the left, a slide titled "IB Learner Profile" is displayed. The slide features a circular diagram with ten segments representing aspirational qualities: Knowledgeable, Risk-takers, Principled, Communicators, Balanced, Thinkers, Open-minded, Inquirers, Reflective, and Caring. Below the diagram, there are three bullet points:

- At the heart of the IB is the “learner profile”, a long- term, holistic vision of education that underpins all three programmes and puts the student at the centre of everything we do.
- The learner profile is the IB mission statement translated into a set of learning outcomes for the 21st century.
- The ten aspirational qualities of the learner profile inspire and motivate the work of teachers, students and schools, providing a statement of the aims and values of the IB and a definition of what we mean by “international-mindedness”.

On the right side of the screen, a grid of participants is visible, including Vidya Sagari, Glory Jemimah, Sathya Vv, Chief Nixer, Nishanthini Anulmugan, Anuradha Abburi, dhara keswari, Sangeetha Ms, and olympa priyanka.

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- A unifying thread throughout all MYP subject groups, approaches to learning (ATL) provide the foundation for **independent learning** and encourage the application of their **knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts**.
- Developing and applying these skills helps students learn how to learn.

Below the text is a circular diagram for ATL (Approaches to Learning). The center is labeled "ATLS". The diagram is divided into four quadrants: Thinking, Self-Management, Social, and Collaboration. Each quadrant has associated skills: Thinking (Creative thinking, Critical thinking, Reflective thinking, Transfer); Self-Management (Organisation, Affective, Regulation); Social (Communication, Communication, Communication); and Collaboration (Teamwork, Learning strategies, Research, Inquiry).

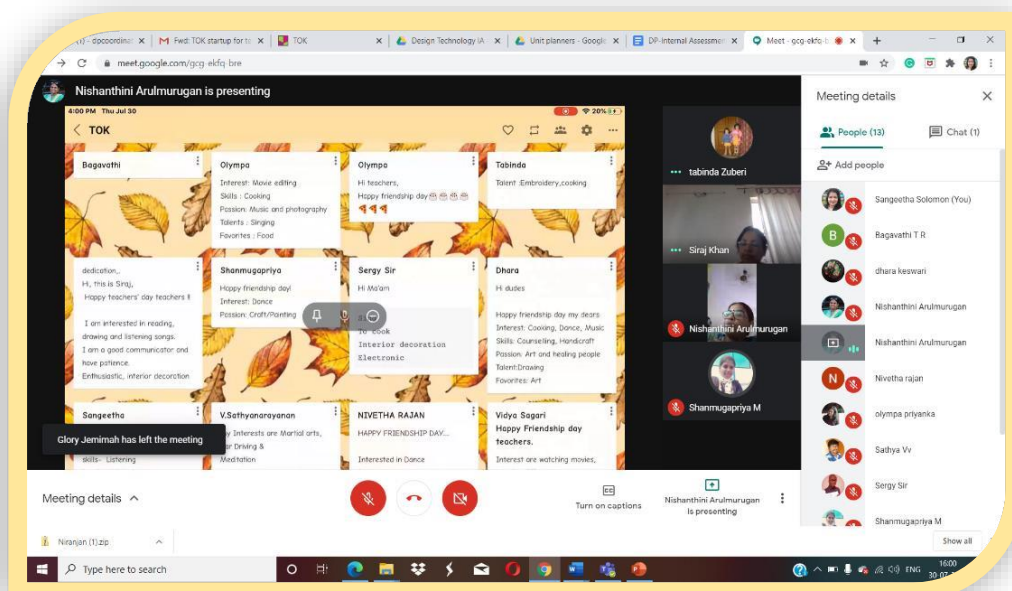
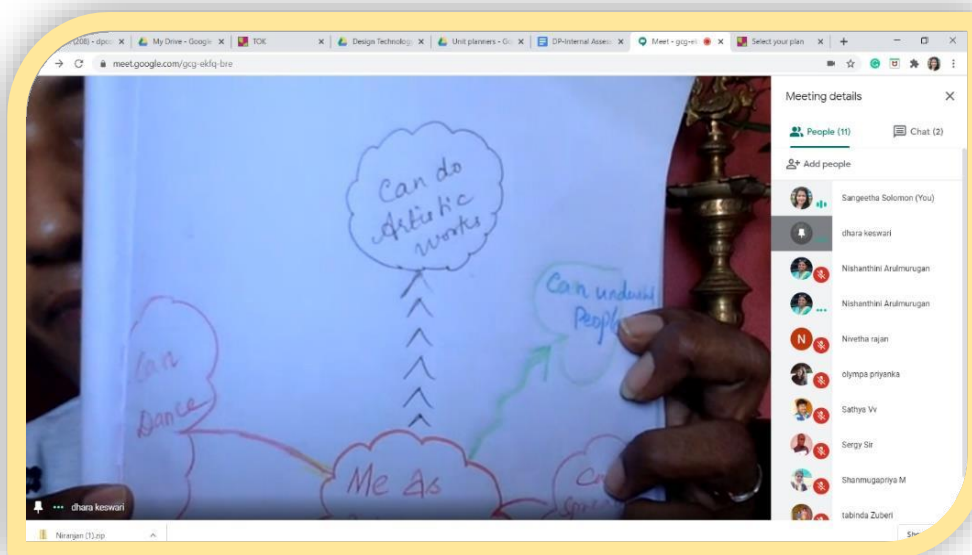
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28.07.2020 - MYP Unit planner Session

Ms. Vidya Sagari the MYP coordinator conducted a session on MYP unit planner. During the session the session MYP key concepts, related concepts, global context, statement of inquiry, the assessment objectives, ATL skills, formative assessments and teaching strategies was discussed with an exemplar unit plan. The new teacher Ms.Tabinda was given instructions and necessary materials to make her own unit plan.

30th July 2020 - Internal PD workshop - Theory of Knowledge

TOK Co-ordinator Ms. Nishanthini conducted Internal PD workshop for all the DP teachers. The newly updated TOK Core Curriculum in the IBDP was discussed in detail. The core theme of the curriculum was discussed with interesting activities. The PD workshop is planned till 2nd week of August.

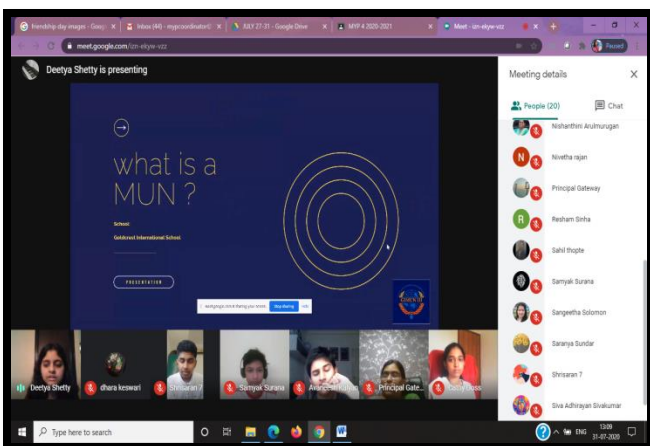
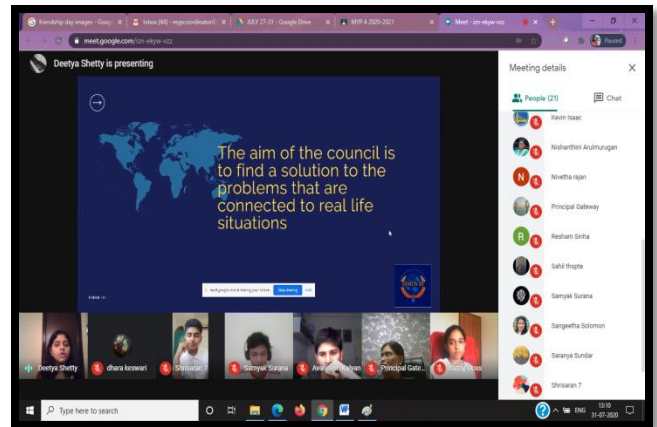


31st July 2020 - Model United Nation (MUN) 2020 Introduction

Discussion with Ms. Deetya Shetty, Ms. Resham Sinha, Mr. Sahil Thopte, Ms. Letishia Harris, Principal – GIS (IB), the MYP Co-ordinator, the DP Co-ordinator, the teachers and the students of MYP Years 4 and 5, DP Years 1 and 2 regarding MUN 2020

- Discussion about MUN 2020 and the objectives
- A reminder about the procedures followed in a MUN

An In-depth discussion about the schedule of the GIMUN (Goldcrest International MUN); the committees participating (the WHO, UNDP, UNEP, ECOSOC, etc.) and the agenda discussed; the MUN process and the aims.



31st July 2020 - MUN

MUN is an educational simulation wherein the students get a great opportunity to learn about diplomacy, International relations, and the United Nations. It also enables students to develop their public speaking skills. Today the students of GIS (MYP 4, MYP5, DP1, and DP2) had an insightful collaboration with the students and teachers of Gold Crest International School, Navi Mumbai to have a deeper understanding on the same.



Thank You!!!