

## **School Services**

Science Hill IB supports our students as they navigate their way through the diploma program. Such support is provided through our counseling department and special services.

### **Counseling**

The counseling department provides personal, educational and career counseling. We believe that the complexity of the program requires counselors who are very familiar with the diploma program practices and requirements, so they will be best able to support their students. This support comes in conversations with the student on course and college planning, facilitating conversations between teachers, students and parents when intervention is needed, and providing stress and time management coaching. In addition, counselors meet with the DP coordinator basis to discuss student concerns and to suggest courses of intervention.

### **Special Services**

Our Student Services department supports students entering the program who have been identified as needing special services. Students entering with Individual Educational Plans (IEP's) are paired with a caseworker that partners with the DP Coordinator and teachers to deliver quality instruction to students with disabilities. To support this mission, a copy of the IB publication, *Candidates with special assessment needs*, is made available to all parties.

Accommodations to or modifications of formative and summative assessments are made to provide students with special needs an equal opportunity to demonstrate their level of attainment. Particular attention is paid to the selection of course subjects that will provide the best opportunity for students to succeed. (For example, students with auditory processing disabilities are encouraged to take Latin for their Group 2.)

The DP coordinator is kept informed of any special accommodations needed for IB exams. The coordinator is responsible for making the necessary arrangements with IB Cardiff.