

## **Admission Process for the Limestone Pre-IB Programme and the IB Diploma Programme**

### **Kingston Secondary School**

#### 1. Rationale:

The Limestone Pre-IB Programme (LPIB) at K.S.S. is limited to a maximum of 64 students in each year of the programme. Because of the high demand for this programme, we get more applications than there are spots available. K.S.S. uses the application process to select the students who are enthusiastic about learning, have strong English proficiency, and have the academic ability to undertake a more rigorous programme. All of our courses, besides French and Spanish, are taught in English (or in French for French immersion students). See our school Language Policy for more details.

Students who successfully complete the LPIB are eligible to enroll in the two year IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) in grade 11. If space allows, students can apply to join the LPIB for grade 10 or the IBDP for grade 11 after a successful application.

#### 2. Application:

IB coordinator visits grade 8 schools either in-person or virtually to promote the programme. Students and their families attend the Grade 8 IB Information Night at K.S.S, usually in December of the grade 8 year. Application packages are available at the session and from the K.S.S. Student Services office and website. Applicants must submit their completed applications on time in order to be considered for admission. The application has three main components: an application form that includes two writing tasks about the IB programme and the learner profile, a teacher recommendation form based on the IB learner profile completed by one of the student's current teachers, and the student's grade 8 Progress Report. This application process is reviewed annually. Application dates are available on the school website.

Students applying to enter either the LPIB or IBDP after the grade 9 year, must submit an application form, and provide a teacher reference. The student's most recent transcript will also be used in the admission decision.

#### 3. Selection:

The IB DP Coordinator convenes the selection committee in December or January each year. The committee is comprised of IB teachers, at least one guidance counsellor, and one member of the administration. The committee scores each component of the applications.

Half of the 64 offers are extended to individuals who score the highest. The remainder are allocated via a lottery in which all applicants who scored above a minimum threshold are entered. In addition, the process is guided throughout by our focus on E.D.I., with students able to be considered in a category above the one in which their numeric score would initially place them.

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