

Welcome!



MATTLIDENS GYMNASIUM

Mattlidens IB

- Since 1990 - one of the first schools to offer the IB in Finland
- preDP intake 50 students
- About 150 of all (670) students are doing the IB
- Only Swedish-language school in the capital region which offers the IB
- International atmosphere - students and staff



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An inclusive and safe environment that inspires you to make a positive impact

Empathy

Come as you are and develop into the best version of yourself.

Curiosity

We want to arouse your interest in new things and new ways of thinking.

Togetherness

You will find like-minded students through your studies, student council and clubs, among other things.

Integrity

Together we create peaceful surroundings and respect each other, both inside and outside the classroom.



preDP – the prep year at MG

- Due to Finnish legislation, the two-year IB Diploma Programme is preceded by a preparatory year - the “preDP” (grade 10)
- All subjects offered in the IB Diploma Programme (also music and physical education) are studied - most study units are obligatory
- The school year is divided into 5 periods
- Teaching language is English (with the exception of languages)
- Guidance counselling provided throughout the year
- IB subject choices are made in the spring of the preDP year



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

In May 2023, 3041 schools in 149 countries arranged examinations in the IB Diploma Programme in either English, French or Spanish.

In May 2023, there were 116 248 diploma candidates registered globally - 604 in Finland



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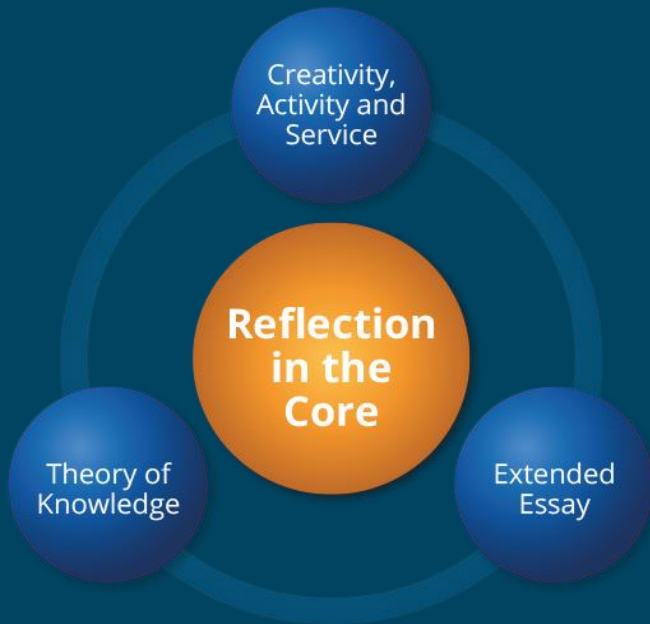
The IB curriculum

Six subjects from
six subject groups:

- three at higher level (240 hours)
- three at standard level (150 hours)



The Core Requirements



- Extended Essay (EE)
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)



Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines and encourages an appreciation of other cultural perspectives

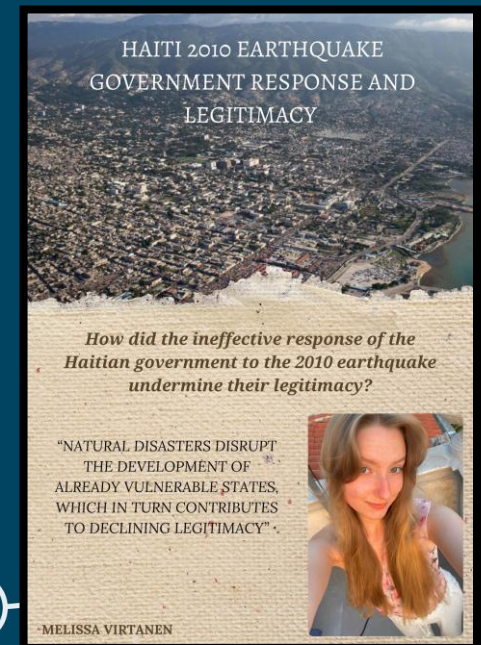
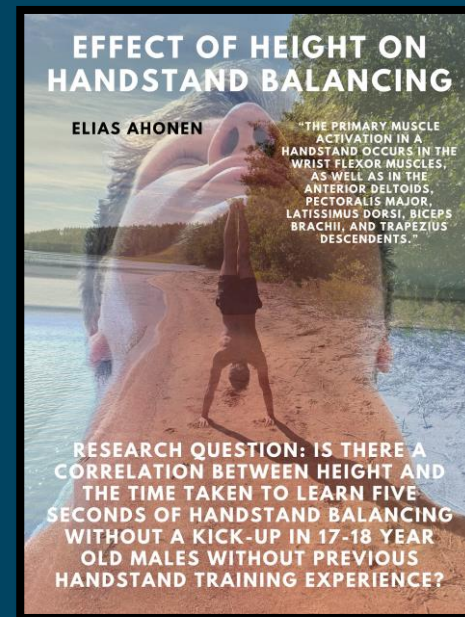
Theory of Knowledge challenges students:

- to question the bases of knowledge
- to be aware of subjective and ideological biases
- to contrast and compare knowledge across different Diploma subjects



The Extended Essay (EE)

- 4,000 words
- investigation on a research question of individual interest
- familiarises students with the independent research and writing skills expected at university





EE celebration 2023



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Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)

- encourages students to be involved in artistic pursuits, sports and community service
- education outside the classroom



IB Subjects at MG

Studies in language and literature

- Finnish/Swedish/English A Literature (HL/SL)
- English A Language and Literature (HL/SL)
- School-supported self-taught Language A Literature (SL)

Sciences

- Biology (HL/SL)
- Chemistry (HL/SL)
- Physics (HL/SL)

Language Acquisition

- Finnish B (HL/SL)
- French B (SL)
- French ab initio (SL)
- Swedish B (SL)
- Swedish ab initio (SL)

Mathematics

- Analysis and Approaches (HL/SL)
- Applications and Interpretations (SL)

Individuals and Societies

- Economics (HL/SL)
- Global Politics (HL/SL)
- History (HL/SL)

The Arts

- Visual Arts SL
- or another subject from another subject group



Studies in language and literature

English, Finnish, Swedish or a school-supported self-taught language

- Literature
- Language and Literature (English only)
- develops good reading, writing and oral skills and respect for the literary heritage of the language



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Language acquisition

For second language learners, with some or little experience with the language.

- Finnish B HL/SL
- French B SL
- French ab initio SL
- Swedish B SL
- Swedish ab initio SL

Focus on written and spoken communication.



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Individuals and societies

Economics HL/SL

- micro- and macroeconomics, international economics and development economics

Global Politics HL/SL

- people, power, and politics in the modern international order
- focus on events in students' lifetime

History HL/SL

- history of Europe and the Middle East
- focus on the 20th century



Experimental Sciences

Biology, Chemistry and Physics
HL/SL

- practical laboratory skills
- collaborative learning through an interdisciplinary project



Mathematics

Analysis and Approaches HL/SL

- HL: **challenging** course giving a solid background for math, physics, engineering, and IT. Recognized by Finnish universities as 'long'.
- SL: **intermediate** giving decent knowledge for most studies not mentioned above, **economics, business, medicine and biochemical studies**). Recognized by Finnish universities as 'long'

Applications and Interpretations SL

- Emphasis on statistics, modelling, and use of technology
- **easiest**, so for **languages, social sciences, humanities, arts, music**. Recognized by Finnish universities as 'short' . Use of calculators is allowed in all tests and the final exams.



The Arts

Visual Arts SL

- theoretical, art-making, and curatorial practice
- multimedia



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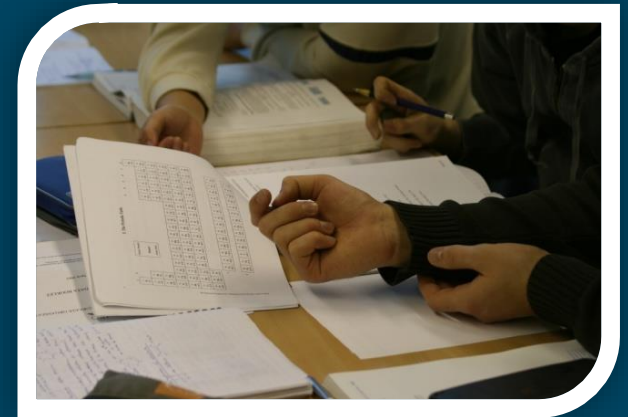
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Course Assessment

IB assessment is rigorous and criterion-based (both internal and external assessment).

- oral assessment in all languages
- projects
- portfolios
- presentations
- practical laboratory work
- investigations
- essays



IB Final Examinations

- all subjects (except Visual Arts)
- three weeks in April-May
- morning and afternoon sessions
- results in early July
- graduation ceremony at the end of August / beginning of September



The IB Diploma

- The overall diploma pass rate is broadly consistent year after year (80% worldwide)
- World average 32 points. Usually Mattlidens' average points have been 35-36



Why the IB DP?

- IB DP equips students with the skills and attitudes necessary for success in higher education and employment
- IB diploma holders
 - have access to the world's leading universities
 - are well prepared for university work
- IB promotes the education of the whole person, emphasizing intellectual, personal, emotional and social growth through all domains of knowledge.



General Application 20.2 - 19.3.2024

STUDYINFO / OPINTOPOLKU / STUDIEINFO → Mattlidens gymnasium → IB

NB! The IB and general upper secondary are two different study programmes with a separate application.



More information:

<https://www.espoo.fi/en/mattlidens-gymnasium-ib-world-school>



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Results

The results are published on the website
(<https://www.espoo.fi/en/mattlidens-gymnasium-ib-world-school>)

13 June 2024

Study spots are accepted online

Instructions will be sent via email



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Modern facilities



School gym and student lounge



READ | LEAD | SUCCEED

Togetherness



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TUTORERNA / TUTORS

2023-2024



Great teachers

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IB TEACHERS

2023-2024

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Extra-curricular activities

- MEP (Model European Parliament)
- MUN (Model United Nations)
- Clubs: Debate, Drama, Chess, Games, Books, Film, Band, Queer
- School bulletin
- Sports (e.g. basketball, salibandy)
- Student council





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Flexweek

- One week of intensive courses in April in a variety of subjects
- All students participate in preDP and DP1
- Some examples:
 - Drama (English)
 - 3D design
 - First aid
 - Travel courses (language, culture, sports)
 - Chinese



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**Thank you
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