

# CAMPUS CHRONICLES

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## Address from the Head of School

Dear Calorx Olive International School Community,

As we explore the distinct advantages of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program in university admissions, it's crucial to underscore the global recognition and research findings that affirm the program's efficacy in preparing students for higher education.

### 1. Holistic Development:

Global studies, such as the research conducted by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), consistently highlight that IB students tend to develop not only strong academic skills but also a well-rounded personality. A longitudinal study published in the "Journal of Research in International Education" found that IB graduates demonstrate higher levels of emotional intelligence, cultural awareness, and adaptability compared to their peers.

### 2. Global Perspective:

According to a report by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the IB curriculum's emphasis on international-mindedness contributes significantly to fostering global citizenship. This global perspective is an invaluable asset for university-bound students, as universities increasingly seek individuals with a deep understanding of global issues and intercultural competence.

### 3. Rigorous Academic Curriculum:

Research published in the "Journal of College Admission" indicates that IB students are better prepared for the academic challenges of university life. The study found that IB graduates reported feeling more confident in their ability to handle complex assignments, manage time effectively, and engage in critical thinking - skills highly prized by universities.



#### 4. Research and Independent Learning Skills:

A meta-analysis of IB studies published in the "International Journal of Science and Mathematics Education" revealed that IB students consistently outperform their non-IB counterparts in terms of research skills and the ability to work independently. This academic advantage is particularly noteworthy in university settings, where research and independent learning are integral components of the learning experience.

#### 5. Multilingual Proficiency:

The European Journal of Language Policy published a study highlighting the positive impact of bilingualism on cognitive abilities. IB's focus on multilingual proficiency not only enhances cognitive flexibility but also aligns with university preferences for candidates with strong language skills. Universities worldwide acknowledge the cognitive benefits associated with multilingualism, providing IB students with a competitive edge.

#### 6. CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) Component:

A comprehensive study conducted by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring at the University of Cambridge found a positive correlation between involvement in extracurricular activities and academic success. The study emphasized the importance of holistic development, reinforcing the value that universities place on candidates with a well-rounded skill set – a hallmark of the IB program.

#### 7. Recognition and Universality:

According to the QS World University Rankings, universities consistently express confidence in the IB program's ability to produce high-achieving and well-prepared students. The standardized nature of the IB diploma simplifies the admissions process, providing universities with a globally recognized benchmark for assessing student performance.

In conclusion, the advantages of the IB program extend beyond our local context, resonating with global research findings that affirm its effectiveness in preparing students for success in higher education. As we continue to uphold the standards of excellence at Calorx Olive International School, the IB program stands as a proven pathway, guiding our students toward academic achievement and personal growth on the world stage.

Best regards,

Ankur Upadhyay

## MONTHLY ARTICLES

### Diploma Program

In the intricate tapestry of teenage life, where academic pressures, social dynamics, and self-discovery interweave, sports stand out as a vibrant thread that adds resilience, discipline, and joy. The importance of sports in the lives of teenagers extends far beyond the physical realm, reaching into the realms of mental and emotional well-being.

Sports play a vital role in shaping the lives of teenagers, offering more than just physical activity. Beyond the thrill of competition, they instill discipline, teamwork, and resilience. Sports provide a canvas for self-discovery, teaching adolescents valuable life lessons about success, failure, and the importance of perseverance. In a world filled with challenges, the playing field becomes a microcosm of life, where teens learn to navigate complexities, celebrate victories, and bounce back from defeats. It's not just about scoring goals or making baskets; it's about scoring character points that contribute to the holistic development of teenagers, preparing them for the challenges they'll face off the field.

In conclusion, the importance of sports in the lives of teenagers transcends the boundaries of a playing field. It is a transformative force that shapes character, cultivates discipline, and promotes holistic well-being. As teenagers navigate the maze of adolescence, sports emerge as a guiding beacon, illuminating the path towards physical, mental, and emotional growth.





## Middle Year Program

The December month at Calorx Olive International School was one to remember - especially, because of the Annual Sports Day. All the students came together to participate in fun events such as Running, Shot Put, Long Jump, etc., and, let's not forget about the iconic sports that all students competed in, such as football, cricket, table tennis, etc. A memorable moment for me was how we won 5-0 against a team, in the football league tournament, and I scored 2! But, unfortunately, we lost in the semis. Overall, it was a fun experience- playing different sports and connecting with the other students.

Another memorable moment for my class, MYP4, was when we all visited Science City, where we explored various physics concepts like angular momentum, energy conversion, magics of mirrors and light, etc. With the help of such expeditions, we explored the different facets of science beyond the confines of books.

Practicing our Annual function plays has always made me a more outspoken and confident individual; with the upcoming annual function at our school, all the students come together to put on remarkable performances- Acrobatics, dances, dramas, you name it!

So, overall, in December at Calorx Olive International School, we celebrated memorable moments through Sports Day, fascinating trips, and many more memorable experiences!

Dhruv Shah MYP-4

## Primary Year Program

In our recent math and chemistry class, we embarked on a unique and flavorful journey that combined the realms of ratio and proportion, percentage, and averages with a dash of hands-on experimentation in the chemistry lab. The twist? Fruit juices! Each of us was tasked with bringing in our favorite juice from home, resulting in an eclectic assortment of flavors including peach, mango, lemonade, guava, mixed fruit, orange, and more. The intriguing adventure kicked off with a simple yet thought-provoking question: "What is the total amount of juice we have, and what is the average amount of juice brought by each person?" This set the stage for a mathematical exploration that intertwined seamlessly with our lab experience.

As we entered the chemistry lab, we were divided into groups of four, each armed with our unique juice contributions. Our mission: to blend these fruity elixirs in accordance with specified ratios displayed on the whiteboard. Armed with measuring cups, we meticulously poured and mixed our juices, tasting our concoctions to discover delightful combinations. The creative process didn't stop there - we even bestowed imaginative names upon our unique juice blends.

The hands-on experimentation continued with a fascinating task where we were provided with a specific juice measurement and challenged to determine the corresponding ratio. This exercise not only enhanced our understanding of ratios and proportions but also added a practical dimension to our math lessons.

The combination of math and juice, an unexpected pairing, made the learning experience not only educational but also immensely enjoyable.

This innovative approach to teaching math not only engaged our minds but also appealed to our taste buds, proving that learning can be both enriching and delicious. As we left the classroom, we couldn't help but appreciate the unconventional yet effective fusion of mathematics and chemistry, leaving us with a newfound appreciation for the interconnectedness of various subjects.

-PYP-5





## ALUMNI COLUMN

Greetings! I'm Urvashi Mistry, a former student at COIS. The trip unfurled like a tune, both sweet and heartbreaking, from the innocent days of stepping into the corridors as a wide-eyed child to the proud moment of striding across the graduation stage. Growing up is exciting, but nothing beats the joy of everyday adventures with your bestie, whether it's sneakily acquiring food or occasionally liberating treats from unsuspecting juniors.

Approach this enormous stage of life after school with an open mind, accept the novel, learn from obstacles, and let curiosity guide you. Don't forget to throw in some mischief now and then! Each step is a brushstroke on the canvas of your own life and individuality. But keep in mind that the true skill is in developing links and building relationships that teach life lessons unique to the secure environment you currently inhabit. Carry these invaluable relationships like treasures as you sail into the unknown, for they are the echoes of shared laughter and the silent teachers molding your remarkable story. Cheers to the upcoming adventure!

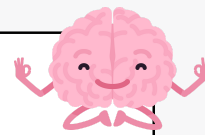
-Urvashi Mistry



## STUDENT LIFE

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How have you been? Have the vacation jitters worn off yet? Well with the holiday season and the new year approaching, I wouldn't blame you for breaking into song mid morning prayers. You know who else has been in an uplifted mood? Me! because Forbes magazine named "Barbie" (not Margot Robbie but an actual fictional Barbie doll) as the 100th most powerful woman in the world! Take that for a childhood dream. And that's not all as Taylor Swift becomes 1st living artist to have five albums together in Billboard's top, "1989" being on 1. Anyways, on today's episode of keeping up with COIS, we see the students of DP visiting CEPT university while they showcase their vibrant work and culture in their infamous winter festival. Speaking of universities, I wish all DP year 2 students good luck for college applications. Make sure to stay hydrated and on top of your game and remember "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes."



# ANECDOTES FROM *around the world*



## Global News

- A 5.6 magnitude earthquake strikes Nepal killing at least 157 individuals and injuring over 300.
- A temporary settlement is reached to end the strike between SAG-AFTRA and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.
- Following clashes in Geneina, between 700 to 1300 individuals were killed, more than 300 people are missing and about 100 others are injured.
- The Israel-Palestine conflict continues, killing thousands of innocent individuals on both sides.
- Defence ministries of Japan, South Korea and the US plan to start a real-time data-sharing system that will track North Korea's missile tests.

## Sports News

- Turkish football plunged into crisis after a club president punches a referee during a match.
- India beat USA 3-2 to finish ninth at Junior Women's hockey World Cup
- Bayern Munich defeated Manchester United, leaving them out of the Champions League

## Educational News

- The presidents of Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Institute of Technology are facing questions from Congress about their responses to alleged incidents of antisemitism on their campuses in the wake of the Israel-Hamas War

## Health and Well-Being

- WHO teams deliver supplies to hospitals in Northern and Southern Gaza
- Lethal combination of hunger and disease to lead to more deaths in Gaza
- WHO officially recognizes noma as a neglected tropical disease
- WHO to progress plans to develop a model for the medical (care) planning of mass gatherings
- WHO's Science Council issues report on mRNA vaccine technology



# THE IB FORUM

## *Creativity, Activity, Service*

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Extended Essay stands as a hallmark of academic rigor within the IB Diploma Program, embodying its ethos of holistic education and intellectual inquiry. As an expansive and demanding academic pursuit, the Extended Essay serves as a catalyst for students' intellectual growth, fostering their capacity for independent research and critical analysis across diverse subject areas. Within its confines of a 4,000-word limit, students embark on a journey of exploration and scholarly investigation, delving deeply into topics of personal interest and relevance.

At its core, the Extended Essay is more than just an academic exercise; it is a transformative experience that hones students' research skills, analytical abilities, and capacity for synthesis. By requiring students to formulate research questions, gather and evaluate evidence, and present their findings in a coherent and well-structured manner, the Extended Essay instills invaluable skills that are indispensable for success in higher education and beyond.

Moreover, the Extended Essay serves as a preparatory ground for the rigors of university-level study. Through the meticulous process of drafting, revising, and refining their essays, students not only learn the intricacies of proper research methodology and citation practices but also develop a keen sense of academic integrity and scholarly rigor. This preparation extends beyond mere academic pursuits, equipping students with the discipline and time-management skills necessary to navigate the demanding schedules of university life.

Furthermore, the Extended Essay underscores the IB's commitment to fostering well-rounded individuals who are not only academically proficient but also intellectually curious and socially aware. By encouraging students to explore interdisciplinary connections and engage with real-world issues, the Extended Essay cultivates a spirit of inquiry and empathy that extends far beyond the classroom.

In essence, the Extended Essay stands as a cornerstone of the IB Diploma Program, embodying its principles of academic excellence, personal growth, and global citizenship. As students embark on this challenging yet rewarding endeavor, they emerge not only as scholars but as empowered individuals poised to make meaningful contributions to the world around them.



# Voice of COIS

# CAS Highlights

The Calorx Olive International sports day is a highly anticipated event that's celebrated with great enthusiasm by the school community every year. It's a wonderful platform for students to showcase their physical and mental fitness and engage in friendly competition with their peers. The sports day is an excellent opportunity for students to test their skills and develop personal connections with their classmates through teamwork, practice, and strategies. I believe that sports day is not just about winning or losing, but it's about learning and developing essential skills like collaboration, positivity, and ATL skills that can help students in their future endeavors. Additionally, it's great to see that even teachers and parents participate in various sports and set an example for the students to follow. Overall, Sports Day is a fantastic event that promotes joy, happiness, and positive energy among the school community.

Campus Chronicles has been an incredible journey for the team. We started with a lot of concerns about whether we would be able to fulfil our duties or not, but the year has passed by within a few blinks. Through this experience, we learned how to be a part of and function as a team, through a lot of miscommunications to waking up to a hundred texts on the telegram group, we learnt the important skills of communication and teamwork. Coming out with a new issue every single month took immense effort from a large team, where every member had equal parts contributions, the newsletter would not be the same with any member of the team missing. We developed self-management and time-management skills through this experience. Getting each issue published on time each month was no easy feat, but as a team we made it work! We, the team of Campus Chronicles are extremely grateful to our school, COIS, for giving us a platform to not only get our voices heard but also to help us gain experience and develop these skills that will be useful to us for years to come!

## Echoes of Knowledge: Ode to School

In halls where laughter echoes bright,  
And friendships bloom in morning light,  
There lies a place where minds ignite,  
In the kingdom of knowledge, school takes flight.

Here, dreams take shape with every pen stroke,  
In classrooms where curiosity evokes,  
Where teachers guide with wisdom's cloak,  
And the power of learning steadily spoke.

In corridors where footsteps dance,  
And whispers of wisdom take a chance,  
Each day, a new learning expanse,  
In the sanctuary of education's trance.

Oh, school, where memories are spun,  
In the tapestry of lessons won,  
Where challenges met are battles won,  
And futures forged under the sun.

Through laughter shared and tears embraced,  
In the heart of learning, we find our place,  
A haven where potential finds its grace,  
In the poetry of school, we embrace.

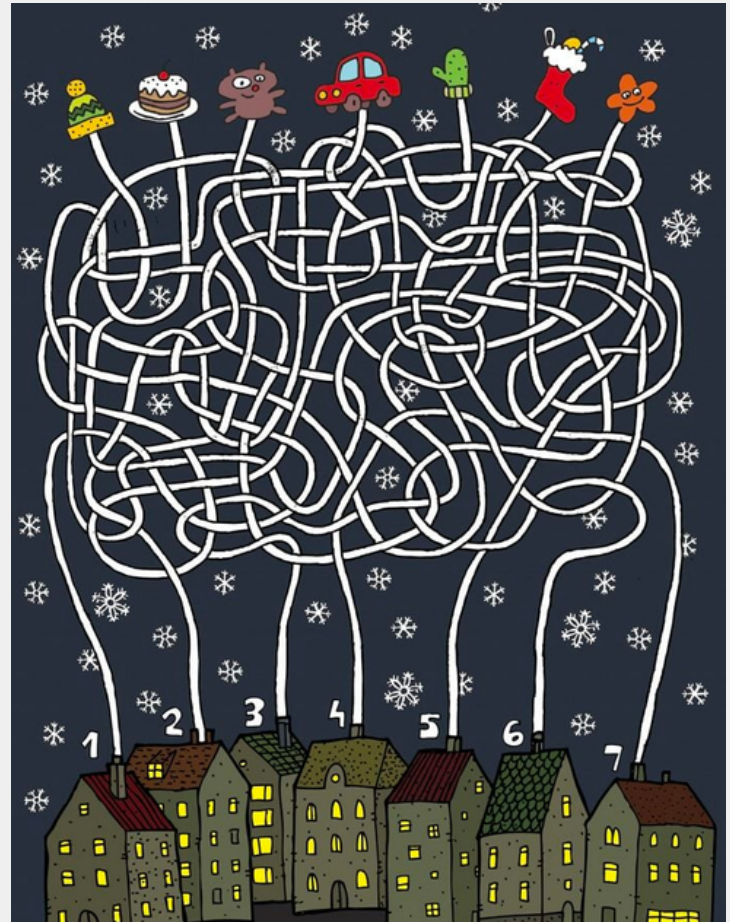


## Art of the Month



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## Brain Ticklers



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