

IB Core Requirements

Year12, 2016-2017

The Year 12 IB Diploma students are now moving into the time of year when Internal Assessments and the IB Core requirements begin to dominate their time. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of what the core requirements are and what will be coming up for the students.

There are three aspects of the IB Core that have to be satisfied for students to be awarded the full IB Diploma. CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service) is an ongoing programme that the students are already contributing to. If you want more information on this please see the school [CAS website](#).

The other two areas are the Extended Essay (EE) and the Theory of Knowledge (TOK). Students will receive a grade in each of those two areas from 'A' to 'E' and this then combines to create core points out of 3.

As a reminder the points matrix for the Core is as follows:

<http://island.edu.hk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Core-Points-Grid.jpg>

Students need to get at least a grade 'D' in both the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) to be awarded the IB Diploma.

The Extended Essay

The EE is 4000 word independent research based piece of academic writing. The process will begin on the 7th March and will run until the final deadline on October 25th 2017. The EE is either based on one of the subject disciplines that a student takes or it can be an interdisciplinary World Studies essay. Students will be assigned a teacher supervisor who will help guide them through the process. Supervisors are allocated on a subject basis with each teacher taking up to 3 students. Students are asked to make three choices of subject areas and in most cases students do get their first or second choice.

Theory of Knowledge

There are two parts to the TOK assessment. The first one is the Presentation which will take place on June 19th and 20th this year. Students will then complete their TOK Essay in Year 13 with a final hand in date just after the Chinese New Year holiday.

If you have any questions about the IB Core requirements I would advise you to channel them through your son/daughter where possible. The more they take ownership of the process the better and they will be given access to all of the information needed.