

IB ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DP Biology (Level 2)
King George V School, Hong Kong
2 – 4 October 2009, Friday - Sunday

Workshop Leader

Susan Hall

Susan has just commenced teaching Biology at the I-Shou International School, which is located in Kaohsiung, in the south of Taiwan. She is the Director of the International Secondary Department, a role which includes being the DP Coordinator designate. The school is preparing for its authorization visit in May 2010. Previously, she taught DP Biology at an international school in Tianjin, in northern China, and in Melbourne, Australia.

Susan is an assistant examiner of HL Paper 3. She attended meetings in Cardiff in November 2006 to discuss Curriculum Articulation for schools with more than one IB Programme.

She is the proud parent of two Diploma graduates.

All participants are requested to bring with them the following:

- A copy of this Agenda
- Biology subject guide
- TOK Guide
- Extended Essay Guide (general sections and the Biology specific section)
- Proposed PSOW and sample practical work to share
- Suggestions for great on-line, ICT or other resources
- OCC access codes, if you have them
- Any unit plans that you have written

Please note – guides and other materials may be brought in electronic form rather than paper.

Please note: session topics are subject to change based on needs of the group

Friday, 2 October

0830 - 0900

Welcome & Introduction

0900 - 1000

Session 1: Welcome and setting the scene

- Introductions of members of the group
- Overview of the workshop
- Identification of additional questions to be addressed

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 2: How is it going so far?

- Reflections on experiences so far
- Overview of the course
- Assessment
- Group 4 project
- Resources being used
- Preparing students for DP Biology

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Session 3: Internal Assessment

- The requirements for Internal Assessment
- Understanding the criteria
- Assessing sample reports

1430 - 1500

Afternoon Break

1500 - 1630

Session 4: Internal assessment

- Assessing sample reports
- Suitable experiments
- Technology requirements
- Student feedback on practical work
- Completing PSOW forms
- Moderation samples
- Moderation feedback

1630

End of Day 1

Saturday, 3 October

0830 - 1000

Session 5: Creative teacher professionalism

- Writing unit plans
- Using the proposed DP unit planner

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 6: TOK and internationalism

- What is TOK?
- What are the expectations of the Biology teacher for TOK?
- Sample TOK lessons
- Where can internationalism fit into the Biology course?

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430	<p>Session 7: External Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The examination structure, timetable and requirements ▪ Reading mark schemes ▪ Examiners reports ▪ Assessing student samples
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1630	<p>Session 8: External Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessing student samples ▪ Hints to give students for success ▪ After the examinations - G2 forms and enquiries upon results
1630	End of Day 2
<u>Sunday, 5 October</u>	
0830 - 1000	<p>Session 9: The Extended Essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the Extended Essay? ▪ Suitable topics for Biology Extended Essays ▪ Supervising Extended Essays ▪ Assessment of Biology Extended Essays
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	<p>Session 10: OCC and on-line resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The OCC ▪ Sharing of Internet resources ▪ Exploring the OCC and Internet Resources
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	<p>Session 11: Group 4 project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The nature of the Group 4 project ▪ Managing the group 4 project ▪ Suitable topics ▪ Assessment ▪ Shared projects
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1600	<p>Session 12: Logistics and Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbook for the Diploma ▪ Supporting evidence for your programme ▪ Conclusions and feedback
1600	Workshop Closes and Award of Certificates*

* An official "IB Certificate of Attendance" is awarded to participants who have attended all sessions of a workshop. Please ensure that travel arrangements do not preclude candidacy for a certificate.