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ADDRESS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Navigating Challenges with the Spirit of Innovation: Lessons from Steve Jobs and Nikola Tesla for IB Students

Dear IB Students of Generation Z,

As you embark on your educational journey through the rigorous and rewarding International Baccalaureate program, you are setting the stage for a future filled with opportunities, achievements, and yes, challenges. In this article, I want to share insights from the lives of two remarkable visionaries, Steve Jobs and Nikola Tesla, whose experiences can guide you in tackling the obstacles that lie ahead.

Embrace the Unknown with Curiosity:

Both Steve Jobs and Nikola Tesla were driven by an insatiable curiosity, a trait that fuelled their groundbreaking ideas. When Jobs dropped out of college and chose to follow his passion for calligraphy, he couldn't have predicted that it would later inspire the design of Apple's iconic fonts. Similarly, Tesla's unrelenting curiosity led him to discover the alternating current (AC) electricity, transforming the world of technology forever. Remember, embracing the unknown and approaching challenges with a curious mindset can lead to unexpected and transformative outcomes.

Perseverance in the Face of Rejection:

Jobs' journey with Apple wasn't without its setbacks. After being ousted from the company he co-founded, he could have given up. Instead, he started NeXT and Pixar, creating a legacy that would eventually lead to his triumphant return to Apple. Tesla, too, faced numerous financial and personal challenges, yet he persisted in his quest to revolutionise the world's energy systems. Both these visionaries exemplify the importance of persistence, resilience, and the belief that setbacks are stepping stones to success.

Think Different, Embrace Failure:

Jobs famously said, "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower." He encouraged thinking outside the box, an approach that led to products like the iPhone and iPad. Tesla, with his unconventional ideas, often faced skepticism from his peers, but he never allowed fear of failure to deter him. He understood that failure was an inherent part of the innovation process. As IB students, you are equipped to think critically and creatively. Don't be afraid to take risks and challenge the norm.

Collaborate and Create Magic:

One of Jobs' greatest strengths was his ability to bring together diverse talents to create revolutionary products. The collaborative environment he fostered at Apple led to innovations that transformed industries. Similarly, Tesla's partnerships with luminaries like George Westinghouse resulted in the widespread use of alternating current. As IB students, you have the unique opportunity to collaborate with peers from different backgrounds, honing your teamwork and communication skills. Remember, collaboration often leads to solutions that are greater than the sum of their parts.

In conclusion, as you navigate the challenging yet enriching path of the IB program and beyond, draw inspiration from the lives of Steve Jobs and Nikola Tesla. Embrace your curiosity, persevere in the face of adversity, think differently, and never underestimate the power of collaboration. The challenges you encounter are not roadblocks, but opportunities for growth and innovation.

As your Head of School, I am confident that you, the brilliant minds of Generation Z, will rise above challenges with the spirit of innovation and make your mark on the world. The future belongs to those who dare to dream, explore, and create.

Wishing you all the best on your journey of discovery and transformation.

Warm regards,
Ankur Upadhyay.

MONTHLY ARTICLES

Diploma Program

As I reflect on my transition from DP1 to DP2 here at Calorx Olive International School, a series of observations come to mind. The shift in our subject classes has been striking – a newfound focus on specific topics has brought clarity to our learning objectives. Physics and English classes, in particular, have shown remarkable progress. We're racing through topics and challenging ourselves with monthly tests, the upcoming ones scheduled for the 16th, 17th and 18th. These tests promise to measure our understanding and growth. The school's initiatives, like integrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and well-being into our curriculum are promising. The introduction of Internal Assessments (IAs), Theory of Knowledge (TOK), and Individual Oral (IO) presentations has added depth to our studies. Balancing these tasks with our regular studies is a puzzle we're still solving. In essence, my transition to DP2 has been a mix of advancements and challenges. The refined focus in classes, innovative testing methods and emphasis on concepts like SDGs signal progress. As I step into DP2, I look ahead with hope, confident in our collective efforts to shape a fulfilling academic journey.

–Advay Matharoo, DP-2

Middle Year Program

The Middle Years Programme (MYP) 1 has recently completed a thrilling season of innovative educational activities that have not only challenged the young minds but also enriched them with fascinating learning experiences. Among the multitude of projects undertaken, two noteworthy activities were a language immersion program focused on Gujarati and a hands-on science project involving food.

Language is a doorway to understanding other cultures and perspectives, and our MYP 1 students have embarked on a thrilling journey into the world of Gujarati. Engaging in a trio of language acquisition methods— reading, translating, and writing— students have begun to master the basics of this beautiful and complex language.

MYP 1 students embarked on an intriguing science food project that explored the fascinating world of dietary science. In this project, they examined different types of food, their nutritional components, and how they contribute to our daily energy and health needs.

-Rajveer, MYP-1

IN CONVERSATION WITH PYP-5

A student from PYP-5 donated food to blind people. She is a special child who struggles with speaking, but still, I appreciate this student for being creative. She also plays piano and created a system from cardboard and her shadow teacher supports her a lot to grow in her life.

One of the students is from Turkey and he created a YouTube account and posted videos based on his interest that included some funny videos. He explained that the purpose of creating this channel was to entertain people and to bring out his interest. He mentioned that in Turkey, he used to do this a lot and has gained information from other people.

Another student from PYP-5 taught a girl how to speak English. Yana has done something very creative and very helpful, she taught a girl who didn't know how to speak English. English in today's time is considered the most important language. Nearly 90% of the people in the world speak English and this is a language that has been adapted as the universal language for communication. According to her, a person who learns to speak English will be able to connect to a wider range of people and gain comparatively more knowledge through experience.

-Angel, Deniz, Yana, PYP-5



ALUMNI COLUMN

Hello, you all may already know me but for the ones that don't, I am Parth Mehta, a former student of Calorx Olive international school. I am taking this opportunity today to tell you something I have learned not shortly after completing school. It was quite difficult to come to terms with the sudden silence of stress and deadlines, and what I have come to know is the striking realisation that life is actually quite empty without the chatter of school. And although it often seemed like a task so big to come to school, now just feels a lot like yearning. So my little advice to you will be that not matter how much you think you going to school is difficult, you actually don't and it is or will be, a very integral, happy and cherished part of your life.

-Parth Mehta
Batch of 2021-23

STUDENT LIFE

What's up people? How was last month for you guys? Well with the assessments and the independence day preparations, it couldn't have been the easiest. Whatever happens, don't give up on your goals just like Guillermo Söhnlein, the co-founder of the titanic sub-ocean gate, which drowned on 15th April, 2023 who is now set to send over 1000 people to Venus. This man indeed never gives up. Do any of you want to travel to Venus? If you do, the preparation begins now! The school university fair held at the end of July sure helped us by letting us sneaking a peek into our future and develop connections with universities. I am so glad to know I coexist with a generation that can talk so professionally with university representatives at daytime and be changing outfits in the mall restrooms for barbenheimer by night. Lets see what the next month has in store for us.

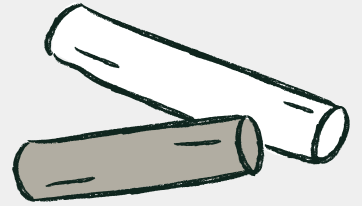
Until next time,
xoxo.



ANECDOTES FROM *around the world*

Global News

- Protests in Israel as it passes "unreasonable" curbs on some of the Supreme Court powers.
- 2500 more people evacuated from the Greek Island of Corfu on 24th July as it battles wildfires.
- Ukraine President Zelenskyy says that the extension of a European Union ban on Ukrainian grain imports in September would be "unacceptable"



Sports News

- Carlos Alcaraz is the 2023 Wimbledon champion, as he won against Novak Djokovic!
- Max Verstappen Wins 2023 Belgian F1 GP; Red bull Sets Record with 13 Straight Wins.
- IND vs WI 2nd test: Weather washes out final day as India drop WTC points against West Indies.

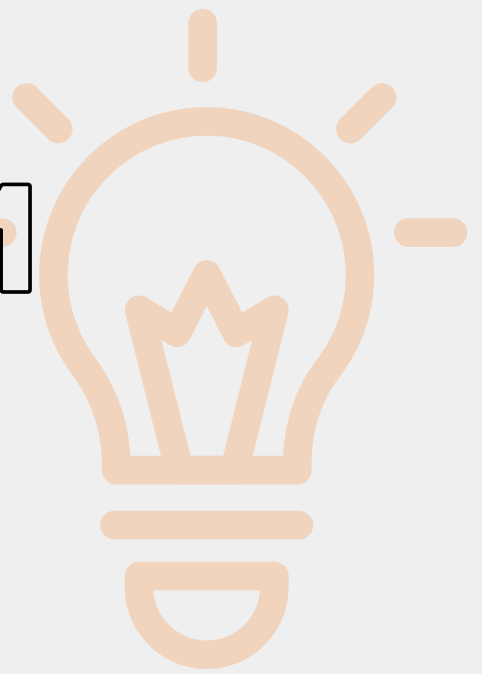
Educational News

- New Study Reveals Surprising Benefits of Mindfulness Meditation for Students' Academic Performance.
- World Education Summit 2023 Highlights Innovative Approaches to STEM Education.
- Global Literacy Initiative Launched, Aiming to Improve Reading Skills in Developing Countries

Health and Well-Being

- WHO urges countries to invest in drawing prevention to protect children.
- Childhood immunization begins recovery after COVID-19 backslide.
- 18 million doses of first-ever malaria vaccine allocated to 12 African countries for 2023-2025: Gavi, WHO and UNICEF

THE IB FORUM



WHY TOK?

We have all heard of the subject TOK, some may even have studied it but not everyone understands the true impacts and implications of learning it.

In IB, TOK plays a crucial role in exploring the different areas of knowledge and understanding the relationship between a knower and the knowledge acquired.

It is present in each and every subject studied by an IB student allowing learners to expand their way of thinking and to perceive situations with more out-of-the-box thinking strategies.

It delves into the philosophy of claims and counterclaims how what may be true to one, may not be true to another... Interesting isn't it?

To me, TOK is as important as the IB makes it seem. As someone who is extremely curious and likes to question everything, TOK provides a playground for me to challenge myself and those around me.

I like knowing the works of things, how they function, why they matter, what happens if they don't, etc. and TOK helps me ponder those questions and provides learning pathways to obtain satisfactory answers. TOK has helped vastly expand my thinking and my ability to question, interpret, and explain the world around me

Voice of COIS

Every day at our school, we start with a special morning prayer. It's a tradition we've been following for a long time. This prayer is essential because it helps us in many ways throughout the day. The morning prayer starts playing, and we all stand still while it's on. This practice is not just a routine; it holds a profound significance in shaping our minds and hearts. The morning prayer helps us connect with our spiritual selves, finding a moment of tranquility amidst the hustle and bustle of academic life. It instills a sense of purpose, reminding us of the values we hold dear and the importance of empathy and compassion. In those few moments of reflection and devotion, we gather the strength to face challenges, approach our studies with focus, and foster a sense of unity within our school community. The morning prayer empowers us to carry it's peace throughout the day, creating a positive impact on ourselves and everyone around us.

Shivanya Unnithan DP2

CAS Highlights

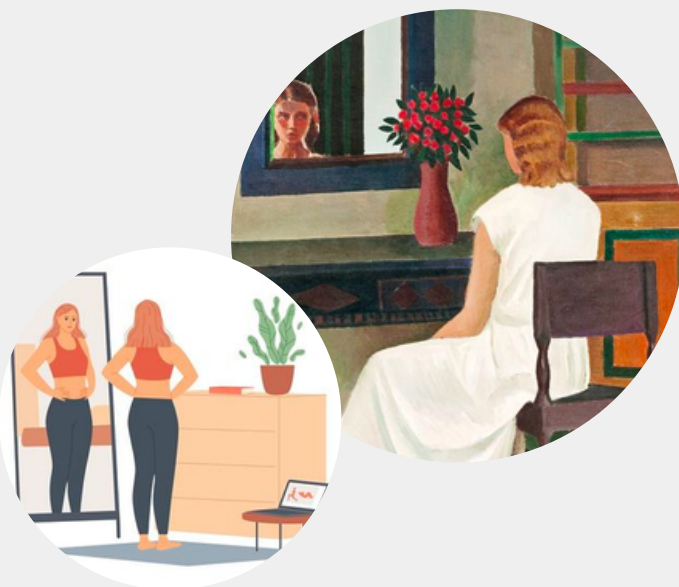
In the summer of '23, students from both the years of the Diploma Program collectively embarked on a journey to learn from the generation of the 40-50s. Partnering up with the Aastha foundation, these students visited an old age home three to four times a week for two weeks to keep the aged folks company and engage them with various activities. This activity connects to various SDGs such as good health and well being. This activity left the students with a more positive attitude and more experience in using cognitive strategies under different situations.

Rashi Parihar DP2

Beauty - A Poem

she wakes up when the sun's high in the sky
her eyes swollen, mascara streaked down her face
she spent last night crying
her memories a haze
she stumbles out of the bed, lazy and wary
her hair, a lion's mane
"i'm not perfect" she says as she looks into the mirror
the stars twinkle at the words and the sky shivers
"my darling", the mirror calls and melts at her reflection
"there's no one quite as perfect in their imperfections"
"but, i'm not beautiful" she speaks as she lowers her gaze,
hesitated
"if you're not beautiful" the mirror replies,
"beauty itself is tainted"

-Jossita Sharma, DP2



Art of the Week



By: Ashmi Parmar from DP2

Brain Ticklers

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Answer Key

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