

Horton pre-IB

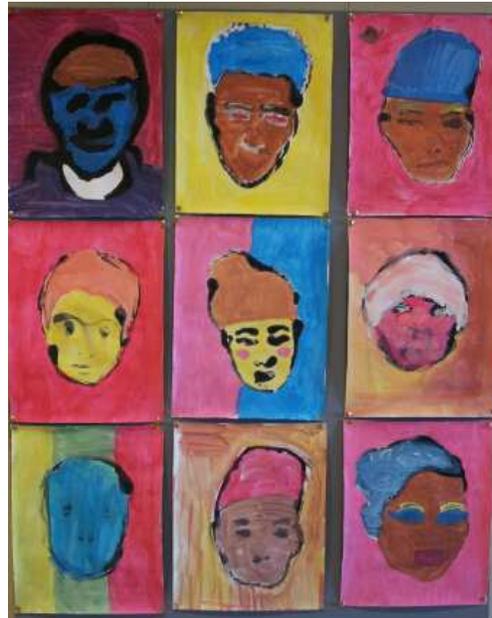
AN INTRODUCTION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Why Horton Pre-IB?

The pre-IB year is a comprehensive Grade 10 experience for students who are considering the IB program in Grade 11. Students who complete pre-IB have the option to continue into IB in Grade 11 or to continue with the Public School Program. Pre-IB courses follow the provincial curriculum with the purpose of developing skills that are needed for the successful completion of the IB Diploma Program. While these courses parallel the regular academic courses in the grade 10 curriculum the subject material is covered more quickly and will have a greater emphasis placed on independent work, research, writing, oral communication and experimentation. The grade 10 pre-IB year prepares those students interested in the IB Diploma for their grade 11 and 12 year. The selection of courses is designed so that if a student decides not to pursue the IB Diploma, they are still on track to fulfill the requirements for a Nova Scotia high school diploma.

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The IB program is a challenging two-year program (grades 11 & 12) for students who like school and are independent workers. Intended to promote critical thinking and internationally minded students, the IB Diploma Program incorporates academic and experiential learning. Students take six IB classes, three at the Higher Level and three at the Standard Level. Students complete one SL class in Grade 11. Each class includes a variety of assessment appropriate to the subject and incorporates elements of internationalism in keeping with the spirit of the program.



Pre-IB & IB Assessment

Each IB class is assessed using a variety of methods appropriate to the subject including labs, essays, performances and oral & written exams. The grade 10 pre-IB year introduces these types of assessments in a grade-appropriate way. Pre-IB students will complete formal lab reports, conduct oral exams in English and French and learn a variety of research and writing techniques in each discipline.

From a pre-IB parent: "Our son had been wallowing in the school system for the past 4 years, very unengaged in his school work. Great marks, very uninspired, frustrated and bored....the pre-IB opportunity at Horton came at the perfect time. Within one month of starting, he became a different boy...fully engaged in every class, thriving with his work, excited to be doing homework, sharing his classroom experiences with us, enjoying school again, and looking forward to the academic challenges ahead. We could not be happier with this option and are excited about what lies ahead for him."

Picking your classes:

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- Each student takes three Higher Level (HL) classes and three Standard Level (SL) classes

- HL classes involve 240 hours of teaching time; SL classes involve 150 hours of teaching time.

- In addition, students complete Theory of Knowledge, volunteering through CAS and an Extended Essay...collectively called the Core



The IB Diploma is based on students completing six courses plus the Core (TOK, EE, CAS).

Over 4000 universities in the world are familiar with this model and accept students based on its successful completion. Horton's grade 10 Pre- IB year is designed to prepare students for these classes.

Horton pre-IB students will take the following required courses during pre-IB with many of the same teachers who teach the IB courses in grades 11-12. Below is a sample preIB timetable. The courses are required courses but may end up being offered in a semester different than below.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Geography 10	History 10
Math 10	English 10
Adv Biology 11	French 10
Science 10	Math 10

IB FACTS:

Horton IB students are involved in varsity sports, are in school musicals and can be found in countless school clubs!

Horton IB graduates are often being rewarded by universities in that they are completing four year degrees in just three years! Talk about preparation & real financial savings!



Questions?

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