“Online IB Courses – a Viable Option”

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The IB Vision

• Extend and support subject choice for students in IB World Schools (IB Access Agenda – IB Open World Schools))

• Develop international and intercultural classrooms

• Develop 21st century skills that will equip students for life after school
A Social Enterprise

The McCall MacBain Foundation exists to improve the welfare of humanity through focused grants in areas of health, education and the environment.

Pamoja means ‘togetherness’ in Swahili
Pamoja Education’s Commitment

• Founded in 2009 to offer high quality DP online courses for IB World Schools

• Working in close cooperation with the IB
  – Course Development
  – Experienced IB teachers support
  – Quality assurance
“Students and schools that participate in the online IB Diploma courses are **rethinking traditional notions about student learning, and how schools prepare students for future success.”**
2012 – 2013

• 356 students in year 2 - includes 35 transfer students

• 747 students in year 1! – includes 12 Open World School students

• 1103 students!!!!
  • September 11
21st Century Campus

Deepavali
Thanksgiving
Christmas
Hanukkah
Vesak Day
Eid-ul-Fitr

Term Dates
Semester Dates

New Year
Lunar New Year
Easter
Orthodox Easter
Hari Raya
Ramadan

Trimester Dates
Grade Report Schedules
Pamoja Exam Results - 2012

• 196 students
• 8 subjects
• 77% 4+
• 96% 3+

• 4.44 average score
Exams 2012 – 4.44 – 77% pass rate

- Spanish ab initio – 4.71
- Business & Management SL – 4.44
- Economics SL – 4.81
- Economics HL – 4.66
- ITGS SL – 4.21
- ITGS HL – 3.82
- Psychology SL – 4.62
- Math HL – 4.21
## Score Distribution - 2012

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How to Proceed?

- Who will pay for the courses – school, grant, parents, scholarship?
- Decide which courses will be offered at the school
- Decide which students are appropriate to participate - http://www.pamojaeducation.com/preparing-online-learner
- Choose a Site-based Coordinator – serves as the liaison between the students, school and Pamoja
- Enroll students via Pamoja Education
Questions?

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