

MIS Curriculum

Ethics Semester 1:

- **Self Care and Wellness.** Creating a healthy work/life balance with adequate exercise, family time, sleep, and time away from screens and social media.
- **Back to School.** Setting goals, practicing time-management, exploring effective learning styles and strategies
- **Introduction to Service as Action.** Engaging in Service that interests and has meaning for you.
- **Using Digital Tools to Get Organized for Success.**

Ethics Semester 2:

- **Digital Citizenship.** Ethical use of social media and AI. Safety online. Creating a positive digital presence.
- **Understanding Strengths.** Introduction to the Maia Learning platform. Personality Type and Personal Values Survey. Encourage students to recognize and leverage their unique strengths and talents. Foster self-awareness, build confidence, and empower students to utilize their strengths in various aspects of their lives.
- **Assessment Prep.** Test preparation and test taking strategies. How to manage test anxiety.
- **Introduction to Career Exploration.** Engage students in career exploration activities and lessons that promote self-discovery, identify interests and skills, and inspire career planning and decision-making.

Resources

- **Guidance Office Website** - Many resource links for future planning, university and gap year research and more
- **Guidance Blog** - Specialized learning opportunities such as medical internships, summer study, service and travel
- **Maia Learning** - MIS's central platform for career and university planning, research, and application tracking

Events

Events:

September: AGIS Fall University Fair at MIS

October: PSAT

May: Future Planning Evening for Parents

Ongoing:

University Visits at MIS

Student Meetings:

Counsellors meet with every grade 9 student during the first few months of the school year to get to know a little about them and help them set up and meet academic and personal goals for the year.



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- **Introduction to the MYP** - How the MYP assessments are organized and what they mean for the future
- **Review of Service as Action.** Engaging in Service that interests and has meaning for you. What role Service plays in university applications.
- **Work Experience Kick Off Assembly** - Introduction to the Work Experience Internship program in June
- **Planning & Prioritizing** - Enhance students' organizational and time management skills through planning templates, prioritization exercises, and goal-setting strategies to promote efficiency, accountability, and a balanced approach to academic and personal life.

Ethics Semester 2:

- **Cover Letter and CVs** - How to reach out to potential employers for an internship in June.
- **Pathways Day Preparation** - Practice in asking good questions to explore how education leads to career choices.
- **Digital Citizenship Review** - Ethical use of social media and AI. Safety online. Creating a positive digital presence.
- **Career Exploration** - Engage students in career exploration activities and lessons that promote self-discovery, identify interests and skills, and inspire career planning and decision-making.

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November: UK University Fair Munich

November: Email invitation to lunch time groups for students interested in applying to highly competitive universities.

January: Course selection assembly for students and parents and individual counsellor meetings to choose course pathways for grades 11 & 12

March: Pathways Day, AGIS University Fair at BIS

May: Future Planning Evening for Parents

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Student Meetings



STUDENT JOB BENEFITS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
According to a survey conducted by Junior Achievement and Ernst & Young LLP, "82% of teens who work part-time jobs during high school feel confident about managing their finances, highlighting the correlation between employment and the development of crucial life skills."

ENHANCE COMMUNICATION
Jobs educate students on various subjects, helps students develop skills and knowledge, creates lesson plans, and assesses student progress.

SPARKS CAREER CHOICE
These early experiences in the work field not only provide a source of income but also serve as a gateway to discovering interests and passions that can shape future career paths.

IMPROVES DECISION-MAKING
Through navigating workplace dynamics and handling tasks independently, teenagers emerge with enhanced decision-making skills and a greater sense of self-sufficiency, preparing them for the challenges of adulthood.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE
These positions often require them to manage their schedules, finances and responsibilities, fostering a sense of autonomy and self-reliance.

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- Planning & Prioritising: Enhance students' organizational and time management skills (Wayfinder*)
- **Stress & Anxiety:** How to manage stress and anxiety with practical techniques, coping strategies, and well-being skills. (Wayfinder*)
- **Work Experience Reflection Session**
- **Future Planning Assembly Session 1:** An introduction to postsecondary pathways.
- **Future Planning Assembly Session 2:** Post-Secondary Pathways Across Countries
- **Building a Positive Digital Reputation and LinkedIn Setup**
- **Setting + Reaching Goals:** Students develop goal-setting skills and strategies (Wayfinder*)
- **Responsible Decision Making:** Students build skills to make confident, informed decisions. (Wayfinder*)

Ethics Semester 2:

- **Completion of Student Profile:** A tool capturing student achievements, strengths, personal growth for recommendations and CV/motivation-letter brainstorming.
- **Motivational Letter/Essay/CV Writing:** Introduces students to writing CVs and exploring different types of essays/motivation letters
- **Pathways Day Preparation:** Practice in asking good questions to explore how education leads to career choices.
- **Interview Preparation:** Students learn essential skills for preparing and conducting interviews.
- **Academic Stress and Exam Preparation Assembly**

Lunchtime Sessions:

Spring

- UCAS Account Set-Up
- Early UCAS Applications (Oxbridge/Med./Vet.)
- Common App Set-Up



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 Jan-June: Future Planning elective (US/UK focus)
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Spring Lunchtime Sessions

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Student Meetings:

Ongoing: Future Planning one-to-one meetings on request

Spring: Counselors schedule one-to-one meetings Future Planning

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- **Planning & Prioritising:** Enhance students' organizational and time management skills (Wayfinder*)
- **Leadership & Entrepreneurship:** Foster life skills that encourage innovation, problem solving, teamwork, and effective communication. (Wayfinder*)
- **Future Planning Work Time:** Structured time for students to focus on their future planning tasks.
- **Interviews:** Students learn essential skills for preparing and conducting interviews.
- **Setting + Reaching Goals:** Students build goal-setting skills to take ownership of their learning and development. (Wayfinder*)
- **Responsible Decision Making:** Students build skills to make confident, informed decisions. (Wayfinder*)

Ethics Semester 2:

- **Planning:** Spring Semester Overview + CAS documentation review
- **Navigating Uncertainty:** Strengthens students' ability to handle setbacks, manage ambiguity, and adapt effectively (Wayfinder*)
- **Exams Skills Assembly:** Preparation for Mock Exams
- **Navigating Postsecondary Transitions:** Supporting students' transition from high school to the real world, covering social-emotional and practical considerations for all post-graduation paths.

Events

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September:

- Grade 12 Retreat Days: Future Planning & Life Skills

- AGIS Fall University Fair at MIS

February: Grade 12 Parent Meeting

Student Meetings:

Ongoing: Future Planning One-to-One meetings on request

Important additional steps for students:

- German Recognition Process
- Handling university acceptances/visa/accommodation
- Graduation Surveys

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