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IB: An investment for the future!

Decision-making is definitely a part and parcel of life. However, it is not often that one comes across life-changing decisions. I encountered such a situation after completing 10th Grade in the ICSE Board in Mumbai. The decision regarding, 'WHAT TO DO NEXT?' Gazillions of students around me did not think beyond IIT or Chartered Accountancy coaching classes (anything other than that and the narrow-minded masses suddenly start looking at you with immense pity!) But somehow, I was never drawn towards those paths.

I had something different in mind. Something that would let me express my true self, something that would base its academics, not on mugging information, but on practicality and application, something that would help me widen my horizons of thinking, something that would not only encourage creativity and innovation but also help me channelize my interests for life. Naturally, I was pleasantly surprised to find this 'something' in the form of the IB Diploma Programme.

It would be no understatement to say that the decision of pursuing IB in CIRS has not only shaped my future but also developed me into the individual I am today! You see, at that tender age, very few actually have an idea about what they want to do in life. For instance, I was thoroughly clueless about terms such as information technology, electronics and mass communication, etc. They were just fancy words that seemed to impress people when I used them as my career interests! But the IB Diploma Programme gives you the liberty to explore and delve into roads less travelled! Things such as TOK, Extended Essay, Group 4 project are just few aspects that make IB a unique and an enriching experience.

Undoubtedly, my IB experience was truly very special but it is worth treasuring for a lifetime because I pursued it at CIRS! The lifestyle CIRS provides which includes fitness routines, spiritual classes, artis, etc. perfectly complements the workload of an IB student! I must say, at this juncture, that a balance of extra-curricular activities, sports and academics is of utmost importance and students must be highly self-motivated to achieve it. Trust me, CIRS has a lot to offer and it is up to us to grab the opportunities by both hands while making sure that our main priorities are not compromised.

Presently, I am in Hong Kong University of Science and Technology pursuing B.E. in Computer Science without spending a penny of my dad's hard earned money. It goes without saying that much of the credit behind attaining this prestigious scholarship goes to the international recognition that doing well in IB possesses!

All in all, IB is definitely an investment for the future!

