



International Baccalaureate

UK IB SCHOOL VISITS GAR-FIELD

On February 28th, 24 students and 2 teachers from the Ridings High School of Bristol, United Kingdom arrived at Dulles International Airport for a six day visit with Gar-Field students and

host families. The Ridings High School is a public school that was authorized to offer the IB Diploma program in 2004. The connection between the two schools started back in September when Gar-Field parent and PWCS teacher Jacque Dexter introduced the two respective IB coordinators to each other. "Their IB coordinator, Rob Ford, felt the best way to build a relationship between the two schools was to start off with an actual visit. We've now



connected teachers and students, so it is my hope that our relationship will continue and grow as a result of this visit," said GF IB Coordinator Brian Bassett. A group of students and teachers from Gar-Field will be visiting the Ridings High School in the fall of this year.

Over the six days, the Ridings students shadowed Gar-Field students during classes, participated in the IB Just World Festival, and attended field trips to Washington, D.C. , Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, and Mount Vernon. Ridings student Katie Coleborn wrote a blog for each day of the trip that was published in both the Bristol Evening Post and the Potomac News. Copies of the articles in addition to photos of each days events can be found at [www. IBatGF.com](http://www.IBatGF.com) .





BIG THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Ms. Smith and Mr. Bassett would like to thank all of the faculty, parents, students and community members that supported this effort to link two IB World Schools. We truly appreciate all that you did to make this a wonderful learning experience for everyone.

Host Families and Donors

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IB MATH STUDENTS MAKE PRESENCE KNOWN!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Mountain View High School Mathematics Competition March 13th. Mountain View High School is a recently authorized IB Diploma school in Stafford County. The following students answered one or more questions correctly, scoring points for the Gar-Field team, which won 3rd place out of 9 teams (including the Commonwealth Governor's School):

- Julia Jun
- Krissy Li
- Bibashwan Chhetri
- Carol Farn

Special congratulations to Thang Nguyen who was the overall 2nd place individual winner and Vietvuong Vo who was the overall 1st place winner!





IB Model United Nations Conference Brings IB Students Together

Over 400 students from 16 IB schools from Virginia, Maryland, D.C., participated in the 2008 IB MARC MUN Conference on January 11th and 12th at Gar-Field High School. This year's conference was centered around the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. All of the committees and topics were connected to these goals. The conference started off Friday with guest speaker Lt. Col. James Collins, who spoke to students about the relationship between economic development and security. Over the weekend, students participated in committee sessions in which they discussed such topics as the rights of migrant workers, political corruption amongst foreign aid recipients, pharmaceutical intellectual property rights, and a NATO historical simulation of the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

IB MARC MUN offered students the opportunity to put their IB coursework into practice through United Nations Committee simulations. Ayyaz Amjad was the winner of the Student Video Competition, and the weekend activities ended with a pizza dinner, Guitar Hero competitions, and a dance with guest DJ - Diploma Candidate Ashley Prescott.



Dr. Aiken, Nadiah Younus, Charles Zhao, Wilberg Rivera, Mr. Pell, Brian Gomez, Lt. Col. Collins. (guest speaker)

IB MARC MUN-08 was made possible with the financial support of the Mid-Atlantic Sub-Regional Coalition of IB Schools and the IB Programme at Gar-Field. The sponsorship gave the Gar-Field MUN Club the resources to run a top quality conference that included catered meals and entertainment for students and sponsors. A big thanks to all of the GF staff, students, and alumni who worked hard to make this year's conference a success. We are already preparing for IB MARC MUN 2009 and hope you'll plan on participating in this wonderful opportunity to socialize with students from other IB schools while putting your coursework into practice.





COORDINATORS CORNER

DID YOU KNOW?

For this newsletter, I have decided to do something unconventional for the coordinators corner. My hope is that some of the random things I throw out will catch your eye, make you think, and inspire you to want to learn more.

Did you know that:

- Gar-Field's two major base feeder middle schools (Beville and Godwin) have authorized IB MYP programs?
- Gar-Field teachers have won the most distinguished teaching award in Prince William County for 4 of the last 5 years?
- Dr. Aiken was part of the team at Annandale High School that helped bring IB to that school?
- the International Baccalaureate designed both the IB Primary Program and IB Middle Years Program as whole school programs?
- 70% of all U.S. students that go into their senior year as IB Diploma Candidates, obtain their actual IB Diploma? (For GF students that number is 80%.)
- the top two college admission factors are Grade Point Average (GPA) and Strength of Schedule?
- in 2007, the average admission GPA for incoming freshman at James Madison University is a 3.67? at Christopher Newport University it is 3.4 ?at Mary Washington it is 3.67? at the University of Virginia it is a 4.02?
- there are 2400 IB schools in 125 different countries with with 49% of them being in N. America, 27% in Africa, Europe, Middle East, 13% in Asia Pacific, and 11% in Latin America?
- the record for the most college credit awarded to a GFHS IB student was George Helios (Diploma Class of 2001) with 56 credits at Virginia Tech?
- in 2007, Gar-Field HS ranked 67 out of 1436 IB high schools in the total number of exams administered?
- 8 Prince William County elementary schools are in the application stages for IB Primary Programs?
- Gar-Field HS is an active member of a regional group of IB schools called MARC (Mid-Atlantic Region Coalition to IB Schools), made up of over 104 authorized IB programs?
- the university that received the most 2007 GF diploma students was the University of Virginia (10)? The university that received the most IB students (Diploma and Certificate) was Virginia Commonwealth University (25)?
- last year, the IB authorized 273 new IB programs world-wide, of which 70 were Primary Years Programs, 53 were Middle Years Programs, and 150 were Diploma Programs?
- in 2008, over 295 students left their base high school to participate in the IB program at GFHS?
- Mr. Beemer and Ms. Tormay are former IBDP students?

Brian Bassett

Administrative Coordinator for IB



GAR-FIELD STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE 2008 IB "JUST WORLD" FESTIVAL

On February 29th, Annandale High School hosted the IB "Just World" Festival. The festival was an opportunity for students to make an individual commitment to the goal of creating a more just and peaceful world by exploring what it means to be part of a global community. The event gave students an opportunity to meet students from other IB schools, gain inspiration, and simply have a great afternoon! Students split their time between some serious sessions and discussions, and sampling some good food, listening to music from other nations, and thinking about how we are connected to people and cultures from all over the planet.



MESSAGE TO ALL 11TH AND 12TH GRADERS TAKING A MAY IB EXAM

Congratulations, you are nearing the end of this challenging year! Your teachers are proud of your efforts and hard work. You are an outstanding group of young adults and we are all grateful for having shared this experience with you.

As we come to the end of the course, I want to share with you the specifics of the exam process. Please pay close attention as we review the regulations and procedures for the examinations, and be sure to keep this memo for future references. As an authorized IB world School, we may receive a site visit during this examination session. It is imperative that all regulations are followed. Please see me with any questions or concerns regarding the exam. **You must sit for the entire exam (in addition to submitting IAs) for a course to receive weighted credit. This includes all HL and SL courses for which two years of weighted credit are earned.**

All regulations will be posted at the examination locations. Your teacher also has a copy of these procedures. I have identified some of the most important items from the Code of Conduct below. The following pages also include a chart identifying the date, time, locations, and lunch shift changes for each exam. Please be aware of the materials you will need and arrive on time with them.

1. No book bags, books, notebooks, etc. are allowed in the exam area. All items will be safely stored nearby.
2. Only approved calculators may be used during the exams. Your teachers will review these requirements with you. Candidates may not use or store data, programs, or applications in their calculators.
3. A seating chart will be used. All scrap paper will be collected.
4. Do not open materials until instructed to do so. A five-minute read time will be required.
5. Late students will be allowed into the exam during the first 30 minutes only, though they will be given no additional time. After the first 30 minutes candidates will not be allowed into the examinations, nor will they be permitted to reschedule the examination for a later date or time. Bottom line: *you need to be there on time.*
6. Candidates may not leave an exam for any reason during the first hour or during the last 15 minutes of the exam. All candidates must remain in the exam until all materials are accounted for.
7. Incidents of malpractice must be reported to the IBO and may jeopardize the student's exam scores.
8. The exam session must be conducted in **SILENCE**. This rule will be strictly enforced.
10. **Relax!!!! Take a deep breath...you are prepared!**

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

MR. BASSETT NEEDS ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROCTOR IB EXAMS. PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED EXAM SCHEDULE AND CONTACT THE IB OFFICE AT **703-730-7028** IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT.!

GAR-FIELD HIGH SCHOOL (1133) MAY 2008 IBDP EXAM SCHEDULE

Exam Date	Subject (exam duration)	Arrival Time	Exam Room #Students	Exam Time	Proctors	
Monday 5 May Morning	English A1 HL P1 (2h)	7:30	Auditorium - 102	7:45 – 10:00	Need 5	
Monday 5 May Afternoon	Business & Management SL P1 (2h)	11:30	Room 1718 - 16	11:45 – 2:00	Need 1	
Tuesday 6 May Morning	Business & Management SL P2 (1h 30m)	7:30	Auditorium - 16	7:45 – 9:30	Need 1	
Tuesday 6 May Afternoon	History HL P1 (1h) History HL P2 (1h 30m)	11:00	Auditorium - 99	11:15 – 2:30	Need 5	
Wednesday 7 May Morning	History HL P3 (2h 30m)	7:30	Auditorium - 99	7:45 – 10:30	Need 5	
Wednesday 7 May Afternoon	Mathematics HL P1 (2h) Mathematics SL P1 (1h 30m) Mathematical Studies SL P1 (1h 30m)	11:30	Room 1718 - 19 Auditorium - 30 Auditorium - 66	11:45 – 2:00 11:45 – 1:30 11:45 – 1:30	Need 2 (someone to lead) Need 5	
Thursday 8 May Morning	Mathematics HL P2 (2h) Mathematics SL P2 (1h 30m) Mathematical Studies SL P2 (1h 30m)	7:30 7:30 7:30	Room 1718 - 19 Auditorium - 30 Auditorium - 66	7:45 – 10:00 7:45 – 9:30 7:45 – 9:30	Need 7 (someone to lead HL and 6 others to proctor)	
Thursday 8 May Afternoon	Chemistry HL P1 (1h) Chemistry HL P2 (2h 15m)	11:00	Auditorium - 33	11:15 – 3:15	Need 2	
Friday 9 May Morning	Chemistry HL P3 (1h 15m)	7:30	Auditorium - 33	7:45 – 9:15	Need 2	
Friday 9 May Afternoon	NO AFTERNOON EXAMS!					

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Exam Date	Subject (exam duration)	Arrival Time	Exam Room/# Students	Exam Time	Proctors	
Monday 12 May Morning	English A1 HL P2 (2h)	7:30	Auditorium – 102	7:45 – 10:00	Need 5	
Monday 12 May Afternoon	Spanish A2 SL P1 (1h 30m) Spanish A2 HL P1 (2hr)	11:30	Auditorium – 36 Auditorium – 2	11:45 – 1:30 11:45 – 1:50	Need 2	
Tuesday 13 May Morning	Spanish A2 SL P2 (1h 30m) Spanish A2 HL P2 (2h) Spanish B HL P1 (1h 30m) Spanish B HL P2 (1h 30m) Spanish B SL P1 (1h 30m) Spanish B SL P2 (1h 30m)	7:30	Auditorium – 36 Auditorium – 2 Auditorium – 6 Auditorium – 57	7:45 – 9:30 7:45 – 11:30 7:45 – 9:30 9:45 - 11:30 7:45 – 9:30 9:45 - 11:30	Need 4	
Tuesday 13 May Afternoon	Economics SL P1 (1h)	12:15	Auditorium – 67	12:30 – 1:45	Need 4	
Wednesday 14 May Morning	Economics SL P2 (2h)	7:30	Auditorium – 67	7:45 – 10:00	Need 4	
Wednesday 14 May Afternoon	Biology HL P1 (1h) Biology HL P2 (2h 15m) Environmental Systems SL P1 (45m) Environmental Systems SL P2 (1h 15m)	11:00 11:00	Auditorium – 28 Auditorium – 26	11:15 – 3:15 11:15 – 2:00	Need 4	
Thursday 15 May Morning	Biology HL P3 (1h 15m) Environmental Systems SL P3 (1h)	7:30 7:30	Auditorium – 28 Auditorium – 26	7:45 – 9:15 7:45 – 9:00	Need 4	
Thursday 15 May Afternoon	NO AFTERNOON EXAMS!					
Friday 16 May Morning	French B HL P1 (1h 30m) French B HL P2 (1h 30m) French B SL P1 (1h 30m) French B HL P2 (1h 30m)	7:30 7:30	Auditorium – 4 Auditorium – 19	7:45 – 9:30 7:45 – 9:30	Need 2	
Friday 16 May Afternoon	German B SL P1 (1h 30m) German B SL P2 (1h 30m)	12:00	Auditorium - 6	12:15 – 2:00	Need 1	

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Exam Date	Subject (exam duration)	Arrival Time	Exam Room/# Students	Exam Time	Proctors	
Monday 19 May Morning	NO MORNING EXAMS!					
Monday 19 May Afternoon	Mathematics HL P3 (1h) Classical Languages SL P1 (1h)	12:30 12:30	Room 1718 -19 Room 1718 - 3	12:45 – 2:00 12:45 – 2:00	Need 1	
Tuesday 20 May Morning	Classical Languages SL P2 (2h) Music HL P1 (2h 30m) Music SL P1 (2h 30m)	7:30 7:30 7:30	Band Room - 3 Band Room - 3 Band Room - 5	7:45 – 10:00 7:45 – 10:30 7:45 – 10:30	Need 1	
Tuesday 20 May Afternoon	Physics SL P1 (45m) Physics SL P2 (1h 15m)	11:00	Band Room – 17	11:15 – 12:15 12:30 – 2:00	Need 1	
Wednesday 21 May Morning	Physics SL P3 (1h)	7:30	Band Room – 17	7:45 – 9:00	Need 1	
Wednesday 21 May Afternoon	NO AFTERNOON EXAMS!					
Thursday 22 May Morning	NO MORNING EXAMS!					
Thursday 22 May Afternoon	Social & Cultural Anthropology SL P1 (1h) Computer Science HL P1 (2h 15m) Computer Science SL P1 (1h 30m) Geography SL P1 (1h 30m)	10:45 10:45 10:45 1:00	Auditorium - 48 Room 1718 - 4 Room 1718 - 9 Auditorium - 56	11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 1:30 11:00 – 12:45 1:00 – 2:30	Need 1 to lead the comp sci HL/SL and 4 others to proctor	
Friday 23 May Morning	Social & Cultural Anthropology SL P2 (2h) Computer Science HL P2 (2h 15m) Computer Science SL P2 (1h 30m) Geography SL P2 (1h 30m)	7:30 7:30 7:30 11:30	Auditorium - 48 Room 1718 - 4 Room 1718 - 9 Auditorium - 56	7:45 – 10:00 7:45 - 10:15 7:45 – 9:30 11:45 – 1:15	Need 1 to lead the comp sci HL/SL and 4 others to proctor	
Friday 23 May Afternoon	NO AFTERNOON EXAMS!					