

# PYP EXHIBITION



The Exhibition is a daunting task for both students and teachers. It involves weeks of inquiring, planning, researching, communicating, problem-solving, reflecting, and organizing in order to present a final project that fully showcases the efforts of students and demonstrates the many skills they have learned from their time in PYP. When the Y6 students began the Exhibition process this year, it was clear that many were somewhat intimidated by what was ahead of them.

However, that anxiety and intimidation soon turned to confidence and enthusiasm as they delved deep into their various topics, supported by their mentors, homeroom teachers, family members, and each other. They asked thought-provoking questions that addressed serious issues both local and global. They thought about how to act on what they learned in order to make change happen, or to inform others of what they could do for their part. They wrote their research findings in clear and meaningful language to convey their many ideas and opinions backed by data and facts. They spoke with great confidence

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about what they felt were truly important issues in their lives, and around the world. In short, these amazing young people took the ball and ran with it much further than we expected. It was by no means an easy task for them, and there were moments of frustration and anguish along the way (as is normal with any big project). Still, they persevered and produced the very best work they possibly could, which was evident by the amount of positive feedback they received from their peers, staff members, and families.



As a Year 6 homeroom teacher, I could not be more impressed by how hard the students worked on what was perhaps the biggest project they have done up to this point in their lives. They have grown and matured so much since the beginning of the school year, and this Exhibition gave me full confidence that they are ready to move on to the challenges of MYP. I wish to give the teachers who worked as student mentors a special Thank You for your efforts, as well as all of the students and faculty who came to support us. Finally, I want to congratulate Year 6 for a successful Exhibition and school year overall. Please know how proud Teacher Alisa and I are of each and every one of you. You definitely rose to the occasion. Well done, everyone!

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