

Dear parents,

After having heard some recent radio interviews where guests were asked about the IB, it made me realize that there are still misconceptions regarding the International Programme. In lieu of this, I have decided to look “within”...in our own CPIS community. How well do we fare in our understanding of the International Programme? Do you want to know? Take this quick ‘true or false’ personal challenge.

Answers will be published at the end of the month.

True or False

1-The acronym “IB” stands for International Baccalaureate.

2-The IB offers 4 official programmes.

3-One of the IB programmes is the “PYP” which stands for Preparatory Years Passage.

4-All IB World Schools are required to introduce a third language.

5-The PYP is designed to cater mainly to high academic achievers.

6-Because IB World Schools are considered elitist, they are required to give some form of entrance exam.

7-The practice of single-subject teaching supports the PYP philosophy.

8-The PYP promotes teacher-directed instruction and student-initiated action.

9- The PYP is implemented in place of the QEP (Quebec Education Programme).

10-The PYP is scheduled approximately one hour a day, when the units of inquiry are explored.

11- The 8 elements of the PYP Learner Profile promote critical minds and compassionate hearts.

12- The heart of all of the International Programmes is to promote the 5 f's (the study of flags, festivals, foods, family, and friends).

**Your PYP coordinator,
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