



## MYP Personal Project: What is it?



Recently M4 students and parents received an education on the Personal Project. So what exactly is the Personal Project? Merely one of the most unique and inspiring features of the MYP Programme.

The Personal Project is a year long endeavor of the students choice that allows them to exhibit skills, concepts and content gained through the entire MYP Programme. It is an opportunity for the students to achieve a personal goal or accomplishment.

On December 17, M4 students had a chance to see completed Personal Projects from the M5 students. They also collaborated with the M5 students and received input on their initial Personal Project ideas.

Some completed examples from the M5 class included a novel, a student written and directed play, a book / DVD guide to inline skating, and a music CD of self-composed and performed songs.



So what are the requirements? Each Personal Project must have three components: a product, a process journal, and a personal statement. The product can vary as widely as student interests! Students are encour-

aged to find a skill, hobby or talent they would like to explore in –depth or something they always dreamed of doing and make it a reality.



The process journal is a record of the entire journey of the Personal Project. It begins with investigation and documents any new skill or information the student had to learn to create their Personal Project. It follows the creation of the project, documenting obstacles and challenges and how they were overcome.

The last component of the Personal Project is the personal statement. Here, students must describe and analyze their process and project in a formal essay.

Students are given a supervisor to keep them accountable and guide their process through the Personal Project. In addition, a detailed Personal Project Guide is provided to lead students through the entire process.

The Personal Project is a fun, challenging and maturing experience. It serves the students well as a culmination of their MYP experience, and as preparation for the Diploma Extended Essay. Good luck M4's!

### What's Puzzling You?

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