



CELEBRATING  
**25** YEARS  
OF BEING AN  
IBDP WORLD SCHOOL

# IBDP SENIORS OF



# YEARBOOK

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## HISTORY OF

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# TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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**T**ehran International School (TIS) was founded in 1985 with the objective of bonding educational and cultural links between expatriate Iranian students temporarily residing in Iran and their motherland as well as between the community of foreign nationals present in Iran. The TIS' ideal vision is to benefit from the diversity of its community in creating well-educated, international-minded student-citizens.

The TIS is a multicultural and coeducational institution. However, it conforms to the norms of Iran's system of education and operates in two complexes for girls and boys, which are both located in two of the trendy, northwestern neighbourhoods of Tehran and only a 10-minute ride apart from each other. Each is equipped with facilities largely unseen in other schools in Iran despite the fact that a significant portion of the Complexes' originally conceived plan is still unrealised and the school administration aims to make use of such potential in the near future. The Smart School WiFi system, which equips the TIS with the necessary hardware and software capabilities in order to join the elite circle of smart schools in Iran, and CCTV cameras, which are designed to maintain a high standard of security on the school premises, can be named as such examples of the newly installed facilities in the Girls' Complex to be operational from 2011.

Tehran International School operates in two separate branches: Tehran International School and International Baccalaureate.

The fundamental purpose of Tehran International School is to guide students into mature adults as they grow and to help them acknowledge their responsibilities towards themselves as well as the diverse and changing the world around them.



We aim to promote each individual's intellectual curiosity and prepare all students for university preparatory curriculum by providing a challenging educational program.

We believe that the acquisition of knowledge, the exposure to values, and the appreciation of different cultures will lead the students to their maximum potential.

The mainframe of the syllabus at the T.I.S. is based on its article of association that ratifies the Geneva International curriculum, which is supported by outstanding international cultural and educational institutions. It complies with the syllabus presented in international schools around the world, and in some cases, Tehran International School is some steps ahead, thanks to the hard working faculty members. To further the considered educational objectives, the most up-to-date textbooks are offered in the curriculum for students of all ages, all of which are under the supervision of the school board's experts whose job is to evaluate texts and teaching techniques of International Schools. It should be mentioned that most of our students are now attending the popular universities around the world.



# MESSAGE FROM THE **PRINCIPAL**

In the Name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

Dear esteemed colleagues, respected parents, and students

I thank God who granted me the grace of serving the future generation who are hard working and wise in this educational complex. I know that the path ahead is challenging and difficult, but the sweetness of serving the honest and pure young generation will pave the way.

I take an oath to God to consider students' self-esteem and greatness. My colleagues and I won't withhold any effort to exaltate the students' morality and knowledge. What supports my actions are the students' will, teachers' organized and purposeful plannings and the scholarly supervision of the parents.

With the trust in Almighty Allah, and with the hope to my esteemed colleagues sagacious efforts, I hereby present the upcoming academic year planning to enhance the complex activeness and vividness.

Zahra Gili  
T.I.A.S. Principal



## MESSAGE FROM THE

# IB COORDINATOR

At TIS, we believe the IBDP to be the best educational experience on offer today and should be accessible to all students with the right amount of support. The IBDP is a stimulating, exciting and challenging programme with a broad and coherent educational vision, supported by a clearly defined set of values. It encourages all students to flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally, and ethically.

I am very proud to see the varied, positive impacts that IB students and teachers have made over the past year to our community's hard work and the shared commitment that binds us together.

We may experience new challenges this school year; however, success belongs to the determined, the focused, and the courageous who have purpose, work hard, and believe in dogged pursuit of their goals. Keep your eyes on the sun of success and you will never see the shadow of failure.

I wish you the best for a really productive, peaceful, and happy school year.

Nasrin Barootchi  
IBDP Coordinator



## MESSAGE FROM THE

# SENIOR VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear students and parents/guardians of TIS,

We consider it a privilege to work with the students every day to help them to be their very best selves. I believe that each and every student has a gift to share with the world, and we work hard to unlock their highest potential. We have high expectations of ourselves to help all of them learn and grow into well-rounded citizens and critical thinkers. TIS develops leadership skills, social and emotional skills, and academic skills to prepare students for success in career, relationships and life-long learning.

Hereby, I take opportunity to suggest our dear students to take positive risks, view errors as opportunities, give and receive feedback, respect themselves and other people, ask questions, collaborate with peers, set goals, plan with a purpose, and track their own progress. Students need both high challenge and high support to grow as learners, and we look forward to helping students maximize their growth at TIS.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of our TIS family and joining us in our educational adventures towards excellence.

Mitra Parsaei  
Senior Vice-Principal



# MESSAGE FROM THE ***HIGH SCHOOL VICE-PRINCIPAL***

Dear students,

As the year goes by and with every challenging situation and life hurdle that you may have encountered, I hope you have learnt numerous things with the help and support of the TIS crew.

Your positive attitude, strong knowledge, your power of thinking, and strong beliefs makes you much stronger to face the world and overcome the problems in your way.

Then you shall proceed to stay positive, live a joyful life, and continue in making right choices, even when no one is watching.

Be kind and strive to understand other people's perspectives.

I hope that years from now, when you have become an adult, the mention of TIS would bring a smile to your face and remind you of the many fond memories you have made.

Afsaneh Hosseini  
High school vice principal





LIST OF

# TEACHERS

## GROUP 1: *Studies in Language and Literature*



**Farzane Roohani**

English



## **GROUP 2: *Language Acquisition***



**Atossa Atabaki**

French



**Elham Beheshti**

German



**Negar Vaghaenegari**

Spanish



## **GROUP 3: *Individuals and Societies***



**Rana Eghbali**

Psychology



**Sarvenaz Tabrizi**

Business and Management



## **GROUP 4: *Sciences***



**Fahimeh Rassian**

Chemistry



**Hanieh Rezaei**

Physics



**Golnaz Tafreshi**

Biology



## GROUP 5: *Mathematics*



**Sara Kasiri**

Maths (+ ITGS, Comp. Sci.)



**Zohreh Pashazadeh**

Maths

## GROUP 6: *The Arts*



**Maryam Sharifzadeh**

Visual Arts, Music



## ***Core Subjects***



**Afsaneh Nakhai**

CAS Moderator



**Sareh Yadegari**

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**LIST OF**

# **STUDENTS**



**Kimia Arbabi**

*About time.*



**Aisan Azizi**

*What Faidin said.*



**Melisa Bayat**

*What now?*



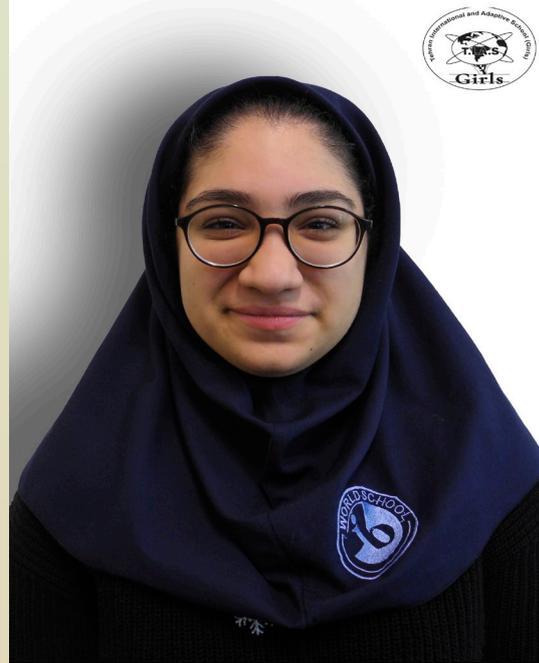
**Dorrin Dibazar**

*It was the best of times, it was  
the worst of times.*



**Faidin Farmanian**

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**Sana Izadi**

*All we have is now.*



**Helen Kavousi**

*Y'all went to high school, I went to school high.*



**Rozana Mazlumian**

*And now my watch has ended.*



**Hiva Rashedi**

*If you want a vision of what i went through, imagine a boot stamping on a human face for two years.*



**Elina Sharif**



## Sana Tajangi

*Just released from my 4 year sentence.*



## Tina Zanjani

*The Office, Season 7, Episode 19, Minute 14:45.*



BACK TO

# SCHOOL CEREMONY



**A**fter a long summer break, the students were greeted back to school with a special ceremony awaiting them. A new academic year commencing with music, joy, and happiness is one that guarantees a successful year for all. The principal, Ms. Gilli, as well as the IB Coordinator, Ms. Barootchi, presented their speeches in front of the students. Other special visitors and faculty members said their own speech as well, all with the aim of welcoming and uniting both the old and new students back to school.







# HEALTHY BREAKFAST



**H**ere at Tehran International School, we strive to teach our students to begin implementing a healthier lifestyle into their daily routines. Thus, we have numerous healthy breakfast events during the year, where the students are encouraged to bring healthy foods and dishes to school and enjoy it with the company of their friends and classmates. Not only do these healthy breakfast events aid in inspiring the students to lead a healthier life, but it is also an excellent opportunity for the students to utilise their cooking skills as they prepare these healthy and special dishes for one another to enjoy.







# SNOWY DAYS

**S**nowy days are some of the most memorable and popular days here in TIS since the students get to play around in the snow and have loads of fun. During these days, we can see children making snowmen and snow angels in the yards, which makes it quite a view to look at.

Nothing feels better than sipping on a hot cup of tea after a long day of playing with snow at freezing cold temperatures.





TRIP TO

# SAADABAD COMPLEX

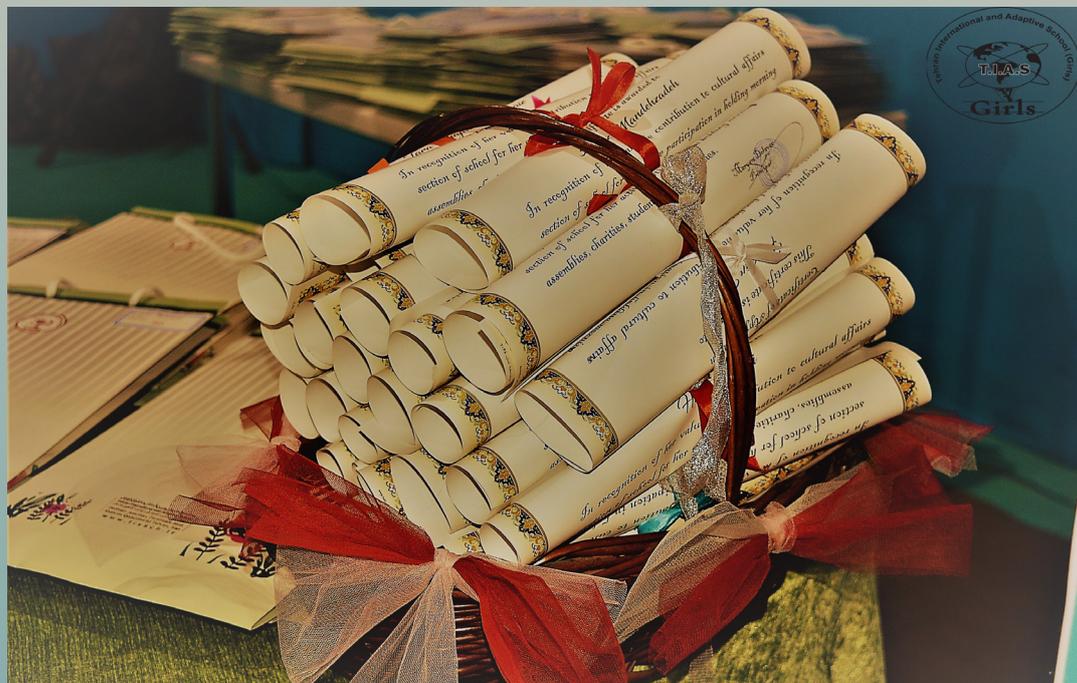


The IBDP students went on a trip to the Saadabad Historical Complex, which is one of the most significant historical sites here in Tehran, Iran. The visual arts students learnt greatly from this trip, as there were numerous museums in the complex where marvellous artworks were set in display. Finally, some very memorable memories were created, as they all had a wonderful visiting this complex.





# APPRECIATION DAY





**D**uring appreciation day, the IBDP students were called to attend this ceremony, as this was a day where all of their hard work and effort were taken into consideration. They were also rewarded with gifts and certificates. The students themselves planned appreciation day, and it was a day filled with loads of fun activities, games, and even live music.





# AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION



**S**ome of the IBDP students signed up to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition in order to take part in a challenging mathematical experience, which would ultimately benefit them in the long run. These students were Sana Izadi, Aisan Azizi, Faidin Farmanian, Rozana Mazlumian, Kimia Arbabi, Elina Sharif, and Melisa Bayat.





# BASKETBALL COMPETITION



**A**isan Azizi made the IB seniors of 2020 proud by winning all of the basketball competitions that she took part in with the school! Well done, Aisan.



# TEACHER'S DAY



This was another event planned by the high school students for the teachers. The students surprised all of the teachers by giving them flowers, heartfelt letters, and gifts.

Certain students performed acts on stage, with some of them dancing and singing for the teachers on their special day.

Finally, the teachers were also invited on stage to play a fun and exciting game of "Never Have I Ever" in which many interesting facts about the teachers were revealed.







# NOWRUZ



**N**owruz is one of the most important traditions in the Iranian culture. Right from the moment that it arrives, there is a joyful and hopeful ambience all around the country. This event takes place right at the moment that spring arrives, which is a time when everything is blossoming, and a breeze of crisp, fresh air can be sensed. During Nowruz, families gather around with one another and celebrate the event. They set up a table called the “haft-seen,” which simply consists of seven items starting with the letter “S” in the Persian language. Each and every item present in this table symbolise a unique thing, which is related to what individuals wish to achieve as they make their new year’s resolution. For instance, some items symbolise health, growth, and happiness to mention just a few examples.

When Nowruz is right about the corner, TIS sets up the “haft-seen” table as a mean to remind the students of this special time and to gather them all around to start a fresh, new year in the Iranian calendar.





# 25th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**D**uring the academic year of 2019-2020, our school completed its twenty-five year anniversary of becoming an IB World School. This heartwarming title would not have been possible without the help of our dedicated team who are constantly striving for success, as well as our hardworking students throughout these years.

Dear Head of School,

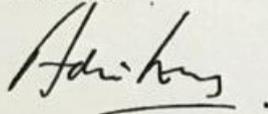
Congratulations on your **twenty five-year** anniversary of becoming an IB World School!

Thank you for your hard work, dedication and contribution to the success of the IB's mission.

We know that it takes a community to make your IB Programme successful, so we would also like to acknowledge the people who made it happen. We send our deepest gratitude to you, the programme coordinator, educators, the parents and the students, without whom none of this would be possible.

We look forward to celebrating more milestones with you.

All the best,



Adrian Kearney  
Director of IB World Schools





**Tehran International School**  
**Tehran, Iran**