

PYP-MYP Transition: G6 Student Panel

G6 Student Volunteers:

Question	Student	Response
<i>How much time is there to eat lunch? How is lunch organized? Can we play during lunch?</i>	Eric	<p>Students can have 50 minutes to eat their lunch, but I would recommend you take the last 5 minutes to tidy up and get to class.</p> <p>Yes, you can play during lunch. There are multiple locations such as the library, games room, board game room, gym and on Fridays, you can go outside.</p>
<i>What are the lunches like?</i>	Helen	The food is basically the same. The only difference is that you will have the café...but it's a little overpriced and there is a long line.
<i>What is the schedule like? Is there a lot of time to get to classes?</i>	Cici	It's really tight. You only have 5 minutes so it can be hard transitioning from PE to another class.
<i>How many classes do you have in Grade 6?</i>	Bowen	<p>You will have 11 classes. They are...</p> <p>You have 6 classes each day and 5 on Wednesday.</p>
<i>Are there a lot of tests in MYP?</i>	<p>Jason</p> <p>Helen</p> <p>Eric</p>	<p>I don't think there are too many. You will have extra tests for NB and MAP.</p> <p>I also think there are more than in G5, but the workload isn't that bad. You can survive. You should have enough time to do all the tests.</p> <p>Although there are more summative and formatives than PYP, there will be more projects. These take more time, so it might appear that there are more, but they just take more time.</p>

<i>How much homework is there? Do we get it for every class every day? How long does it usually take?</i>	Cici	<p>Barely any, expect for Chinese. Sometimes if you didn't finish work in class, you will need to finish it at home.</p> <p>It depends on what homework you have, but it usually takes 30 minutes to 2 hours.</p> <p>If you have a lot, it's because you didn't manage your time.</p>
<i>What are the rules for technology (laptops, phones, etc.)?</i>	Jason	<p>It's similar to PYP, but you can take your school laptop back home. You cannot play games in class. You shouldn't download games to your computer.</p> <p>You cannot have phones in class time.</p>
<i>What is Teams and ManageBac like in MYP?</i>	Bowen	<p>Teams are pretty much the same as what you use for your PYPx. You don't and never use Seesaw.</p> <p>ManageBac helps you see your tasks, deadlines, summative, grades and events. It might be hard to navigate at first, but you will get used to it.</p>
<i>Can we play on the computers during recess time?</i>	Helen	<p>You are allowed to if you go to games rooms. But you are not allowed to play any violent games.</p>
<i>Are the teachers nice?</i>	<p>Eric</p> <p>Cici</p>	<p>Most of the time, the teachers are nice and teach you well. But if you do something you are not supposed to, there will be consequences such as detention.</p> <p>I think they are all pretty good. They are all the same, and I do not have any favorites.</p> <p>The teachers are all relatively nice and are good at teaching. They won't make your love hard unless you make a poor choice.</p>

	Helen	
<i>Do you feel very stressed? How do you manage that?</i>	<p>Jason</p> <p>Eric</p> <p>Cici</p>	<p>Not really. Sometimes when there are lots of summative assessments, and you are off track, it can be stressful. I usually go home and start screaming. I also do the work to better manage my time. After that, I watch YouTube to relax.</p> <p>I do feel stressed as well. To deal with it, I like to read and bury myself in the work to get it done!</p> <p>It all depends on your own self-management skills and how you handle the workload.</p>
<i>What is your advice for succeeding in MYP?</i>	<p>Helen</p> <p>Cici</p> <p>Eric</p>	<p>Don't do things you are not supposed to. Use your time in class wisely. It will help with stress.</p> <p>Self-management and time management are the two most important skills.</p> <p>Kill the darlings...and more (he will explain)</p>

<i>Do you have to change uniforms in MYP? (policy & consequences)</i>	Jason	YES! Before and after PE, you need to change uniforms. Mr. Irvin will let you know. If you don't bring your uniform, you will get a warning once and then duty. After that, it will be a detention.
<i>Can we still see our friends in MYP?</i>	Helen	You have lunch for a reason!
<i>What is the best thing about MYP?</i>	Cici Bowen	<p>You get to exercise by climbing the stairwells each day. You have more options for sport clubs, and you can participate in different tournaments.</p> <p>You get to go buy things from the Café during lunch/afterschool. You get to have more FUN WWW trips. You get to have 10 more minutes of P.E. You get to try advanced tools/websites such as 3D printing, or an app that could make illustrations etc...</p>
<i>Are expectations high in MYP?</i>	Bowen	Expectations are much higher in MYP compared to PYP, since your teachers would want more information, more text, more efficiency at work, and more creative and aesthetic ideas so that your teachers will give you high marks. You will NOT get a lot of time on doing work, and you will NOT get a high-grade if you submit low-quality reflections because you will get graded on reflections , which could make up a lot of your final score(s).