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Challenging the traditional concept of learning: IB Online Professional Development

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21st century learning

Roles

Environment

Changes to:

Culture

Content
Time for a new perspective
Our approach to online learning for teachers
The online environment should promote:

- Flexible learning
- Collaboration
- Knowledge-building
- Peer-to-peer coaching
Online PD – anytime and anywhere
Online PD – connecting teachers around the world
“I liked the environment. It was amazing to meet in such a short time so many [different people] with experiences, opinions and knowledge from all around the world.”
Chemistry

This workshop sets out to explain the position of Chemistry in the Diploma Programme and the way it is organized. It explains the curriculum model and how basic requirements of the Diploma can be met. The assessment model is examined, along with the requirement of internal assessment. Finally, students are asked to reflect on what they have learned.
Experience our virtual classroom
Experience-sharing
Online PD has grown to be an integral part of IB’s PD offer
Growth in professional development
“I recommend [online workshops] – they are in a medium we should be using with students and also should be working in ourselves (and often are). Resources are easier to capture and therefore use. Also they are completed over a number of weeks - less time out of class and more time of reflection and therefore quality learning.”
“I've been to several resort workshops and there are too many distractions (food, sites, nightlife). An online environment involves more writing and reflection and guarantees that the teacher learners actively participate. There is greater accountability and more personalized input to the learner in an online environment.”
Demographics of our participants

- 83% teachers
- 10+ years of experience, 2 years of IB experience
- 68% female
- 51% Master’s degrees, 27% Bachelor’s, 11% Professional certification
- 50% have attended an IB workshop
- 41% have participated in an online course (IB and non)
Overall, please rate the quality of the online environment."
In 2013 we offer more than 150 workshops in all four programmes.
New developments