



IB Diploma Programme

**Information Session
for**

Year 2 Students and their parents/caregivers

September 24, 2026

IB Diploma

1. Coursework (6 Subjects)

- Complete **3 Higher Level (HL)** and **3 Standard Level (SL)** courses (normally).
- Earn grades from **2 to 7** per course.

2. The Core Components

- **Theory of Knowledge (TOK):** Complete the course and essay; earn a grade of at least D.
- **Extended Essay (EE):** Complete the independent research paper; earn a grade of at least D.
- **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS):** Fully complete all portfolio requirements (pass/fail).

3. Key Passing Conditions

- **Total Points:** Minimum **24 points** out of 45.
- **HL/SL Minimums:** At least **12 points** in HL subjects and **9 points** in SL subjects.
- **No Low Grades:** No grade 1s, no more than two grade 2s, and no more than three grade 3s or below.
- **All elements awarded:** Grades awarded in all subjects, TOK, and EE with CAS completed

Important Due Dates and Deadlines 2026-2027

Core Subjects (3)
and
Group Subjects (6)

Core Subject: Theory of Knowledge

Initial Information meeting	to present TOK process to students and provide timeline	September 2026
First Formal Interaction & TK/PPD completion	- unpacking the six TOK Prescribed Titles - All students complete first component of TK/PPD on Managebac	September 2026
Declaration of topic choice (no meeting)	- to declare topic/Prescribed Title on Managebac or electronically <u>NO TOPIC CHANGES MAY BE MADE AFTER THIS DATE</u>	October 30, 2026 (Managebac)
Second Formal Interaction & TK/PPD completion	- to see candidate's notes, detailed essay outline and briefly discuss candidate's ideas - Students must be prepared in advance for this interaction - All students complete the TK/PPD form on Managebac	Week of November 12, 2026 (Approx. 20 min per student) (Schedule to be posted on Managebac)

Core Subject: Theory of Knowledge

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Draft submission For feedback and PREDICTED GRADE	to submit hard copy of TOK essay	Dec. 17, 2026
Third Formal Interaction & TK/PPD completion	- to get general feedback - comments only - to use the comments provided to revise/refine the final version of essays - All students complete the TK/PPD form on Managebac	January, 2027 (approx. 30 min per student)
Final Submission	- To receive final student essays - Upload to Managebac and Turnitin.com	Thursday 18 February, 2027
Essay upload	- Essay upload to IBIS - TK/PPD upload to IBIS - TK/PPF upload to IBIS - Predicted grades	Thursday 25 February, 2027 IBIS

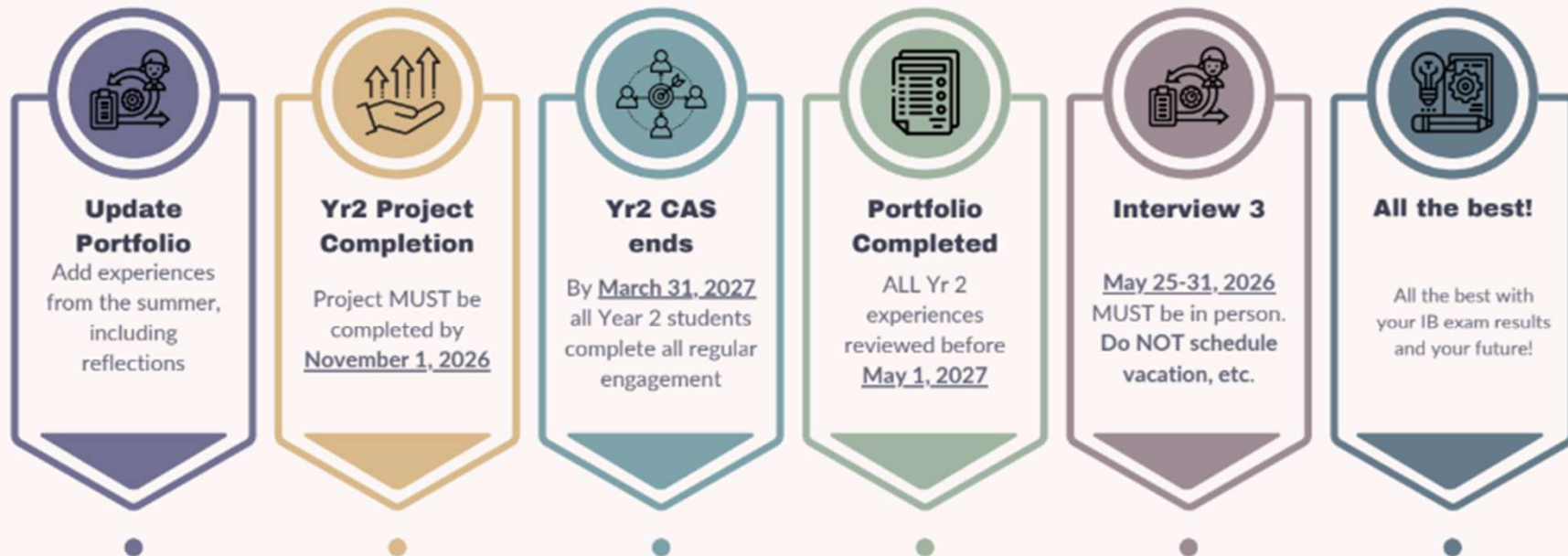
Core Subject: Extended Essay

First draft due (the only draft supervisor can comment on)	5 October, 2026
MANDATORY Second Formal Reflection Session (only AFTER EE Feedback Session with Supervisor has taken place)	26 October, 2026
FINAL EE DEADLINE	16 November, 2026
MANDATORY Third Formal Reflection (only AFTER Viva Voce/Concluding Interview has happened)	11 December, 2025

Core Subject: Creativity, Activity, Service

YEAR 2 CAS TIMELINES 2026–2027

Your CAS journey is all about YOU as a person, outside of academics. Have fun and contribute. Keep track of important dates by referring to the timeline.



Group 2- French



Internal Assessment
(Oral):

March 1-9, 2027

Paper 1 & 2 Mock:

Spring 2027

External assessment (3 hours)

75%

Paper 1 (1 hour 15 minutes): Writing

25%

- 30 marks
- One written task of 250-400 words each from a choice of 3

Paper 2 (1 hour 45 minutes): Listening and Reading

- Listening comprehension x 3 texts (45 minutes) (25 marks) 50%
- Reading comprehension x 3 texts (1 hour) (40 marks)

Internal assessment (12-15 minutes): Interactive Skills

25%

Individual oral (30 marks)

- 15 mins preparation + 15 mins presentation (recorded)
- internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB

Group 1 Subject: English HL

Individual Oral (15 min oral IA): **Mar 1-12, 2027** (20% IB grade)

Submit final, formatted Higher Level Essay: **November 23, 2026** (20%
IB grade)

Predictive exam, Paper 2: **Mar 30 - Apr 5, 2027**

Paper 1 (2 Guided Readings in 135min): **May, 2027** (35% IB grade)

Paper 2 (1 comparison essay on 2 works): **May, 2027** (25% IB grade)

Extra help is available any morning before school!



Group 2 -Spanish *Ab Initio* SL



External assessment (2 hours 45 minutes)

Paper 1 (1 hour): Writing

25%

- Two written tasks of 70-150 words each from a choice of 3 (30 marks)

Paper 2 (1 hour 45 minutes): Listening and Reading

50%

- Listening comprehension x 3 texts (45 minutes) (25 marks)
- Reading comprehension x 3 texts (1 hour) (40 marks)

Predictive exams
(Paper 1 & 2):
March 2027

Internal Assessment
(Oral): **March 2027**

Internal assessment (8-10 minutes): Interactive Skills

Individual oral (30 marks)

25%

- 15 mins preparation + 10 mins presentation (recorded)
- internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB

Group 3 Subjects: Psychology HL

Class practicals - hands on engagements using four different research methods: **Experiment, Observation, Interview, Survey/Questionnaire**

October/November 2026

Final IA Due: November/December, 2026

Paper 1: Jan. Exam Period, January, 2027

Paper 2: Predictive Exam Period March, 2027

Paper 3: April 13, 2027

Group 4 Subjects:

Chemistry HL, Biology SL, and Physics SL

Chemistry

Modified paper 1A, 1B & 2: **January exam period**

IA Draft Due: **February 9**

Final IA Due: **March 10**

Paper 1A, 1B & 2 Predictive Exams: **March 30 - Apr 5, 2027**

Biology

IA Draft Due: **October 29th**

Final IA Due: **December 1st**

Paper 1A, 1B & 2 Predictive Exams: **January 25th - 29th, 2027**

Physics

IA Draft Due: **Late October**

Final IA Due: **Early December**

Paper 1A, 1B & 2 Predictive Exams: **January 25th - 29th, 2027**

Collaborative Science Project (All Sciences): November 2nd - November 13th

Group 5 Subjects:

Mathematics A & A SL

Paper 1 (90 min) - 40% (No calculators)

Paper 2 (90 min) - 40% (Graphing calculators)

IA - 20%

IA Final Draft due: **December 1, 2026**

Final IA due: **January 14, 2027**

Left: Integration, Statistics, Probability

Paper 1 & 2 Predictive Exams: **April 1-7, 2027**

From Predictive to May Exams: Probability and Exam review

Extra help: every afternoon in the IB office

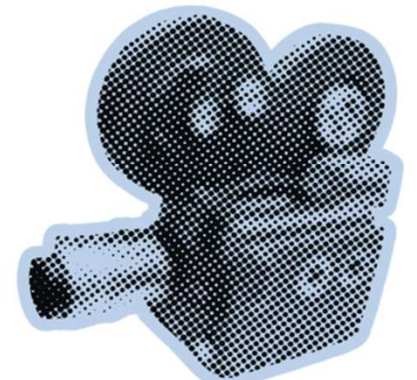
Group 6 Subject: Film HL

Comparative Study (External Assessment, 20%): **November 19, 2026**

Textual Analysis (External Assessment, 20%): **January 16, 2027**

Film Portfolio (Internal Assessment, 25%): **February 5, 2027**

Collaborative Film Project (External Assessment, 35%): **March 25, 2027**



Statement from the IB about ChatGPT and artificial intelligence in assessment and education.

Students should be aware that the IB does not regard any work produced—even only in part—by such tools, to be their own. Therefore, as with any quote or material from another source, it must be clear that AI-generated text, image or graph included in a piece of work, has been copied from such software. The software must be credited in the body of the text and appropriately referenced in the bibliography. As with current practice, an essay which is predominantly quotes will not get many, if any, marks with an IB mark scheme.

REQUESTS FOR INCLUSIVE ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS (IEP DOCUMENTS)

DUE DATE:

October 1, 2026

Post-Secondary Institutions Understand IB Levels

OUAC receives separate mark submissions from IB Schools of Ontario at each IB Reporting Time - Preliminary Grades (February); Predicted Grades (April) and Final IB Grades from IB early July.

Ontario % marks **MUST** fall within the IBSO DP Table of Equivalent Grades ranges. Universities expect this and offers of admission and scholarships depend on this.

Table of Equivalency

IB Grade	Ontario Percentage
7	97 to 100%
6	93 to 96%
5	84 to 92%
4	72 to 83%
3	61 to 71%
2	50 to 60%

ABSENCES

ANY TYPE OF ADVANCED SCHEDULED/PLANNED ABSENCES MUST BE DISCUSSED WITH THE SUBJECT TEACHER AND COORDINATOR

All student absences during the major Year 2 IB assessment must be documented with a medical note. Please remember, the predictive grade evaluation has no alternative dates.



Exams and CAS Exit
Interviews take place in
April and May.
Please DO NOT book any
trips or events during
this time.

ABSENCE & PARTICIPATION

Ontario's Ministry of Education has introduced a new policy that connects high school attendance and participation to students' final grades, beginning in the 2026–27 school year.

How Does This Impact the TDSB IB Programme?

We recognize that this policy may have implications for students enrolled in the IB Programme. PCI staff have met to discuss the potential impact, and we have provided feedback and questions to the TDSB IB Department.

We have been informed that the **IB Global Centre and the Ontario Ministry of Education are currently in discussions** about how the new policy will apply to IB students. This is an issue affecting IB programmes across the GTA, and we are awaiting further clarification.

At this time, we do not have a final answer regarding how the policy will be applied to the TDSB IB Programme.

We have been told:

“As soon as we have an answer, we'll let you know.”

We will share further information with our IB students and families as soon as it becomes available.



Web Sources for Additional Information and Updates

Parkdale C.I. School Website:

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/parkdale/>

Managebac:

<https://www.managebac.com>

TDSB Connects App

Teachers' TDSB Email

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