

# Welcome to the Pre-Year IB DP Parents' evening

Gaudia Upper Secondary School, IB World School, IB Diploma  
Programme – Preparatory Year

August 28th, 2024





GAUDIA

"In Gaudia, the central principle for all activities is that the student's well-being and learning are of utmost importance.

The name 'Gaudia' originates from Latin and signifies joy."

# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

- a 2-year programme (study years 2 and 3)
- an internationally recognized programme aiming at academic university studies
- Mission Statement: strong ideology - "strives to make the world a better place"
- IB learner profile - "principled, open-minded, caring"
- IB DP subjects and the core studies
- only 6 subjects!
- final exams at the end of IB2 (2027)
- Gaudia Upper Secondary school IB DP - 11th year

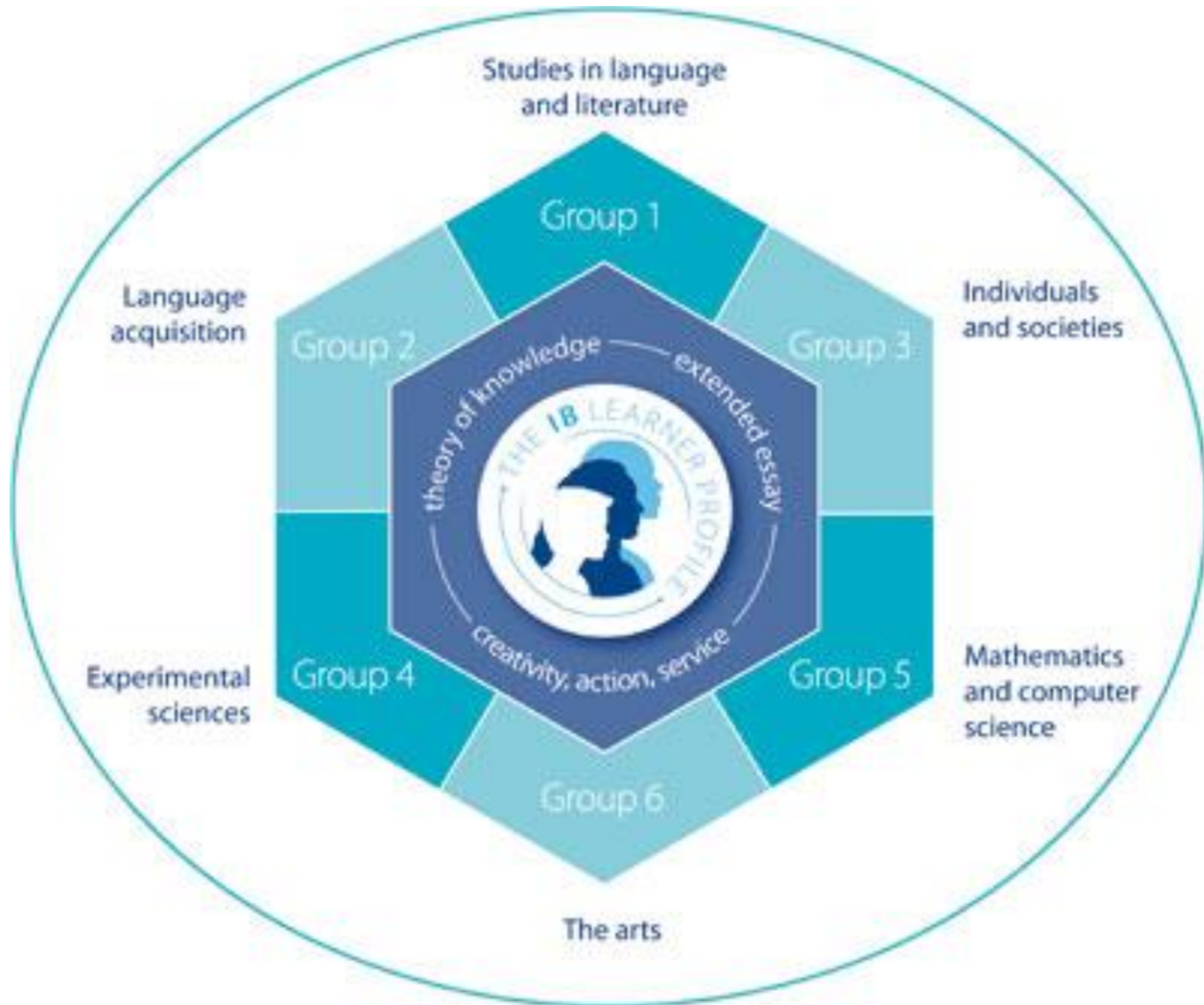
- IB DP EXPLAINED
- PRE YEAR INTRODUCTION
- WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW
- WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW
- GAUDIA UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL POLICIES
- CONTACT INFO
- MORE QUESTIONS

## AGENDA

**“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”**

— PETER DRUCKER

# THE 2 IB YEARS: IB DP HEXAGON



- \* ONE SUBJECT FROM EACH GROUP
- \* CORE STUDIES:
  - TOK
  - CAS
  - EXTENDED ESSAY
- \* INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS
- \* ACADEMIC RIGOUR
- \* AIMING AT UNIVERSITIES/ABROAD

## PREPARATORY YEAR:

- 30 (MINIMUM OF 28) COURSES FROM THE FINNISH UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM
- COURSES TAILORED TO PREPARE FOR IB YEARS
- COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH (EXCEPT SWEDISH AND FINNISH)
- COMPLETED WITH GRADES HIGH ENOUGH (For detailed info on grade boundaries, see the school homepage. Also, student's individual goals regarding the six subjects and negotiations with the teacher influence this.)
- STUDENT NEEDS TO SHOW STRONG MOTIVATION AND AMBITION FOR THEIR STUDIES
- STUDENT DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFER TO IB: REQUIREMENTS NEED TO BE FULFILLED (grades – attitude – motivation – time management)

# For parents:



- SHOW INTEREST IN THE STUDENT'S WORK – MONITOR ABSENCES
- OFFER SUPPORT
- GIVE SPACE – RESPONSIBILITY CAN ONLY GROW THAT WAY
- SOCIAL MEDIA- TIME MANAGEMENT
- SLEEP, NUTRITION, HEALTHY WAY OF LIVING, DOING THINGS TOGETHER

# For students:

- STUDIES ARE YOUR PRIORITY – TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!
- TIME MANAGEMENT - CONTROL
- BALANCE: SLEEP, HEALTHY LIFE STYLE, RELAXATION
- SUPPORTIVE FAMILY AND BACKUP
- POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- BELIEVE IN YOURSELF: YOU CAN DO THIS
- ASK FOR HELP AND SUPPORT
- SOCIALIZE AND BE AN ACTIVE PART OF THE GROUP!





# GAUDIA High School policies and systems

- SCHOOL YEAR: 5 PERIODS: 6,5 WEEKS + EXAM WEEK 8 days (NO ORDINARY LESSONS in the exam week, only exams & preparatory/recap lessons)
- ABSENCES TO BE CLEARED UP IN WILMA IMMEDIATELY
- EXTRA LEAVE OF ABSENCE: APPLICATION IN WILMA (PREFERABLY NO EXTRA TIME OFF)
- STRICT ASSESSMENT: VERSATILE, ONGOING, DIGITAL – SUBJECT SPECIFIC
- PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL EVENTS: GRADUATIONS, FESTIVALS, ETC.
- SCHOOL COUNSELOR, SPECIAL ED TEACHER, SCHOOL NURSE, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST – HELP READILY AVAILABLE
- IB STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME EVENTS: ONE SCHOOL

# STUDY PERIODS

## Lukuvuoden 2024-2025 periodit

- 1 7.8.-29.9.2024 (päättöviikko 18.-27.9.)
- 2 30.9.-24.11.2024 (päättöviikko 13.-22.11.)
- 3 25.11.2024-30.1.2025 (päättöviikko 21.-30.1.)
- 4 31.1.-1.4.2025 (päättöviikko 21.3.-1.4.)
- 5 2.4.-31.5.2025 (päättöviikko 19.-28.5.)

# An example of a student's timetable

- How to interpret?

	Ma 16.10.	Ti 17.10.	Ke 18.10.
08:15		5: LI01.R HagN T-Alasali	
09:40	3: Koodi (paikka tuntikiertokaaviossa)	4: UE01.J PenE T-117	Luokkatila
11:05	6: FI01.R KosK T-124	22: .R HalS Timj T-418	.R HalS Timj T-418
13:15			

Opintojakso (uskonto (ev. lut.), 1. opintojakso, J-ryhmä)

Opettaja (nimen saa viemällä kursorin tähän)

# Exam week (8 days) example outlook

Päivämäärä



28.03.2025



Valitse jakso

4. päättöviikko, loppu

	Ma 24.03.	Ti 25.03.	Ke 26.03.	To 27.03.	Pe 28.03.
08:15	HI03.11 SalV	RUB15.2 OjaK	ENA08.8 OnjR	S28.1 ToiH	FI03.1 LaitT
09:40	HI03.11 SalV	RUB15.2 OjaK	ENA08.8 OnjR	S28.1 ToiH	FI03.1 LaitT
11:05	RUB15.2 OjaK	ENA08.8 OnjR	S28.1 ToiH	FI03.1 LaitT	GE03.3 SaaK
13:15					
14:35					

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# ABSENCE IN THE EXAM WEEK

"Students must participate in the course's final day. An absence without a valid reason on the final day's possible exam is considered an attempt, leaving the student with only one more opportunity to take the course exam.

In case of illness, it must be reported immediately to the course teacher via Wilma message, no later than the morning of the exam."

<https://www.gaudialahti.fi/opiskelijalle/opinnoissa-eteneminen/>



# ABSENCES

- Guardian monitors absences of under-18-year-old in Wilma.
- If the student falls ill > due to health reasons
- If the student is absent without permission > unauthorized
- For other individual hour-long absences (e.g. a doctor's appointment) > notify the course teacher in advance
- Homeroom teacher (Finnish abbreviation RO) will contact the student's home if the absence persists or if there are concerns, to provide support to the student.
- Young individuals should primarily take vacations during scheduled vacation periods.
- If necessary, using the form in Wilma, vacations can be requested (at least 2 weeks in advance):
- For 1-3 days, the decision is made by homeroom teacher
- For absences exceeding 3 days, the decision is made by assistant principal
- Vacations lasting over a week will not be granted.

# GRADES/MARKS

Oppimäärä tai kurssi	Arvosana	Laajuus ECTS	Suorituspäivä	Opettaja
☐ <b>Äidinkieli ja kirjallisuus</b>				
☐ <b>Suomen kieli ja kirjallisuus -oppimäärä</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>		
☒ ÄI03 Vuorovaikutus 1	8	1	08.03.2022	
☒ ÄI05 tekstien tulkinta	8	2	23.09.2022	
☒ ÄI06 Kirjoittaminen 1	8	1	22.12.2021	Opettaja Visma
☒ Suomi toisena kielenä ja kirjallisuus -oppimäärä	10	2		
☐ <b>Toinen kotimainen kieli</b>				
☐ <b>Ruotsi, B1-oppimäärä</b>	<b>X</b>			
RUB11 Opiskelutaidot ja kieli-identiteetin rakentaminen	X		04.07.2023	
☒ Vieraat kielet				
☒ Temaattiset opinnot	S	2		

# G24IB

Ryhmänohjaaja (RO)/homeroom teacher Juha Kapulainen

Student counselor Henna Piitulainen

Special education teachers Tekla Mirala & Juha Lehtinen

School nurse Sari Haapakoski

Social counselor Emma Komppa



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WILMA

SCHOOL HOMEPAGE

OFFICE 365 FOR STUDENTS

GAUDIA HOMEPAGE

IB DP PAGES

- IMPORTANT STAFF members

Gaudia Principal

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Deputy Principal

Ms Hanna Luttinen

Pedagogue principal

Ms Leena Akola

IB DP Coordinator

Mr Sami Sorvali

IB DP student counselor

Ms Henna Piitulainen

G24IB homeroom teacher

Mr Juha Kapulainen

# Questions, comments, discussion, sharing

THANK YOU!

Juha Kapulainen, chemistry teacher

