



DIPLOMA PROGRAMME OF THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

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IB-SECTION AT GAUDIA (2022-)

International curriculum

Teaching is done in English

More investigative learning, less learning by heart

Critical thinking





IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

- An international study programme maintained by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (www.ibo.org).
- IB is **not "high school studies" in English.**
- You only study **six subjects** that you choose from six subject groups, which means going deeper into the subject
- In addition, every student does **the Core Studies**: Theory of Knowledge, CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service-> good fun!) and the Extended Essay.
- The whole package resembles studying at University: more responsibility on students.
- IB is very well-known internationally.



- Three subjects must be studied in **higher level (HL)** and a student can also pick a fourth HL-subject. Another three subjects are studied in **standard level (SL)**.
- Gaudia has top quality information technology equipment in all the classrooms and modern learning facilities.



SUBJECTS AVAILABLE AT GAUDIA IB-SCHOOL

Basically, one subject from each group. Two languages + Mathematics are compulsory choices, otherwise the student decides!:

- Group 1:** Language A: Finnish A, English A (lang. & lit.)
- Group 2:** Language B: English B, Spanish ab initio, SL only
- Group 3:** History, Economics, ESS (Environmental Systems & Societies, SL only)
- Group 4:** Biology, Chemistry
Physics
- Group 5:** Mathematics
- Group 6:** Visual arts OR another choice from groups 3-5





ABOUT THE STUDIES IN A FINNISH IB SCHOOL...

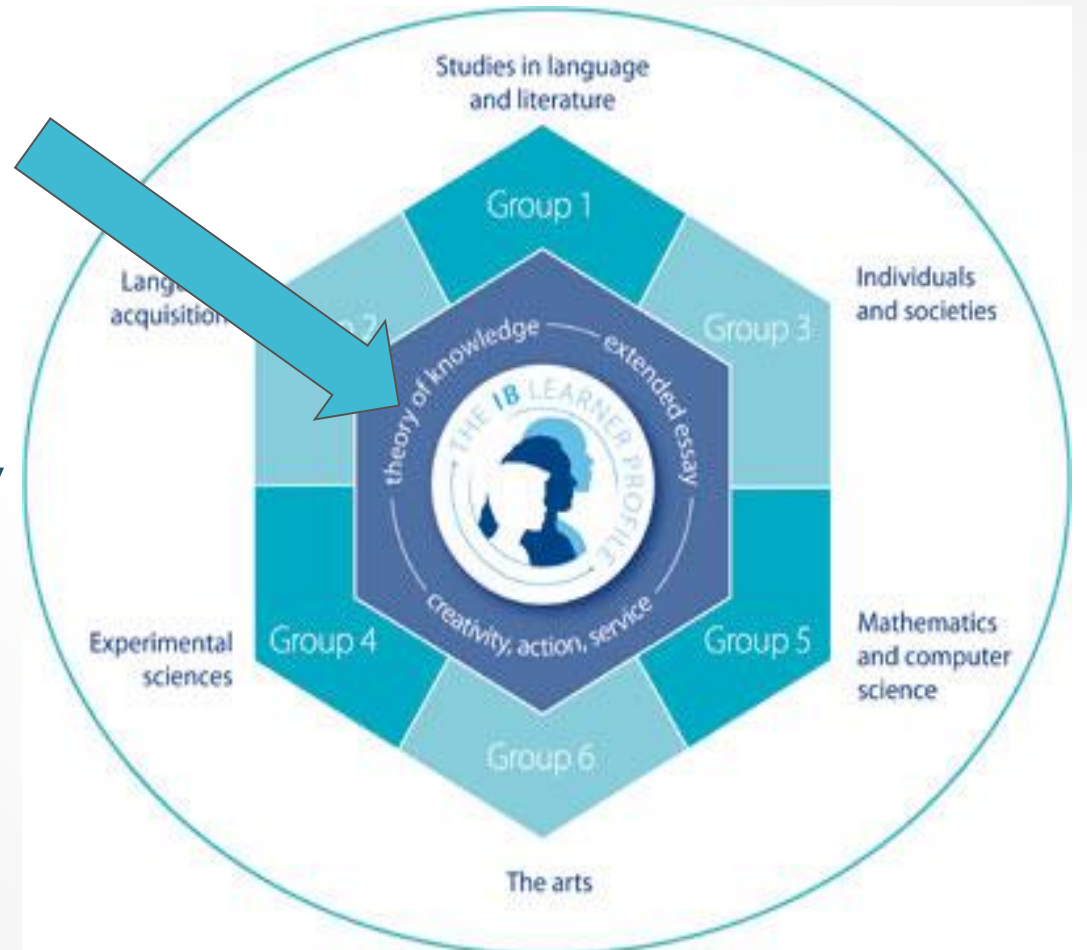
- The first year is called the **Pre-Year** when you study normal "high school" subjects BUT the **teaching is in English!** (except for the Finnish language).
- Over the following two academic years, IB1 & IB2, you study the chosen IB-subjects + the Core studies.



THE CORE OF THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

This is what each IB-student does:

- **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)**
"How do we know what we we claim to know?"
- **CAS: Creativity, Activity, Service**
You can for example learn to play an instrument. It's all about personal growth
- **Extended Essay:** a lengthy academic essay on the 2nd IB-year





- IB-final written exams take place in May of the last IB-year (IB2).
- **Other languages, such as German or French,** can be studied on the national side of Kannas.
- IB-students join all the 'lukio' festivities, too!
- In the IB the students stick together all through the three years, which enhances **the sense of community.**



HOW TO APPLY?

- There is **no entrance examination** for Finnish applicants.
- Registration for application is done on www.opintopolku.fi -> your OPO will guide you there!
- The Grade Point Average from Languages, Humanities, Mathematics and Sciences (lukuaineet) will be taken into account.
- The grade from the Finnish and English languages as well as Mathematics will be multiplied by two.



WHY IB?



- You will get **great qualifications** for university studies. With the IB-Diploma they will be easier.
- A unique chance to focus on fewer subjects more extensively.
- Extraordinary team spirit in class, great teachers.
- A fantastic chance to really get international. Every IB-class has foreign students, too!
- Top- class English skills.
- If you feel motivated, this is a chance of a life-time.