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# CLOSE LOOK

## PHIS is Stepping into MYP

*As PHIS is aiming at to be authorized for MYP schooling, Mr. Junaed Rabbani, the MYP coordinator of PHIS, has been interviewed about MYP progress.*

*Please tell us briefly regarding IB MYP?*

It is a challenging IB program for the students from grade VI-X. It is a framework that encourages and enables students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world.

*What is the special feature of IB MYP? What does make IB MYP distinct than any other curriculum?*

MYP is a concept based curriculum which is very different from the traditional ones. Learning in MYP is completely based on **inquiry** without any specific contents though in a specified manner.

We teach eight subjects in MYP providing learners opportunities to acquire knowledge of the contents through exploration. The subject groups are Language acquisition, Language and literature, Individuals and Societies. Sciences, Mathematics, Arts, Physical and health education and Design. This approach ensures the holistic development of a student.

MYP learners can implement what they learn in their practical life because there is a strong resemblance between their studies with real life application. Execution of the skills they learn solidify their comprehension and facilitate them to be more innovative and intellectually competent. Being able to realize connections between different contents and relate those in regular actions enable students to retain the information over a longer period and even during their professional lives.

*What is the most appealing aspect of IB MYP?*

The teaching method of MYP encourages the students to research which entails them to extend their knowledge beyond the classrooms. Learning is not merely studying inside closed walls, rather being immersed in a sea of knowledge where we extract information every moment and apply it as an inevitable activity just as we inhale and



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MYP workshop participants; held on 27th and 28th January, 2017 at PHIS.

exhale oxygen every moment to live in. Apart from preparing students to be lifelong learners, MYP focuses on preparing global citizens accomplishing the attributes of the IB learner profiles.

*In terms of doing DP, what is the advantage of the students who have completed MYP?*

IBDP is highly rigorous and one of the most renowned curriculums to the universities worldwide. To succeed in DP, MYP is the most ideal preparation due to its continuity with DP.

*What is the progress of PHIS in regard of obtaining IB MYP authorization?*

In order to be authorized, we are required to demonstrate our actions for a continuous two years that our goals and activities are aligned with the mission and values of IB. Afterwards, a verification visit will take place. Keeping all these in mind, we are progressing towards our destination and hoping to have the verification visit completed by 2017. We have a trained group of faculty members. The sessions and workshops have been taking place on a regular basis. We are done with one MYP assessment as well. The students have started on screen exams. By June 2017, we expect the completion of all the required works.

*Thank you Mr. Rabbani for your time.*

Md Jabir Hossain Grade XII

1. A seven letter word containing thousands of letters. What is that word?

See page six for the answer



Inauguration of debate session with Imran Raja at PHIS on 20th January 2017

## War in Words kicks off

Debate club has been introduced to PHIS students in this semester in order to enhance their rational thinking, public speaking, leadership skills and intellectual competence with the aim of preparing the students to be responsible global citizens reflecting the mission of PHIS. To direct this intent effectively, Mr. Imran Raja, secretary of Bangladesh Debate Society and a student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, was appointed as the trainer. He is one magnificent debater who goes around places and countries to attend debate sessions.

The debate club will extract the students from their tiny box of comfort zone and facilitate them to be risk-takers overcoming their hesitancy. Thus, it will enable the students to reach their individual potential in mind, body, spirit and become dynamic leaders for 21<sup>st</sup> century. Through the argumentative manner of interaction with different people, one will be an open-minded person encountering different people of different perspectives. Along with enhancing English speaking skills. The members of the club will be updated about current international affairs and become knowledgeable in result. While learning to reply logically, the students can learn to become reflective and quick thinkers as well.

On January 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>, PHIS students joined the first training session of the Debate club and had an excellent experience. Among those students, Sirhan from G—X said, “I was really fascinated by

the significance of debate and excellence of this club which really intrigued me to be a dedicated public speaker. I am really looking forward to our next debate class.”

On the first day, Mr. Raja inaugurated the session with a captivating speech to motivate the students. On 21<sup>st</sup> January, regarding the topic “Ban all the advertisement targeted at children”, some faculty members of PHIS organized a debate competition between two groups of students and the war in words began. Zenab, Safat, Minhaz, Maksud, Humayed, Ishat, and Farhan spoke for the topic against Radith, Nasif, Ashiq, Arian, Assad, Salman. An outstanding intellectual battle took place between the two groups where each group gave their level best. The group which was against the topic scored 150 points and the other group scored 138 points. The best speaker of the competition was Nasif Rahman from G –XI.

The goal of our debate club is to take part in different debating competitions, represent our school. Soon InshaAllah, we will not only attend competitions but bring trophies to our school.

*Radith Bin Zaman and Mahfuza Laohe Rumman*

### Marking the Speed-Bumps



The bumps on the road from Maona to PHIS are not visual for the drivers as there are no marks and signs on them.

Therefore, Grade XI students initiated a CAS project to mark and put signs on those bumps for the conveniences of the drivers. Now the rides are more smoother and safer. These students collected some left-over paint from the school and painted all the speed bumps on the road.

Sheikh Maksud Ali Grade XI

### Grade X is in ICU

IGCSE exam is knocking at the door for Grade X. Only 3 months to go. It is going to start from 3rd week of May( tentative ). We the candidates are counting the days. Everyone is preparing for their examinations. Our beloved subject teachers are giving extra efforts by giving support classes. Prep. class is separated from other classes.

We are committed to doing the best as it is about our career, about our life. We are truly lucky to be at PHIS campus as the school support us and push us to bring out the best potentialities from us.

We are unlike other day schools as we do not need to go to different private tutors after school hour as our teachers monitor our studies even after regular class schedules. In fact we are having a perfect and balanced preparation for our IGCSE being in the Intensive Care Unit.

Sheikh Mohid Ali, Grade X

2. Wednesday, Tom and Joe went to a hotel for dinner. After the dinner they had to pay the bill and ultimately the bill was paid but Tom and Joe didn't pay it. WHO PAID THE BILL?

See page five for the answer



## OUR ORGANIC GARDEN



Some students named Ayas, Nasif, Radith, Nafis, Farheen, Nazeeba, Maksud, Jabir have taken an initiative to plant vegetables in organic method. They are now successful as they have grown different kinds of vegetables like cucumber, beans, gourd and so on.

It is a great task as students constructed the garden by themselves and grow fresh vegetables in it. They sell the vegetables for community service and use the money for underprivileged people in Singerdigi village.

Douglas Wilson said, "Use plants to bring life". Thus we are bringing life to our campus by adding more green through organic gardening.

Farheen Zaman Grade XI

### Gifts on Eid

There was a guy who used to live with his extended family. He got opportunity to go and work abroad. He was very happy and so was his entire family. Days passed and then came Eid-ul-Fitr. He sent gifts for all family members. It was a necklace for sister in law, an expensive watch for brother, lots of toys for kids and a beautiful saree for his mother. Everyone liked their gifts but the mother did not like the gift.

Gifts on Eid ul Fitr became a custom for them. Next Eid ul Fitr, there were gifts for all, but again the mother was not happy with her gift. Five years passed. Everyone was happy but the mother was never happy with the gifts that she received.

This time the son decided to send a special gift for his mother. On the eve of Eid, everyone received their gifts. Each one of them received gifts in small boxes except the mother who this time received a bigger box. She opened her box. Upon seeing her gift, she was overjoyed. It seemed like, she has got the happiness of the whole world. The sister in law became jealous. She thought what is in the box which had made her so happy. She went closer. All she could see was a small piece of paper on which, it was written-  
"Maa, I am coming home next week."

Abrar Ishaat Grade IX



### The Chess Club

The excitement is paramount, the players are ready to destroy each other's troops. Yes, we are talking about chess. It is a great congregation for these young grandmasters for showcasing their thinking ability and eventually getting prepared for representing our school in the near future. It is another student led initiative of PHIS, aiming to improve the students by helping them to be critical thinker; another relevant goal is to teach the playing process to students who are interested in learning the game. Currently this thinkers club is consisted of eight members named Ishaat, Rohan, Minhaz, Mahfuza, Tonmoy, Maksud, Zara & Naziba.

Rifaat Grade IX

### PHIS 1st Intra School Lawn Tennis Tournament

PHIS 1st intra school lawn tennis tournament took place on January 24, 2017. 8 students from different Grades participated in the double elimination tournament. Jabir from G XII became the champion and Rifat from G IX became the runner-up.

Nasif Rahman XI

### The 3rd PHIS Intra School Cricket League

The 3rd PHIS intra school cricket league is going to start on January 29, 2017. Five teams will compete for the championship: 3 teams from the students, 1 team from the staff and the last one is from the Spice catering. The matches will take place on Sundays and Tuesdays. Lucrative awards are waiting for every department: batting, bowling & fielding.

Nasif Rahman Grade XI

3. Mary's mother has 4 daughters April, May, June and...?

See page five for the answer...

## My aspiration about my daughter's school

Pledge Harbor International School, the first of its kind boarding school in Bangladesh, has brought a new hope to all parents who wish for their children to get quality IB education in the country. We are proud to have enrolled our daughter to the school and are amazed at the opportunities she has received to broaden her horizon and expand her knowledge. Ever since she has joined Pledge Harbor, she has got a chance to interact with her peers in a friendly environment, learn music, sports, and debating, use critical thinking in and out of classroom, learn more about her role in the fabric of social community, and gain confidence in her abilities to lead life on her terms. We wish the best for the school and hope it will reach new heights of success with each passing year.

Sabeen Aameir (Mother of Zenab Aameir Grade VIII)

## Can describing words help you write interestingly?

Grade IX started "Descriptive" writing – an integrated topic in their Cambridge IGCSE English 500 syllabus. They had taken one week intrigued classes before they finally wrote on this given topic. They had a set time of 55 minutes to accomplish this task. Their tasks were marked as per the Marking Scheme of IGCSE and among some quality writes up, this one is worthy enough to score 'A' grade!

Mr. Hemayet Fardous Faculty English

Name: Mahfuzah

Date: 11/12/17

Answers to the question number 2:

A heavy rainstorm can turn a happy, small town in a pile of dust in a moment of time. Just like that a town from the northern part of the country got hit by a heavy rainstorm. The monstrous rainstorm left everything flat to the ground. Helpless inhabitants had to watch their beloved town getting smashed by the huge rainstorm.

The strong storm stopped dramatically just the way it started. After the storm calmed down, the happy and jolly scenario of the town was completely <sup>changed</sup> different. It looked like as if the town fell into an abyss of darkness and disaster. Dark grey cloud was still lingering on the sky. The air was still heavy and suffocating. There was no trace of the shining sun on the sky. The air smelled like wet soil. Everywhere was absolute silence. From the silence

After the hungry storm was done gobbling the town of the town, it was really hard to tell that how noisy and loud had it been few moments earlier. Perhaps compared to the loud storm, the environment after the rainstorm felt much quieter.

After the hungry storm was done gobbling the town, everything was completely damaged. In places the roads cracked. Many roads were deluged. Broken and crashed vehicles clogged up the road. Tall electric poles were laying straight on the ground and the electric cables were torn. The light posts bent and some of them broke and fell. Many trees were uprooted. The trees were left on the road dangerously. <sup>Most</sup> Some of the trees were just denuded.

All the street shops were blown away by the roaring wind of the rainstorm. Some windows of the shopping mall were broken. The broken pieces of the windows were shimmering in the light. The tall skyscrapers got barely affected by the rainstorm, but the buildings were in the worst condition. The buildings that were lucky, they only had some cracked open walls and broken windows. Rest were knocked off straight to their foundation.

The silence after the dangerous rainstorm got interrupted when the citizens of the town started to get back to their senses. The people started moaning and crying loudly out of the grief of losing their loved ones and their lifelong earned belongings. Lost babies were crying. Many dead bodies were strewn under the crushed buildings. Pet animals like cats, dogs and birds were breathless. Some people were still roaring around the town with disbelief in their eyes. The rainstorm was like a nightmare to them.

Finally the sun shone on the town now revealing clear the dreadful and sorrowful effect of the horrible storm!

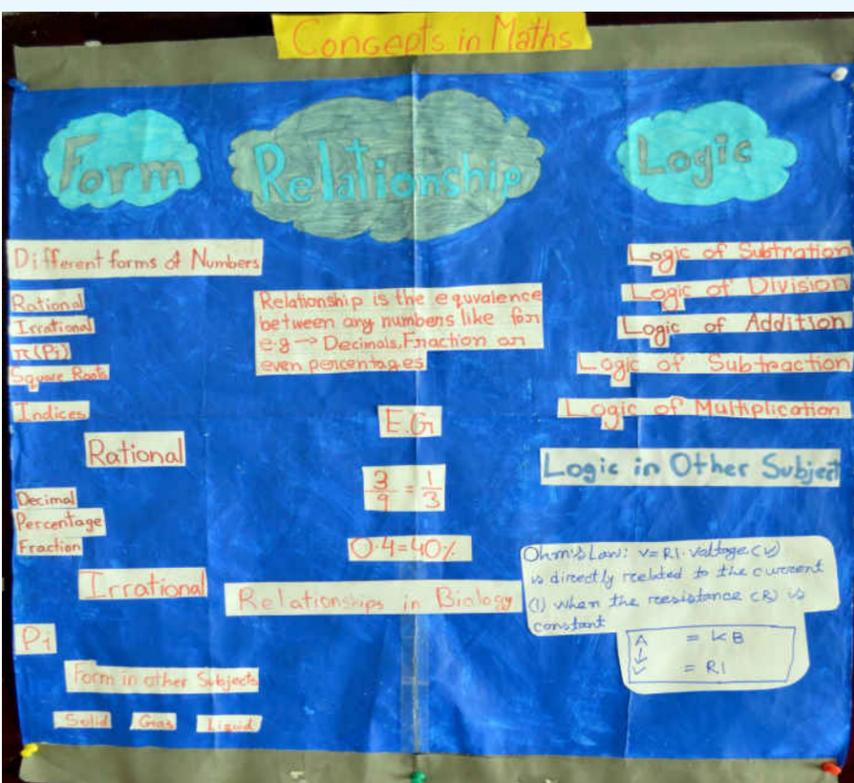
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There is a mistake in style

## Mathematics in MYP

Students of grade 7 created a presentation on a chart paper bringing together the concepts of Maths and embedding these to other subject groups like Physics, Chemistry- Interdisciplinary learning. This will help them connect disciplines to solve real world problems. They were enquirer, communicator, thinker to develop the task.

Mubin Khandakar  
Faculty Mathematics



Answer for the riddle 2 is Wednesday

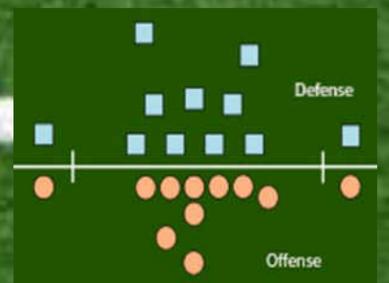
Answer for the riddle 3 is Mary

# Super Bowl



Many people have the misconception that American football and rugby are same. However, they are two different sports with a huge variety of parameters. **American football** is a game played between two teams and consists of 11 players in each of the two teams, with unlimited substitutions. It is a physically intense and strategically complex game of set moves and counter moves (similar to chess). It requires extreme speed, power, and explosiveness with helmets and padding to be worn.

Each team has 3 separate units: the offense, those players who are on the field when the team has possession of the ball; the defense, players who line up to stop the other team's offence; and special teams that only come in on kicking situation (punts, field goals, and kick offs). The team who are in offense has to move the ball at least 10 yards within 4 downs. If they succeed, they get 4 new tries to move the ball 10 yards further. If they fail to do so, other team gets the chance to come into offense. The main object is to cross the goal line called end zone of the opponent's territory with the ball. It is called touchdown which gives six points. The field goal is worth of three points.



Unlike rugby, defense can interfere any attacking player whether or not he has the ball. After each down, field is reset where the tackle is made. Ball falling on the ground anywhere except end-zone results in incomplete pass, thus, field is reset. Defending team can come into offense if they win the ball through interception or fumble recovery.

The biggest professional American football league is the **National Football League (NFL)** in the United States consisting of 32 teams. It is the largest live spectator sporting league in the world in terms of average attendance. The appealing aspect of NFL is its competitiveness because almost every team is capable to become the champion. The final match known as Super Bowl is the largest sporting event in America. The team with the most NFL championships is the Green Bay Packers with thirteen (nine NFL titles before the Super Bowl era, and four Super Bowl championships afterwards); the team with the most Super Bowl championships is the Pittsburgh Steelers with six. To see the new champion, we need to wait till February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 when Atlanta Falcons and New England Patriots are going to compete to win the 51<sup>st</sup> super bowl.

Syed Rashid Sirhan Grade X and Md Jabir Hossain Grade XI

## PHIS At a Glance

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A land to learn and fun  
A garden to be guided and glide  
A field to play and practice  
A dome to dream and discover  
A home for happy harbingers  
A shed to shine and show  
A map to mend minds and manners  
A nurture in the Nature  
A paradise for a pack of pupils  
A pacific place for pedagogues and parents  
'Panthers' are its pupils!  
It's our Pledge Harbor International School!



Junior Student of January 2017



Senior Student of January 2017

Answer for the riddle no. 1 is mailbox

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