Report

HYPER-INNOVATIONS IN IBDP EDUCATION

- ON BEST PRACTISES FROM IBDP EXPERIENCED TEACHERS.



On Saturday, September 5, 2020, the WorldLINK Foundation on Saturday, in collaboration with Navrachana International School, Vadodara, India and VIII Prywatne Akademickie Liceum Ogólnokształcące, IB World School 006265 in Kraków, Poland, hosted a webinar, Hyper-Innovations in IBDP Education: Best Practises from IBDP Experienced Teachers. This international webinar was attended by teachers from Germany, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, India, Poland, Sweden, the USA and the UK.

The keynote address by Ms. Tejal Amin, Chairperson Navrachana Education Society, Vadodara, India, and Director Jyoti Ltd. India, set the tone for the proceedings. Ms. Amin in her address congratulated the teachers who have worked in these

unprecedented times beyond their call of duty. She mentioned how the pandemic has given schools an opportunity to explore the digital world and bring about meaningful change in the transaction of learning. She reiterated that this preparation is necessary for educational transformation. Ma'am culminated her address by stating that professional discussions like the hosted webinar would help in paving the way forward.

The first session of the webinar was taken by Dr Małgorzata Byca, IBDP Coordinator, Extended Essay Coordinator, Warsaw, Poland. The topic was Happy New School Year. She discussed the school calendar that was organised, taking into consideration the challenges faced by online teaching in these unprecedented

times. Dr. Byca mentioned that teaching in the future would be an individual process. The second session was taken by Ms. Lily Rana, IBDP Examiner English Literature HL. The title for the session was Design in Literature. Ms Rana discussed the concept of design thinking to deconstruct literary content.

Session three featured two speakers sharing their thoughts. Mr. Mariusz Kowalczyk, IBDP Geography and TOK Teacher, VI Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. J. Słowackiego, 003679 IB World School in Kielce, Poland. He discussed the Assessment in IBDP Geography Course and shared a number of resources for the subject. Ms. Anna Krzemińska-Kaczyńska, IBDP Geography Teacher, VIII Prywatne Akademickie Liceum Ogólnokształcące, IB World School 006265 in Kraków, Poland, showed a presentation My Top Resources for Teaching Geography Skills and shared a number of hands on activity and resources for students which would make teaching and learning of the subject interesting.

Virtual Classrooms: A Paradigm Shift in Teaching and Learning was the fourth session for the day. Both Dr. Rachna Patel, and Ms. Pooja Paliwal, IBDP Math teachers from Navrachana International School, Vadodara, India took the session. The two speakers discussed methods to engage the learners and transaction of content during these unprecedented times in the teaching of mathematics. Ms.Alicja Rozpędzka of VIII Prywatne Akademickie Liceum Ogólnokształcące, IB World School Kraków, Poland spoke on Mathematics Applications and Interpretations HL. She shared the idea of toolkits and discussed the statistical project that she had done with her students pertaining to the IBDP programme.

The fifth session was taken by Mr. Ashvin Patel the CAS coordinator form Navrachana International School in Vadodara, India on The Life of Mahatma Gandhi: An Insight into the CAS Learning Outcomes. He discussed and suggested how instances in the life Mahatma Gandhi could be deliberated upon to understand the concept of service in CAS. The last session was Implementation of Innovation in Chemistry by Dr. Trushna Kapadia, Navrachana International School, Vadodara, India. She discussed synchronous and asynchronous learning, the tools and the methods that could be used to make an online chemistry class engaging. Dr. Mateusz Jabłoński, of VIII Prywatne Akademickie Liceum Ogólnokształcące, IB World School 006265 in Kraków, Poland, discussed Crystallography as a Tool for Teaching IB DP Chemistry. He stated that study through this approach interests the students and they are willing learners. Round table discussions provided answers to questions posed by the audience. The breakaway groups energised the audience. The event culminated with the hosts Ms. Anna Krzemińska-Kaczyńska from Poland and Ms. Mamta Kumar from India expressing their gratitude to Ms. Tejal Amin, Chairperson Navrachana Education Society, Professor Jerzy Waligora, Founder Director of PACK Schools in Kraków, Poland, Mr. Theo D'Souza, Principal Navrachana International School, Ms. Anagha Pathak CBSE Coordinator, Navrachana International School, the speakers and the guests.

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