

IBSCA



IBSCA MATTERS

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Wellington College

There is no calling more noble, no profession more vital and
no service more important than teaching.

Michael Gove MP (The White Paper 2010)



Spring 2010 - AGM

Newly-elected members	James Kazi Ian MacNaughton
Co-opted members	Sue Austin Huw Davies Peter Fidczuk David James Paul Luxmoore Sue Phillips Roz Trudgon
Stepping down	Katy Ricks



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Roles

Area Network

Peter Fidczuk

IBCC

David Barrs/Roz Trudgon

Website

Sue Austin

Treasurer

Martina Hedges

Support for DP Schools

James Kazi

ULO

Nick Lee

Training Officer

Keith Allen

SSAT Support

Julian Metcalf



Change in the Educational Landscape

- Attitude of new Government to IB
- Slow ‘death’ of the new Diplomas
- Uncertainties
 - English “baccalaureate”
 - Status of A Levels – situation with A/S
 - Perception of the A* grade
 - UCAS recognition of A* in tariff
 - Funding issues



Pressure on University Places

- IB allows universities to differentiate ability at the top end
- Some universities are not accepting re-sits
- Perception that IB is a more difficult route



IBSCA Activities

- Meeting of Associations in Geneva
- Establishment of MYP and PYP networks
- Plans for 2010-11 drawn up, shared with and supported by IB



IBSCA Events 2010 - 2011

- October 5th - First meeting of PYP network
- November 10th - Steering Committee meeting
- November 16th - MYP meeting at North London International School
- December 7th/8th - Autumn Conference at Wellington College
 - Day 1 - New + Interested Schools/DPs
 - Day 2 - DPCs' meeting



IBSCA Events 2010 - 2011

- January 25th - Steering Committee Meeting
- Feb/March - 5 regional events for University Admissions Tutors (Bristol, London, Leeds, Birmingham and Scotland)
Dates and venues tbc
- February 10th - Diploma Support conference in Birmingham for schools in their second/third year of delivery



IBSCA Events 2010 - 2011

- March 1st - MYP and IBCC event in Birmingham
- March 18th - Spring Term Conference (including AGM)
at Aston University
- April (end) - Steering Committee meeting
- June 10th - Subject Day for Languages

Possible MYP conference if sufficient demand



Key Issues – Spring Conference

- Strategic Plan for further development of IB in UK
- Programme of support for schools in early years of delivery of DP
- Further work with YPLA to aid equity with funding
- On-going work with universities to secure fair offers for DP students