

## **11th Theory of Knowledge 2022-2023 (Marcella Martini and Alex Pepper)**

Welcome to Grade 11th Theory of Knowledge. In this welcome letter, you will find all the information you will need for this course.

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### **How can I contact my teachers?**

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### **What resources do I need?**

**Equipment Required:** Computer, general stationery, a piece of poster paper

**Course Textbook:** Kognity TOK

**Google classroom code:**

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NDg4NDgxMzQwODk0?cjc=5ow5sp7>

### **What will I be studying?**

The TOK course encourages students to critically explore, analyse, assess and evaluate both knowledge as an aspect of our life experience and the process by which we acquire it. This is mainly done by exploring knowledge questions suggested by IB program designers. Those are not questions about content, but about the concepts underlying knowledge itself.

For example:

What counts as knowledge?

How can we judge if evidence is accurate?

Who owns knowledge?

There are three main interconnected parts:

1. Core Theme: Knowledge and the Knower
2. Other Themes: Knowledge and Language, Knowledge and Technology
3. Areas of Knowledge: History, Human Sciences, Natural Sciences, Maths, the Arts

Their study is organised into four elements:

- A. Scope
- B. Perspectives
- C. Methods and Tools
- D. Ethics

### **How will I be assessed?**

Assessment: Students will be assessed in line with the ISG Assessment Policy. They will be assessed by using both formative and summative assessments. Formative assessments will take place during every lesson and summative assessments at the end of a unit. This could be in the form of a presentation, poster, essay, traditional exam or other method of assessment. Students will be assessed using the IB DP assessment rubrics and receive feedback within 2 weeks of submitting the assessment. Assessments will be announced at least one week in advance.

There are two assessment tasks, an internal assessment and an external assessment. Students will be expected to organise an exhibition exploring one of 35 mandatory IB TOK knowledge questions. This assessment task will take place this year during the 4th quarter.

The other assessment task, the IB TOK essay, represents the entirety of the TOK workload in 12th grade.

Independent work expectations: Students will receive 100 minutes of independent work each week. This work will relate to the unit of study. It is an extremely important element of learning, so students should strive to complete it on time and to a high standard.