

ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

2020 - 2021

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YEAR THEME

I N T E R D E P E N D E N C E

THE *yearbook* COMMITTEE



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Headteacher's Message



"Interdependence is and ought to be as much the ideal of man as self-sufficiency. Man is a social being." - Mahatma Gandhi

Who can deny the inherently social nature of human life? We cannot live without communicating or connecting with other humans in some way or form. We are social beings and we depend on family, friends and even strangers to survive and thrive. Interdependence is, in fact, the modus operandi of all life on earth, and examples of it abound in our academic disciplines and classroom teaching.

When our students study the food chain and the flow of energy between different organisms, they learn about how the increase or decrease in the population of one organism can affect the rest of the ecosystem. They can witness another example in nature through their study of pollination and they may ponder the relationship of dependence between bees and flowers as they savour the honey on their bread. In our celebrations of World Food Day and World Water Day we focus on how water, food and farming are interdependent. A-level students in their Economics class learn to explain the contagion effect in the context of global interdependence.

Over the past year and a half, we have, more than ever, recognised our need to seek connection and interaction with others and with the environment. The pandemic came as a powerful wind of change, forcing us to re-examine our notions of the value of individualism and independence. Individualism exacts a high price in a pandemic. A contagious disease is well-known as a collective problem in the public health sphere. The choices of one individual can have a ripple effect on communities. In a pandemic, one infected person can be the seed of thousands of cases in a country, which then spread out across the world.

In the midst of the challenges, suffering and despair the pandemic has wrought, we have been reminded of how deeply interconnected we each are to all of humanity. Interdependence is a call for an adjustment in our behaviour to accommodate and become more conscious of others. Woven in are respectful and nurturing attitudes as we act for the collective good. I think of Ubuntu, the Nguni Bantu term which emphasises "being self through others" and is often translated as humanity. If the benefit that we reap post-pandemic is to adopt a culture which builds community with compassion, mutual caring, reciprocity and harmony, then we will indeed thrive and leave a noble legacy.

Over the past year and a half, so many of us have craved meaningful connections and interactions across the distances imposed by an 'invisible intruder.' We have learned to cherish the bonds that we too often took for granted. We have had to find ways to draw closer together whilst keeping a proper 'social distance.' It has taken ingenuity, creativity, collaboration and deep compassion to carry on in a way that has kept us whole in some form. As the much quoted African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." If we have been able to go far standing one to two metres apart, imagine how much farther we will be able to go when we can hold hands again!

**Dr. Rebecca Khelseau Carsky-Stephenson
June 2021**

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Language, Global Perspective



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English Literature,
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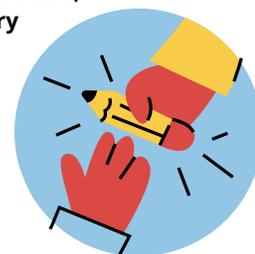
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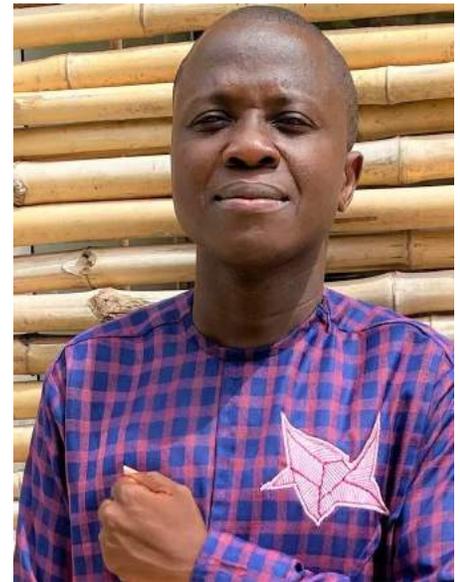
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MANDANI Hitansh, COLLINS Alice Michelle**



Future artists on the way!!



PLAYSCHOOL AND NURSERY



Future engineers on the rise!

Reception and Year 1



POESER Johannes, ELMURABET Rahaf, SEBLIN Emilie, RAJESH KUMAR Dhakshin, PETER-OHONS Isabella, KUMAR Ronit, HODE Elie



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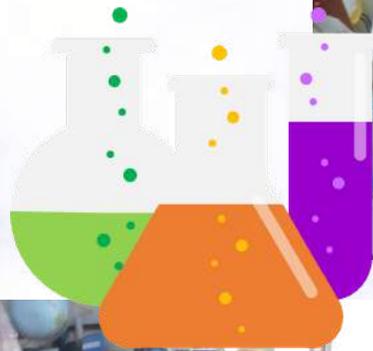
OUR WORLD



Year 2



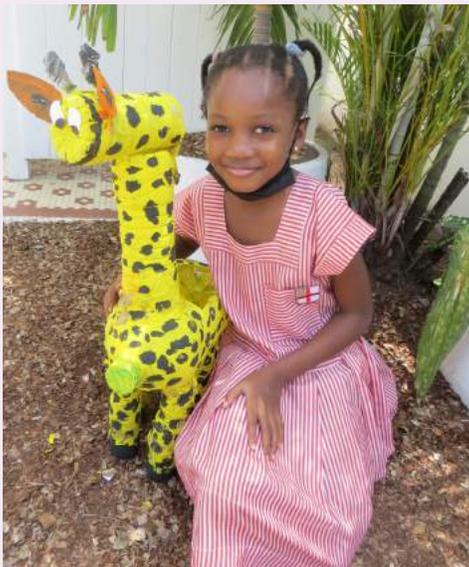
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OUR CLASS



**Tech-savvy
generation on the
rise!**



**Who said Giraffes can only be
found in the savannahs?**



My very own robot!

Year 3



METO Berenice, RICHTER Ella, CHATRON Clemence, ONUNKWO Chisom, ADETOLA Hulda, CODJIA Lea, VITHO Selina, COOVI Farell David, AHOVEY Rhianna, KARLSSONODUOR Nelson, ABODOU Sephora, ISMAEL Ryan-Jayden, CHANDRU Lakshith



Books, books and more books!

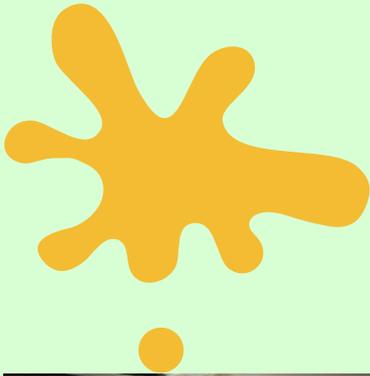


My Family Tree

OUR ARTS&CRAFTS!



Football in class!



Earth Day crafts



Year 4 & 5



YR 4: CODJA Leo, ELMURABET Jana, IYER Saii Vardhni, LACHHWANI Sanjit, MASSRY Lorena, MOUTAIB Amir, SHAIKH Hamdan

YR 5: ABOUDOU Amina, AUGUSTT Moses, EL HAIJJ Ghadi, GODAU Cedrick, INEBENIJE Nathanael, JEBEILI Ahmad, MANDANI Shaurya, MASSRY Laryn, PATI Ayan, TIMMERMANS Stephanie, VAN DEN BRANDEN Hanne

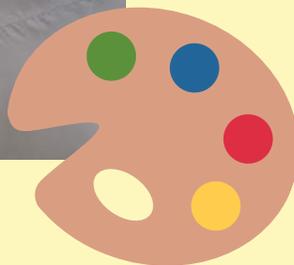
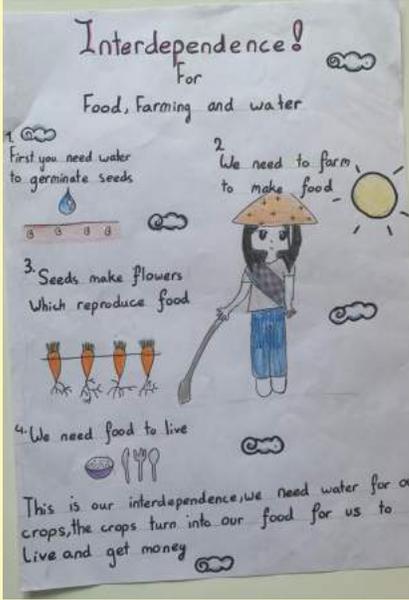
THE YEAR BOOK

"It's time to say good-bye." Our year has come to an end. I have made more new friends. I have watched your children learn and grow and change from day to day. I hope that all the things we have done have helped in some small way. So it's with happy memories, I send them out the door with great hope and expectation for what next year holds in store.

-Sanjil Lachwani YEAR 4



OUR ACTIVITIES



Poems

There was a man who chewed
tires
He also could play with fires
He thought he was top
Until he heard pop
And ran to hide near some
wires
Ghadi El Hajj (Year5)

There was once an old
man named Grants
Who liked to eat crickets
and ants
Yes he was crazy
And very lazy
So people said why not
eat plants!

GO CORONA GO
I am sorry but you need to go
You killed innocent people
I can no more bare it
It is too much!
Go Corona Go!
Give us back our lives
Go Corona Go!
All our happiness is stolen
Just because of you
Go Corona Go!
Or else I'll kick you
And you'll be forced to go
Go Corona Go!
I bet you'll have to go to hell
Go Corona Go!
Ayan Pati (Year 5)

There was once a big saint
called Fred
And he hated to go to bed
He would play poker
And get the joker
And when he'd lose he would
turn red.
Ahmad Jebeili (year 5)

There was an old wizard I
knew
Who loved to eat potion
glue
One day he felt sick
Cause he got a kick
When he got up, he felt
brand new
Laryn Massry (year 5)

May your Mother's day just shine.
From her head to toes
Smelling like a rose
She keeps me well fed
As she tucks me in bed
She's the best mom ever
Does she hate me? Never!
Especially to mine
May your Mother's day just shine.
Camila Aboudou (Year 5)

There was an old man from
Hong Kong
Who loved to play crazy ping
pong
He played with his feet
But would still succeed
To beat an outrageous King
Kong
Hanne Van Den Branden (Year
5)

Horses
Horses give me a feeling
Of being free
Riding them is like flying
Sooooo far away
Every day of my life
Someday I will ride them all the way to my
home

NATURE POEMS
NATURE AND ME
Sit and listen to the sound of nature
You will see the lives of creatures
A beautiful river, waterfalls and
oceans
All around our beautiful civilisations
You will see animals living
And the beauty of each one is giving
So now you see
I am part of nature
And nature is part of me!
Stepahnie Timmermans (Year 5)

Year 6



Fenou Pomalegni, Kaithlin Poeser, Axel Oumbouke, Ryan Peter-Ohons, Sai Nandhini Iyer, Rayane Alladji, Killian Chatron, Sander Van Den Branden, Miitchele Klaime, Teva Amira, Julia Jebeila, Adrian Chehade, Charles Ray



Actively helping our environment!

OUR ADVENTURES



Cleaning our school campus



Our future scientists!!



Year 6 Charity Fair

The charity fair

On the 20th May 2021, our class(year6) had a charity fair to raise money for the less privileged youths in Benin. Almost everyone participated in baking cakes, cupcakes, cookies, Crêpes, and other sweets to sell. However, some students brought stationeries and origamis to sell. On the day of the sale, we set the prices of all the items and divided them into two groups because we had many classes buying from us. Our first customers were the years 4 &5. To be honest, I was already exhausted after the first group of customers. Our next customers were year 7 at 11:15am. They bought a lot more stuff than the year 5. Finally, our last customers were the year 8. They were the quickest group since they bought only candies. Some students donated extra money to the charity too. At the end, Mrs.Gajwani and Mrs.Tobi counted all the money and said that we collected over 200,000fcfa! Great news! To celebrate this great news, we had a big dance party and danced to the choreography of the song "Jerusalem" altogether. It was really fun co-operating with everyone and learned more about business. I don't mind repeating this plan again!

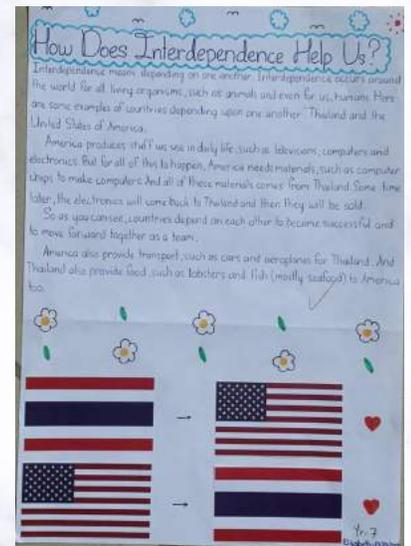
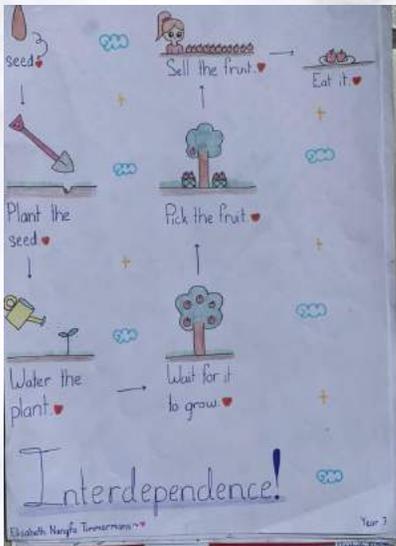
-Julia, year6



Year 7



ABOUDOU Sarah, ABOU SAMRA Antoun, AHOVEY Anahita, AUGUSTT Miriam, DE SOUZA Fred, DOGRA Ayaan, GBEDEY Grace, GODAU Luana, JARJUSEY Momodou, KEZA MUGISHA Sacha, OLIVER DE ITURRIAGA Arturo, PICKARDT Carlos, SOLAYMAN Amira, TAHILRAMANI Priyansh, TIMMERMANS Elisabeth, VODONOU Marjory



OUR WORLD



What Does Interdependence Mean?

Interdependence is a connection between subjects where one subject's needs can be fulfilled by the other subjects' resources and these transfer of resources works both ways. That means both subjects need each other to fulfill their needs. These kinds of relationships can be almost everywhere since, as humans, we need other people's help to survive and strive.



14/06/2021 Elisabeth

The poster features a decorative blue scalloped border around the title. Below the text, there is a grid of alternating pink hearts and blue flowers. The drawing of the girl is on the left side of the text.



Year 8



ADEBIDY Hanine, ADEOYE-LANIYAN David, ADJAH I Luc, COLLINS Macey, COOVI Fifame, DIENE Adama, DIENE Amadou, ELENDU Eugene, INGBENIJIE Margaret, KHUBCHANDANI Poorab, KITHANI Mayank, PANNEM Tarun, POMALEGNI Cedric, SALIHOU MAMADOU Mahfouz, SHAH Rajvir, TRIVEDI Vaidehi, UDENSI Lugard



When the harsh times strike,
They strike hard.
Sitting on that bench all alone
Wondering when I would go home.
And then realisation hit.
I was here because they were gone
I was here because of what I had become.
An orphan.
Looking out the window.
The glass stained with water.
And then the door opened.
In came the warden, Ms Stohen.
"James, there is a family looking to adopt you"
She said croppily.
I packed my belongings with a few things only.
There wasn't much really.
Since the day the Paul's took me home.
At times I think about my past.
Now I think about my future.
The opportunities I have been provided.
I no more feel blinded
by the pain of losing my parents.
Now, all I think is how lucky I am
And how I can
Live a life I wanted to live
And not one where I am deprived

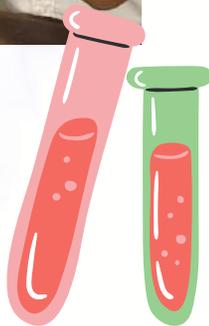
THE FUN WE HAD



Year 9



ABBOSH Karri, BRUYNEEL Marthe, DADANI Subhan, DE SOUZA Emmanuel, LI Ruoyan, MAHOUHO Ella, MUKTHAR JODA Khalifa, NAWANI Aditya, PANDEY Yashvi, RAMCHANDANI Preeti, RAMWANI Harsh, SOGLONOU Akpenin



OUR WORLD



INTERDEPENDENCE

What is interdependence?
 Interdependence means that everything and everyone is interrelated in a single system. It means that every action you make affects its influence on the system.
 Our interdependence in global and systems might not become more, exchanged the more we know.
 If we learn how to work together, with mutual interest in a common purpose of a harmonious world, then we will be able to create much better and better place for us all. It will be the way to everyone's happiness.

By: Ibrahim Alsharif, year 7

interdependence drawing ::

INTERDEPENDENCE

These two animals depend on each other because the giraffe can be a host for many unwanted parasites like ticks and fleas. But the crocodile's tail, the meerkat, likes these parasites and other intruders so it eats them off the giraffe.

Meerkats primarily eat Brazil nuts. They help Brazil nuts by spreading their seeds. Adding to their dependence on agave, these nuts depend on a single bee species to pollinate their flowers. So, the bees survive depend on a certain orchid species, it gets nectar and the orchid gets its food from it, they pick up a scent without nectar... meerkats clean it.

- Priya Parmanand, Year 9

World Water Day

Water is the most essential resource and precious resource on earth. It is available everywhere in liquid and the planet is made to be very important. I believe water is not only a part of every thing, but also a part of every thing.

- Priya Parmanand, Year 9



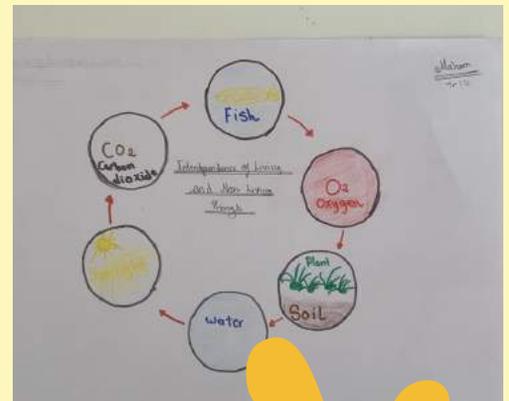
Year 10



ALLADJI Aminata, ALMIKSHALI M. M. Mohamed, DADANI Maham,
GAJWANI Saahil, ISSA Maycara, MAZIBUKO Siyamthanda, MENG
Lifeifei, MUGISHA Gabin, VARYANI Piyush



OUR PROJECTS



Year 11



ABBOSH Casimir, ADEOYE-LANIYAN Elizabeth, AGBETI Hannane, AGOSSOU Maella, DIENE Mouhamet, IGBINNOSA Osaretinwen, ISHIMWE Ronny, JARJUSEY Alieu, KAUR Peemann, KEDOWIDE Coleen, ORJI Julius, POSSET Noemie, RAY Yann, SAKHRANI Garv, SOGLONOU Maryline, TANWANI Leesha, TOE Melvin, TRIVEDI Preet, WENDEOU Doryane



Year 12 & 13



**ADJAH I Marc-Alain, CHADARE Mariam, DASSI Jean-Samuel,
IGBINNOSA David, KITHANI Nandita, PHILIPS Charlotte,
SEINT Hunny**



**AMOUSSA HOUNKPATIN Nimat, DE SOUZA Sidney, DIENE
Bintou, GBEDEY Lorisse, KEDOWIDE Cyrilan, XERRI Aina,
ZANNOU Charisma**

Articles on Interdependence

When one wishes to truly comprehend what 'interdependency' is, one must understand the meaning of the word without the prefix: dependency. Dependency is the state of being vulnerable; being at the mercy of an entity that can decide your fate. Therefore, dependency is somewhat a power imbalance. When we bring back the prefix to the word, we are changing its meaning, so that the originally vulnerable entity is allowed to possess power over the fate of the other entity. Thus, both entities are vulnerable to each other, and power has effectively been balanced.

In practice, interdependency is a humbling agent as it tells each entity that they are not omnipotent, and that in this absence of absolute control, they must make decisions in the interest of everyone. When applied to our societies, we see that interdependency has indeed made us more vulnerable to each other, but it must be recognised that it has made us more empathetic, more solidary, and ultimately, less selfish. These effects are the ones that must be remembered when speaking of contemporary interdependency.

- **Marc-Alain Adjahi, Year 12**

Life's Division of Labour

Interdependence is the action of bringing aid or support to individuals allowing them the strength to support others and to focus on their personal growth. Interdependence is a detrimental part of our world. Hence why there are different but equally relevant aspects of it.

Global interdependence in terms of economy brings economic growth. It allows specialist industries to thrive, and this success can lead to the overall amelioration of wealth and lifestyle; the success can lead to an increase in job and salary. It can be seen that with this reliance, there is less inclination to go to war. It gives countries advantages for trade and gives them more equal opportunities.

Our school system is hinged on interdependence. In order for us to become academically successful, we students need great teachers who need great principals and in their turn need great superintendents.

Interdependence allows for all students to express their thoughts and opinions in the classroom. It allows students to share individual knowledge with one another which would be used to build new whole ideas. Debating and the use of arguments techniques between students help change misconceptions within the student body.

The type of interdependence experienced in society, reflects all of us as individuals, communities and nations. Interdependence brings shared rewards. We don't all have to individually farm, build houses etc... On the contrary our society relies on the division of labor and the reciprocity of valuables and services to fulfill human needs.

**Melvin Toe
Year 11**

Articles on Interdependence

It's Between Us

Interdependence is a relationship between multiple parties that depend on one another to survive. It means that each party has something the other party needs. For example Benin needs Nigeria and Ghana but those two rich countries need Benin too. Interdependence is a connection between subjects where one subject's needs can be fulfilled by the other subject's resources and these transfer of resources work both ways. That means both subjects need each other to fulfill their needs. These kinds of relationships can be found almost everywhere since, as humans, we need other people's help to survive and thrive. In the business field, organizations depend on each other on many different levels.

Depending on the nature of the relationship, the degree of interdependence can be so high that the disappearance of one party might cause the disappearance of the other too. Interdependence can be found in client-supplier relationships when it comes to raw materials. The supplier needs the client to pay for his goods but the client also needs the supplier in order to produce the own goods.

On the other hand, there's also interdependence between business and financial companies. The latter needs to loan money to be financially profitable and the former needs to borrow money to leverage itself in order to grow.

Inter-means "between," so interdependence is dependence between things. We often use Interdependence to describe complex systems.

-Priyansh, Year 7

Interdependence

Interdependence, what a beautiful combination of letters to make one of the most productive concepts in life! Interdependence is a condition of relying upon one another. This condition is found in every aspect of life. Letters are interdependent to make a word. Words rely on one another to make a sentence. Sentences depend on one another to make a paragraph and paragraphs depend on one another to create a story.

The list is endless. In nature, plants depend on one another to make a field, a farm and a forest. Plants in themselves need the soil, water and nutrients to grow. They also depend on the sun to make their own food through the process of photosynthesis. Animals such as herbivores depend on plants for their food. Even omnivores rely on other animals for their food.

Globally, countries depend on one another. People travel to countries other than their own to work, trade and seek medical care. Goods produced in one's country are exported and sold in other countries. The importance of interdependence cannot be over emphasized. I'm education, it plays out so well. Subject teachers rely on one another to produce the total child who is well equipped to love the challenges of the society.

Finally, we need interdependence to bring people into the world that is ravaged by violence, pollution, poverty and diseases. There is really nothing we can achieve without interdependence.

By Aditya Nawani
Year 9

Types of Interdependence

Interdependence suggests that partners recognize and value the importance of the emotional bond they share while maintaining a solid sense of self within the relationship dynamic.

There are three kinds of the interdependence : pooled, sequential, and reciprocal. Global interdependence is good because it gives countries advantages and gives the more equal opportunities. Besides food chains, shelter, nutrients and cover are all examples of interdependence in nature as well.

Every form of life depend on other living things and on natural resources in its environment such as air, soil, and water. All species rely on other species in some way in order to survive. They may rely on other species for food, shelter, or to help reproduce. Species are not independent, they are interdependent.

-Subhan Dadani YEAR 9

One of the Best Things of Life

We all know, we depend on a lot of things in our daily living. From having our food from animals and plants, to having our favorite toys. Even this article you are reading is on something you need in your daily life - paper from trees! You need your phone or computers from various elements. Truly interdependence happens, even on huge scales! For example you are using your device which has been imported here from other countries. Resources like oil, wood, glass are also traded by other countries to help each other and also to benefit from others' produce. Without interdependence, living would be restricted. You also wouldn't be able to read this. Without interdependence, many countries would be on the brink of bankruptcy, while others might be rich in resources but not in money as they would have nothing to trade for. Interdependence not only helps you but the other person as well. If you had a lot of pens but need an eraser there would be the second person with a lot of erasers and less pens. You both can benefit from this trade and achieve other things as well. Interdependence is one of the best things we have received as a gift and should value it.

By: RAJVIR.B.SHAH
Year 8

Together We Can Do Great Things

We live in a world that has instilled competition into us. We have learnt to become strong, hardworking and independent individuals. We dream of becoming wealthy and earn a lot more than the rest of people. But will only being rich make us happy in the future?

Surviving on this planet means that we all need to rely on each other. We need support from friends and family to help us achieve our goals and aspirations.

Interdependence simply means relying on each other to grow and benefit together. It is present in every aspect of life: in nature, society, business, economics, and even relationships.

In the ocean, coral reefs and clownfish share a symbiotic relationship where the clownfish provide the reef nutrients, whereas the reef provides the fish shelter and protection. In the society, we don't all have to construct houses or farms. Instead, we rely on each other by dividing the labor and services to meet our needs. Various business functions work best when they work together. Countries trade goods with one other to obtain the products they cannot efficiently produce themselves.

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." This is a quote by Mother Teresa that clearly explains the importance of interdependence. We need to understand that being independent is great but we do not come with every quality to be independent. When we start relying on those who have qualities we lack and they do the same, we become stronger and get a finer result.

To sum it all up, I would like to say that if we want to grow, why not grow together? Why not support each other and reach higher levels of success together and become stronger. In the future, we do not only need money but happiness as well that can be achieved by working together and staying connected. We are all somehow interconnected and if one of us goes missing, the whole system gets disorganized.

-Yashvi Pandey YEAR 9

We Need one Another

We Need One Another

Though we may not realize it, interdependence is everywhere. It is laced into our every single action, in our every single word.

You, as a human being, as a living thing, depend on others, whether you may like it or not. People often do not realize how much they need other people until they have lost them. They are either too arrogant to admit it, or too careless to even notice. The first piano course was held when I entered fifth grade at my old school; it was compulsory for all students at the school. I was thrilled and excited to start learning, we all were. What differed in my case was that I never lost interest like all the rest did.

I took the course for a year before I had to change schools. I learnt everything that I was taught with eagerness, however little, and my teacher was a good one. I looked forward to it every week. After my final year at that school, I no longer had access to a piano to practice on. I missed the lessons dearly until I gradually didn't think of them as much.

Until the day I found out my friend was actually a skilled pianist. Unlike me, she had taken private piano lessons growing up and had access to one. Hearing of this made me think of the piano lessons I so yearned for in the past. The question arose; could I have become as skilled as her had I kept learning to play? Could I have found a way to keep learning to play even in the absence of a piano?

The answer was yes and that answer shamed me, but I would let it shame me no longer. I went to speak with my mom shortly after that. I pleaded with her that she buy me anything that might serve as a piano. The Christmas after that, I received a keyboard. I practiced on my keyboard nearly everyday, but it had been a while and I'd forgotten most of what I'd learnt previously. I had no guidance in my learning either which crippled me. I slowly began to lose interest and my attempts at the piano went from daily, to weekly, to monthly, to scarce, till I practiced no longer and the keyboard lay forgotten in a corner. Much later, perhaps months later, my friend and I met up at a youth center which happened to have a piano. My friend sat and began to play, I admired and complimented her skill. I mentioned how I'd have loved to be able to play like she did. She suggested that she teach me some songs. It struck me then how the thought had never even occurred to me that I should go to my friend for help when I was learning to play. I'd been too concerned with myself to think of her then. At any rate, I took her up on her offer and we sat side-by-side and she began to teach me what she knew.

I do not lie when I say I have learnt more in the two hours I spent with her than in the months I spent in vain trying to learn on my own. Having someone present to push you through your small mistakes was a game changer. She not only taught me songs, she taught me the subtle mannerisms that could change your ability to play drastically.

We met again the day after, and a couple more times after that. Each time she brought a new song or music sheet or a small exercise that I could try to better myself. We both had a great time with it, we laughed and I learnt a great deal. I was thankful to her for this experience.

I thanked her on the last day we met up to play. I cocked my head to the side in confusion when she thanked me back. That is when she told me something that I thought about for long. She said that thanks to me, she took interest in playing the piano again. To her, the instrument had become something she had been forced to do in the past, some boring lessons she would take on weekends as a child. But playing with me reminded her that the piano had once been a fun activity she used to look forward to.

She confided that even hours after we had met up, she would keep thinking of new lessons for me. She would reminisce on small games her teacher would invent to get her to play the piano, she would think fondly of memories she had forgotten she's ever had. When she thanked me, she not only thanked me for making her remember those memories, but for also making new ones with her which she could dote on.

We parted ways after that. Our minds were both set on one same goal. We were both different in the sense that she was a seasoned player and I might as well have come fresh out of the womb when it came to the piano. Nevertheless, we had both helped each other out of the same situation. In the end we were the same; two little girls who had lost the love for something they once adored. And we both needed the same thing; someone to remind us of our passion for the instrument. It is a good thing we met there that day.

Mayçara Issa, Year 10

14/06/2021

Alone we can do little; Together we can do so much

“Alone we can do little; Together we can do so much.” Helen Keller. One word, big definition - Interdependence. In our everyday life, we have experienced this. It is the fact of depending on someone or something. In a sense, the little things we do affect everyone and the environment. It can be either for good or bad circumstances. The experiences we have are what change the way we think and do things.

Every minute of the day we are depending on someone or something. If we want to get anywhere, we rely on transport. If we need or want food, clothes and many other things, we rely on stores and malls. Practically without interdependence, life would be incomplete. Just as we need our feet to walk and our eyes to see. These are also the things that help us get through the day.

However, the ones we depend on the most are the people around us. They are people we trust and who support us through thick and thin. People are not the only ones who depend on others or things. The most helpless things are what people need to help them throughout their lives. It's the animals that suffer, facetiously, because of people like us. So it makes sense that we should clean up our own mess. These animals depend on us for them to survive.

One day, I realized the importance of interdependence. One morning I saw my friend John who was shopping for corn to eat for dinner. As John left the store he thought to himself, “what a great day to be independent! I'm glad I can provide for myself without having to pivot on others.” Now wait a minute, is this really true? Can John provide for himself independently without others? Let's take a closer look at how really John got the corn. John picked it up from the shelf which was stalked by a supermarket employee, who received it from a shipment, the truck driver who brought the corn shipment, got it from a warehouse, many miles away at this warehouse. In addition, many laborers sorted the corn after receiving it from a different truck driver who delivered it from a farm many more miles away at this farm. The corn was harvested by a farmer who grew the corn using the fertile soil and water provided by the earth and the light provided by the sun. It's like a cycle of plenty of things. All of these people, processes and the earth were involved in getting the corn into John's hand. As it turns out, John is depending on a lot of things so he may not be as independent as he thinks.

Not only this but all of these people also rely on John to buy the corn to ensure their livelihoods. Even the corn relies on John's support so that the farmer can continue and help it grow but why doesn't John see this relationship? It's hard for John to recognize how interconnected he is to so many other people as well as the earth when he's so separated from them. He's separated from them by a physical distance, the nameless processes of production that the unknown identities of the workers and his unawareness of the web that connects them, but why does it matter if John doesn't see this interdependence, are there any consequences if John keeps on thinking that he's independent? Well, If John can't see how he depends on employees of the store, the truck drivers, the warehouse workers, the farmers and the earth, he won't think about their well-being. John's independence will make it hard for him to also build relationships with others. As long as John gets his corn, that's all that matters to him. When the warehouse workers, the store employees, or the truck drivers, or the farmers aren't being paid enough, it doesn't matter to John, when the many miles the corn has to travel to get to the store, the consumed fossil fuels by the trucks contributing to climate change it doesn't matter too or when planting corn on the same spot of land, season after season depletes the soil of nutrients, it doesn't matter to John, when the fertilizers that are used to synthetically replace these nutrients contaminate the water, it doesn't matter to John. John's continual indifference to all such things sustains the degradation of nature and human life.

What if he saw all of these relationships every time he bought a corn? Instead of himself fundamentally separated from the truth, he saw his existence as being fundamentally relational within a web of the earth and all of these people and processes. If John began to see this then he would realize that he cannot live without any of these things: without the warehouse workers or the store employees or the truck drivers or the farmers. If John could see these interdependencies then he would recognize the need to value and take care of all the links in the web. John is one link in the web of mutuality with all of them, he can't exist separately. What about you? What depends on you? And on what do you depend?

-Ronny Gael, Yr.11

Interdependence and the Global Pandemic

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Interdependence

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noun

The dependence of two or more people or things on each other.

Interdependence is a practice as old as the existence of humanity. Throughout the years, we have existed and sustained to get to where we are today, because of this very practice. In the society we live in, it is virtually impossible to survive without the help of others. Interdependence is rooted deep within our system, down to the food we eat, the houses we live in, the lives we live and the work we do. From an exterior point of view, it is almost as if every single organism thriving on this planet is locked in a giant chain, where the removal of any one stage causes the whole chain to deteriorate.

The vitality of interdependence in our society is undeniable. And this concrete relation was further enunciated upon by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Ever since the pandemic started in 2019, it has brought forth several changes to the world we live in, some more evident than others. As each nation faced the brutality of this virus, it was very important for the different countries to support one another, and their populations, in order to bring back control. Interdependence plays a huge role in our world, and this role was magnified due to the effects and causes of the virus.

To begin with, the virus caused a huge global economic recession. The reason for this is because pre-pandemic; all countries depended on another for the transfer of raw materials and manufactured goods. Trade plays a very important role in the world economy, and in maintaining relations between countries. While MEDCs rely on LEDCs for labour, many countries rely on these MEDCs for their mineral wealth. Therefore once the pandemic hit, the production in many countries stopped, due to the lack of mass labour, which put a halt to the supply of goods in other countries that were dependent on it. This caused price inflation and scarcity of resources in many areas.

However, the solution to the problem was also brought forth by interdependence. Advantaged countries sent over financial aid to those in need. Organisations like the UN and the WHO created funds for countries in need of severe help, in order to supply them with the aid they need. The situation also caused an increase in locally owned and produced goods, which allowed many people to be interdependent within their community. Many governments also provided their populations with relief packages so as to allow people to have the resources required to deal with the unemployment they faced. Interdependence was deeply incorporated while allowing countries to recover from the economic impacts of the virus, as different nations aided one another in order to get the global economy back on track.

Apart from the economic impact, several more nations faced much more severe problems regarding health hazards and the virus itself. While some countries did not have the necessary medical facilities to deal with the pandemic, others did not have the necessary funds to provide vaccines and care for its people. In several others, the people themselves were reluctant to follow protocols, or even get vaccinated. This all led to some countries being much more severely hit by the virus than others, with higher mortality rates and inefficient health facilities. Here too, it was interdependence that came to help.

To begin with the countries that produced vaccines like China, Russia, USA, UK and India sent out the vaccines to countries in need, to help them overcome their crises. Many other nations supported by sending in medical equipment and providing support to the healthcare sectors of each country. External organizations like the WHO also sent out large doses of vaccines and medical aid to countries, as well as aid for research in order to produce the said vaccines. Interdependence has also been seen in groups of nations, like the European Union. Apart from donating vaccines and medical equipment, they have also aided one another in bringing back nationals stranded outside of their country. Many nations have also shared their medical facilities, allowing critically ill patients to be transported so that they can receive better healthcare in a better equipped establishment.

Interdependence was also seen when countries pitched in to help any nations that were suffering far more than others. A recent case was seen in India, when a mutant of the virus caused the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people. More than 40 countries pitched in, sending help in the form of medical equipment and vaccines. Throughout the pandemic, interdependence has played a major role in stabilising the situation and bringing things slightly under control.

This unprecedented pandemic really showcased the delicate relations between countries in the form of interdependence. Whenever there is a complication, it affects everyone in one way or another. Interdependence is significant in our society as it is the backbone of all our endeavours. The pandemic affected all of us greatly, and we all relied on our interdependent relations to control the situation. The pandemic also brought out the important role interdependence plays, as without it, it would have been extremely difficult for any country to fully recuperate itself. It showed us the great extents to which we depend on one another, and how, if we work together, we can overcome any problems we face.

“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

-Peemann Kaur

Year 11

No one is an island

We live in a world where no one can be what is considered as an “island”. What I mean by that is that in order to survive in this world, we all depend on one another. Despite the skills, the money and the knowledge that you have, you will always depend on someone in order to make it somewhere. You cannot survive in this world by relying only on yourself. Many people look at all the billionaires in this world and wish to become like them. Are they aware that a group of people worked with these people before they made it to the top?

I look around and I see people disrespecting those that do the small jobs, for example the cleaners. I think this is out of ignorance. They fail to realise that we depend on them for our comfort. They are the ones that make the place where we stay clean in order for us to work in a clean and safe environment. In simpler words, everyone has a job and a purpose in life. We may not know it yet, but we do depend on one another in ways that we are yet to humbly acknowledge .

You may look at those who collect the waste with disgust and you may make fun of them because they sacrifice their lives to do what many don't even consider a job. But, without these people, we would be in grave insalubrious danger.

We also depend on plants and animals. This is why if one species is in danger of extinction, we are in trouble. We cohabitate on earth and we all play a very important role in the web chain. In biology we all learn about the food chain and how energy is passed on from one organism to another. Without plants, we would not be able to gain the energy and the oxygen that we need to survive.

In conclusion, interdependence is the word used to describe the concept of a person relying on someone just like that someone also relies on the person. People may not like it and may think that they do not need anyone to survive but this isn't something done by choice. Without even knowing it, you depend on many people.

Year 11

Coleen Kedowide

Our Chance at Survival

It is quite clear that we do not and cannot own all the resources that will help to ensure the chances we have at survival or at improving our standard of living. We, therefore, have by necessity, learned to rely on one another in order to achieve this – plants, animals and Man!

There are numerous ways by which we can understand interdependence. One of such is Industrialization.

As industrialization became more relevant, several countries began to specialize in the production of a certain product although materials needed for the creation of these products still needed to be imported from other nations. This allowed manufacturing specialized goods improve product efficiency and therefore narrow the range of goods and services. This is especially the case with Pakistan which specializes in the making of footballs but still needs to import materials such as leather from other countries.

No country has everything it needs to survive. This causes places that lack the resources needed in certain areas of life to try to acquire them by looking to other nations who have an abundance of them. This exchange enhances the mutual financial, economical, and social development of all involved. A great example of this is the United States as it has to depend on numerous other countries such as China to help in the supply of raw materials which may help in the production of goods and services that would still later be exported.

Furthermore, in the case of American Automobile companies, many of the various parts needed for the creation of cars are provided by other nations from the rubber and textiles needed for the tires to the iron doors and leather seats that are seen on the interior of the vehicles. When these cars are finally made, they are sold worldwide including to those countries where several parts of the cars were acquired from. Both of these help to portray the importance of interdependence and how it is much needed all over the world.

In addition, interdependence is also very evident when it comes to animals and plants. The first and most important would be the exchange of gases , oxygen and carbon dioxide between both species of living things. As it is well known, animals need oxygen for survival while plants need carbon dioxide for photosynthesis. As we humans respire, we are able to supply plants with this gas and as plants photosynthesize, we humans are supplied with oxygen. It is an extraordinary exchange and one that keeps both parties alive and provides a large supply of gases.

However, as we have seen, being Interdependent has brought about numerous great outcomes but it also has a few negative aspects. For example, for whatever reason, charges and shipping costs may increase for importers causing a reduction in the amount of goods that can be brought in and an imbalance in exchange rates and any party may cause for some difficulty in trying to keep the price of both exporters under control and this can put a hold on the production of good and services which may favor a country and its economy.

In conclusion, the act of being interdependent has a significant role to play in our lives and is much needed whether it's between countries or between plants and animals. Being able to rely on something or someone else doesn't only make life much easier but it also carries the attribute of unity and solidarity. Though interdependence may come with some flaws, it still does have numerous gifts that outweigh its negative aspects.

Mofiyinfoluwa E. Adeoye-Laniyan, Year 11

Christmas

Christmas this year was quite vibrant as students got the chance to craft 'reindeer' hats and 'Santa' masks. There was a lot of dancing and singing to celebrate this sacred day; the best way in order to enjoy the festivity. You can see how happy this day made many and how much they look forward to it each year.



Hat Parade

An outpouring of creativity from students went into making marvelous hats this year. The parade allowed all students to showcase their talents. It encouraged them to not only focus on the academic side of things but also their ability to build. The celebration of Easter also brought so much excitement to the students as we can observe through these images.

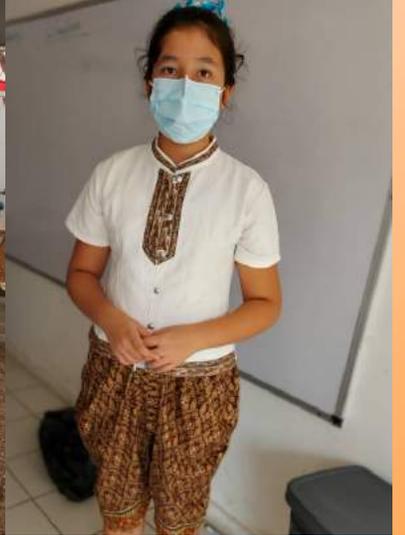




International Day

Isn't it such a sight as on this day, different cultures come to life and we join hands to celebrate as one. All stuck in our own bubbles, far from the various problems of the world, we each take a step into different cultures and learn more about it.





Sports Day

The 18th of June was an occasion for all students and teachers to come together for a day of healthy level of competition, as well as bonding in teams as they work together to achieve a goal. All three houses (Einstein, Mandela, Newton) took parts in various sports such as football, handball etc... In the end, Newton brought home most of the points which ensured their victory.



King of International School
Sports Day 2021

House	Points	Goals	Goals per Game
Reception	15	15	1.5
Year 1	10	10	1.0
Year 2	10	10	1.0
Year 3	10	10	1.0
Year 4	10	10	1.0
Year 5	10	10	1.0
Year 6	10	10	1.0
Year 7	10	10	1.0
Year 8	10	10	1.0
Year 9	10	10	1.0
Year 10	10	10	1.0
Year 11	10	10	1.0
Year 12	10	10	1.0
Total	150	150	1.5

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Reception -
Year 3



Sports Day





Year 4 - Year 7



Sports Day

Year 8 -
Year 13



Student Council



Alieu Jarjusey, Mariam Chadare, Melvin Toe, Nandita Khithani, Cyrian Kedowide, Peeman Kaur

A word from the President

Being the first student council president of EIS, this school year was quite a journey for me.

A student council was definitely a new concept for EIS, and there were certainly different challenges that we faced throughout the year. Covid-19 happened. The innumerable inconveniences caused by the pandemic, stood as hindrances in the way of the council's work, while adjusting to online classes and the unfamiliarity of the hybrid system proved to be quite a trying experience for the students and the Council.

However, now, at the end of this peculiar year, I am proud to see how far we've come, battling the hardships and pushing through to achieve our ambitions and goals, both academically and in extra-curriculars. From the sports day being a success, to the Farewell ceremony organised for our departing seniors, and the constant show of solidarity and interdependence by the school, the council put in its best efforts to make the most out of what we had to ensure that the school year was a memorable one for each and every one of us.

As the president, my experience this year has been quite memorable, and I am thankful to the students and the rest of the council for making this possible. On behalf of the council, we hope that next year will be even better, allowing us all to achieve all of our dreams and ambitions.



Peemann Kaur

Favorite Memories

Mr. Aaron's farewell party".

-Year 9

Returning to school after online classes during the pandemy".

-Antoun Year 7

"New classmates who ended up being friends we made".

-Sarah Year 7

"Our Christmas Party"

Fred Year 7

Our Charity Fair".

-Teva Year 6

"Playing with friends and the giraffe we made".

-Yohan Year 2

"The projects in science and playing with friends"

Priyanshi Year 2

My favourite memory is from Halloween. We ate candy, watched TV and played outside. -Sephora yr

My favourite memory was when I celebrated my birthday in school. We played and laughed. -

Rhianna , yr3

My favourite memory was when I won the drawing competition. -Ryan year3

My favourite memories are Halloween, when we played outside and dressed up, and when I got merits. -Berenice yr3

My favourite memory is my birthday celebration where I shared things with my friends. -Nelson, yr3

The day we played against year 11. Even if we lost, it was a great memory.

Year 8 Amadou Diene

My most vivid memory from this school year was when everyone in my class planned a party after we finished our progression tests.

Year 8 Macey Collins

My favourite memory is when I celebrated my birthday. My friends and I played and watched TV.

Chisom yr3

Good
vibes

Alumni



2019/2020



When I first came to Jacobs University, I never thought I would be brave enough to start my own capoeira club. The main reason was due to my shyness and the fact that I let that conquer me. However, one day, when I mentioned capoeira to one of my friends, they exploded with curiosity and wanted to immediately know more about it. This made me realise that capoeira could be something that many people would be interested in learning, even by just hearing its name. So I sat by the window one day and asked myself, "What is stopping me from doing it?" I've been doing it for 11 years of my life now, I have my 'instructor's cord' and I made a promise to my Mestre that I would take capoeira with me wherever I go and make him proud.

Capoeira to me is a sense of liberation in a world overrun by capitalistic ideals and systems (not saying it's a bad thing). It is a framework in which I can adequately defend myself. Within it I can use any martial art technique and not be restricted to a "system." Through it I see an understanding of the rhythm of the Universe. It challenges me to push myself past my comfort level. Capoeira, personally, helps me relax after a stressful workload. Not only that, but it will help you exercise and stay healthy when all you are doing is dancing to music, but at the same time, learning a martial art.

So late one night, I sat there and decided to write an email to the whole university, to see how many people were actually interested in joining capoeira. Surprisingly, I got lots of responses. And there I was a week later on a zoom meeting with about 20 students, intrigued and curious about this mysterious word known as Capoeira. After that I got permission from the university to open the club and there I was, standing in an empty spaced-out white room with actual students and me right there, as their instructor. It was mind-blowing and hard to believe that I was actually doing it.

It's been over a month now and what I can say is I don't regret starting this and never will. The students are hard-working, and they are so dedicated to it and I am loving it. I realized that I don't need to have a batch of students to prove that I am an instructor or for it to 'feed my ego and show off to people that I teach capoeira.' Having three students that come to every class, even before I arrive, and are willing to practise and learn further than their capacities, now that is teaching a true capoeira group, because you know they will stay and who knows, maybe in the future they will be teaching capoeira to other people too.

To conclude, I am very thankful to my Mestre Fassassi, who pushed me every single day, telling me that I can do it. I am also thankful to my mum, who kept on motivating me to continue this activity, when there were days that I felt like giving up. Today I am here, across the ocean, making them proud, and that is the biggest joy it could ever bring me.

- Andrea El Hajj



My name is Sita Carlos Toé and I am currently a student at the American University, in Washington D.C. Generally speaking, when students move from High-school to College, they do not always have a clear idea of what they want to study. This can make them really stressed or sometimes scared of University. Luckily for me, I already had an idea of what I wanted to study in college, which made it easier for me to find my path here. I am a student majoring in Statistics, minoring in Finance, and I have successfully completed all the classes I had to take so far.

In conclusion, I just want to let you all know that there are so many fields you can explore in university and that not knowing what you want to do from high-school is not a crime. You can definitely find your path once you get to college.

- Carlos Toe



2019/2020

I studied at the English International School for 13 years, starting as a little one in the first year of primary school and growing into a young adult by the final year of high school. Some of my fondest childhood memories came from this microcosm of diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives. Growing up in this international environment allowed me to identify myself as a global citizen and to develop precious long-lasting friendships.

The school also provided me with the opportunity to attend the Cambridge University Summer School Programme, which enabled me to visualize a future in the UK. Currently, I am a first year student at the University of Nottingham studying Medicine MBBS with an integrated BMedSci degree in the third year of my course. Building on my experience with extracurricular activities in EIS, I have joined the A Cappella Society of my university and performed in our recent Christmas Concert.

-Vaibhav Iver



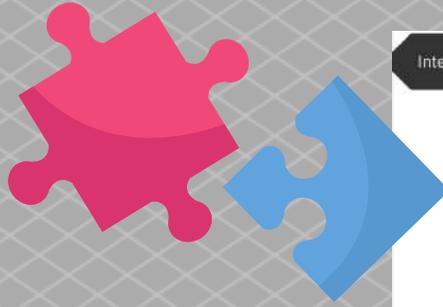
My name is Doxa, and I was a student with E.I.S. since I was two years old. I graduated in 2015 after completing my IGCSEs and AS Level exams. I then went on to earn a B.A. in Psychology and English, Creative Writing from Eastern University, in PA. It is not the most famous school in the world, but I love to tell everyone who asks that social justice activist and lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, and I share the same alma mater!

I am now in my last semester of graduate school, and I hope to earn my Master's of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counselling this upcoming May. I am a Master's level clinical intern at a mental health center in downtown Chicago. Upon graduation, I plan to complete and hopefully pass my national licensing exam in counselling, so I can start working as a licensed therapist in the U.S.!

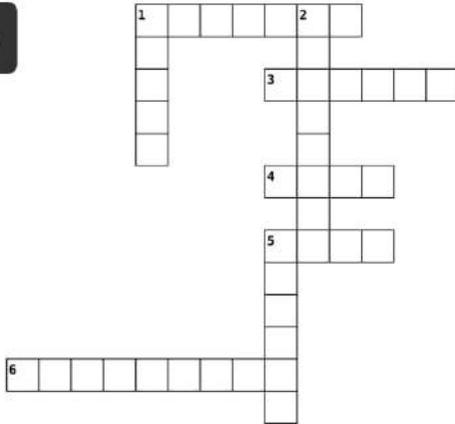
Without E.I.S., I would not be where I am today. I will forever be grateful for the teachers who were dedicated to my education and success, and who stood by me as I grew, matured and developed essential skills in writing, critical thinking, speaking, and learning.

-Doxa Zannou

Puzzles and Drills



E.I.S Teachers



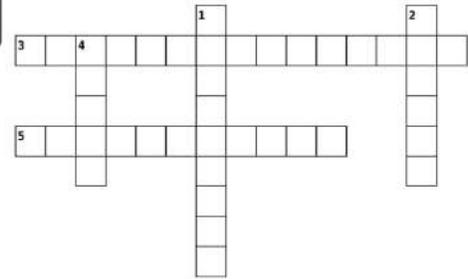
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- 1. Class Teacher for 4 and 5
The head teacher and overseer of the school
- 2. Assistant Teacher that helps take care of the Year 4 and 5 students
Teaches Year 9 math ,and Year 12 and 13 Economics
- 3. Class Teacher for Year 2

Down

- 4. 1. Former Class Teacher of Year 9 who r Canada recently
- 5. 2. Assistant Teacher who helps and teach one at primary school
- 6. 5. Caretaker of the school's laboratory a biology

Interdependence



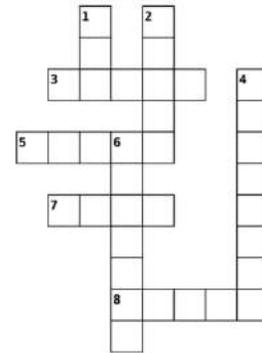
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- 3. When two or more people are dependent on each other
- 5. Do not rely on someone or something

Down

- 1. Rely on someone or something
- 2. Example of interdependence that has to do with education
- 4. Example of interdependence and also is another word for exchange

Countries



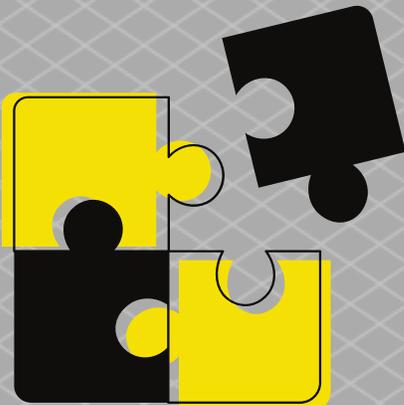
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- 3. A country in West Africa. It's capital is Porto-Novo
- 5. Formerly known as the Gold Coast
- 7. Borders Benin and it's capital is Lomé
- 8. Home to the Taj Mahal

Down

- 1. Home to Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world
- 2. Most populated country in the world
- 4. One of the only two African countries not to be colonized
- 6. Most populated country in West Africa



Farewell Seniors!





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*Thank
you!*