

ALICE BIRNEY ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
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	An inquiry into Who we are	An inquiry into Where we are in time and place	An inquiry into How we express ourselves	An inquiry into How the world works	An inquiry into How we organise ourselves	An inquiry into How we share the planet
	An exploration of the nature of the self; of our beliefs and values; of personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; of our families, friends, communities and cultures; of our rights and responsibilities; of what it means to be human.	An exploration of our orientation in place and time; of our personal histories; of history and geography from local and global perspectives; of our homes and journeys; of the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; of the contributions of individuals and civilisations.	An exploration of the ways in which we discover and express our nature, ideas, feelings, beliefs and values through language and the arts.	An exploration of the physical and material world; of natural and human-made phenomena; of the world of science and technology.	An exploration of human systems and communities; of the world of work, its nature and its value; of employment and unemployment and their impact.	An exploration of our rights and responsibilities as we try to share finite resources with other people, with other living things; of communities and of the relationships within and between them.
5th	The human body is an intricate system that is constantly changing.	Geography and climate of a region affect the function and form of a community.	Humans express their beliefs and use persuasion to influence others.	Technology helps us explore our world, as well as other worlds.	Political, religious, social and/or economic struggle influence patterns of immigration.	Individuals have a responsibility to respect their environment.
4th	Literature offers opportunities for self-expression and the identification of human nature.	Migration can influence the cultural structure, economic structure, and/or the governing systems of a region.	Scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations.	Natural and unnatural processes shape and reshape the earth's land and surface, affecting the way people live.	Understanding the structures of government empowers individuals and groups to make decisions that impact the broader community.	People depend on, adapt to, and/or modify their physical environment in order to obtain resources.
3rd	Looking at people who have had an impact on communities and cultures today.	People develop national identities through religious beliefs, customs and various traditions.	The beliefs and values of cultures are expressed through their traditional tales.	Energy takes many forms and is stored and used in many ways.	Local and global communities are interconnected through trade.	The decisions people make affects the global world.
2nd	Making sensible choices about how we care for our body and mind helps us to thrive.	Your family's history influences who you are today.	Authors use common themes to express their own feelings and beliefs.	All living things undergo change within their lifecycle.	Humans establish laws and develop systems to enforce and maintain social order.	Natural resources provide humans with the necessary materials to survive.
1st	Symbols and traditions provide a sense of community across time.	Structures of schools and communities in the past have helped shaped our lives today.	People use varied art forms to express the same theme.	Weather patterns inform, prepare, and affect the daily lives of people around the world.	In a society members attempt to develop rules, elements of fair play and good citizenship, opinions, rights of others, as a method of organization.	Living things have similar needs but inhabit different environments and have external features that help them thrive in these different places.
K	Who I am and what I do affects everyone around me.	We can learn about our neighborhood by investigating maps and globes.	People celebrate for different reasons.	Wood has many uses and is a finite product.	Community workers play a role in different communities.	All living things, no matter how small, affect human beings and the earth.