# RAFFLES WORLD ACADEMY



# MFL – VIEWING AND PRESENTING RWA SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

#### MISSION AND CORE VALUES

Raffles World Academy (RWA) was founded in September 2008. It is an independent co-educational private international day school operated by Innoventures Educational Investments LLC (aka Innoventures Education). The school began its history as Raffles International School (West Campus) and changed its name to Raffles World Academy in September 2012. The Academy is authorised to provide IBPYP in KG1-G5, IBMYP curriculum in G6-10 and IB Diploma and Courses to G11-12. It is an IB World School. The school also provides other programmes including College Board PSAT and SAT, Trinity, and Mother Tongue language programmes including CNED and DELF for French. Raffles World Academy is regulated by the Dubai Knowledge and Human development Authority (KHDA).

#### **Our GUIDING STATEMENTS**

#### **Our Vision**

Providing world class education.

#### **Our Mission**

To empower students with a rigorous, holistic and international education for success in an ever-changing world.

#### **Our Philosophy**

To be recognized by the success of our students in achieving their personal goals

To make student development the centre of all school decisions

To aspire to the highest internationally recognized performance standards

To build and celebrate a culture based on internationalism

To enable the staff to become life-long learners through the development of their professional practice

#### **Our Core Values**

Achievement | Collaboration | Integrity | Respect | Responsibility | Innovation

#### **The RWA Motto**

**Towards Excellence** 

#### **The RWA Mascot**

**Arabian Stallion** 

#### The RWA definition of International-Mindedness:

International Mindedness begins when we are open to and curious about the world in which we live, respect our own culture and want to know about the culture of others. We progress to acknowledge our common humanity and to recognize and value diversity existing within our communities, whether local, national or global. We exercise our individual and collective responsibilities as world citizens to safeguard the planet we share, promote peace, challenge injustice and engage in improving welfare for all, especially the disadvantaged. We seek to develop a deep understanding of the complexity, diversity and motives that underpin human actions and interactions. We strive to foster mutual respect, dialogue and cooperation through being open and willing to see the world through the lens of all those who share it with us.

As an IB school, international-mindedness is embodied in our implementation of the IB Learner Profile, which challenges students to be communicators in multiple languages, principled in their promotion of international justice, risk-takers in the spirit of exploring new cultures, knowledgeable about world issues, thinkers about complex problems, caring and committed to service, inquirers about the world, open-minded toward other perspectives, balanced in their approach to life, and reflective about their own personal development.

#### **IB MISSION STATEMENT**

IB mission statement The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

#### **IB LEARNER PROFILE**

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet help to create a better and more peaceful world.

IB learners strive to be:

**Inquirers:** They develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

**Knowledgeable:** They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines. **Thinkers:** They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

**Communicators:** They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

**Principled:** They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

**Open-minded:** They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

**Caring:** They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

**Risk-takers:** They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.

**Balanced:** They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

**Reflective:** They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.



**Overall Expectation Phase 1:** Learners show an understanding that the world around them is full of visual language that conveys meaning. They are able to interpret and respond to visual texts. Although much of their own visual language is spontaneous, they are extending and using visual language in more purposeful ways

# **PYP Conceptual Understanding:**

- Visual language is all around us.
- The pictures, images, and symbols in our environment have meaning.
- We can enjoy and learn from visual language.

Years of Study: 1

# Phase 2

**Overall Expectation Phase 2:** Learners identify, interpret and respond to a range of visual text prompts and show an understanding that different types of visual texts serve different purposes. They use this knowledge to create their own visual texts for particular purposes.

# **PYP Conceptual Understandings:**

- People use static and moving images to communicate ideas and information.
- Visual texts can immediately gain our attention.
- Viewing and talking about the images others have created helps us to understand and create our own presentations.

Years of Study: 2
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#### Phase 3

**Overall Expectation Phase 3:** Learners show an understanding that visual text may represent reality or fantasy. They recognize that visual text resources can provide factual information and increase understanding. They use visual text in a reflective way to enrich their storytelling or presentations, and to organize and represent information.

# **PYP Conceptual Understandings:**

- Visual texts can expand our database of sources of information.
- Visual texts provide alternative means to develop new levels of understanding.
- Selecting the most suitable forms of visual presentation enhances our ability to express ideas and images.
- Different visual techniques produce different effects and are used to present different types of information.

Years of Study: 3	Years of Study: 4
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#### Phase 4

**Overall Expectation Phase 4:** Learners show an open-mindedness about the use of a range of visual text resources to access information. They think critically, and are articulate about the use of visual text to influence the viewer. They are able to use visual imagery to present factual information, or to tell a story

# **PYP Conceptual Understandings:**

- Visual texts have the power to influence thinking and behaviour.
- Interpreting visual texts involves making an informed judgment about the intention of the message.
- To enhance learning we need to be efficient and constructive users of the internet.

Years of Study: 5
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#### Phase 5

**Overall Expectation Phase 5:** Through inquiry, learners engage with an increasing range of visual text resources. As well as exploring the viewing and presenting strategies that are a part of the planned learning environment, they select and use strategies that suit their learning styles. They are able to make connections between visual imagery and social commentary. They show more discernment in selecting information they consider reliable. They are able to use visual imagery to support a position.

#### **PYP Conceptual Understandings:**

- The aim of commercial media is to influence and persuade viewers.
- Individuals respond differently to visual texts, according to their previous experiences, preferences and perspectives.
- Knowing about the techniques used in visual texts helps us to interpret presentations and create our own visual effects.
- Synthesizing information from visual texts is dependent upon personal interpretation and leads to new understanding

Years of Study: 6	