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Mission

Through the promotion of academic excellence, CISB strives to develop individuals for our society who, through understanding, tolerance, and respect, will help to create a better world community. We aim to create a safe place where children become lifelong learners, where excellence is tempered with compassion, and where success is moderated by spiritual understanding.

Vision

“Betterment of Self for Society”



Message from the Principal

Hello to all. It's a nice change to send a message that does not involve Zoom or Whatsapp. Like you, I long for the former times where education and life could be conducted face to face. Like you, I'm also hopeful that school can get back to normal by February, but of course that depends on the Covid-19 situation which now controls so much of our lives.

Online learning takes longer, but it does work. Some teachers and some students are better at it than others, but our teachers report that the students are progressing through their courses quite well. It's not perfect, but for now it's all we can do. One problem we do face is for the high school students who may be a little less mature or self-reliant than some others. With the shift to Nova Scotia curriculum for Grades 9 to 12, one of their requirements has been a 95% attendance rate. This is because the Education Department administrators also know that it takes longer to both teach and learn online. To get through the courses, the students need to be in attendance more than usual. With no teacher around, some students take the opportunity to turn off their computer and go on with their own adventures, but this unfortunately will only lead to failed courses. By high school, we expect them to behave, if not in an adult fashion, at least to recognize that it is in their own best interest to attend their classes.

Naturally, we are not alone in this; schools are closed around the world and wherever possible classes are going online. In Nova Scotia, the schools are open because Covid-19 is rare. In my home city, Vancouver, schools are also open, but now the cases of Covid-19 are now increasing significantly so this may change. In our community, we are thankful that internet and computer access are widespread, so our children can continue to be educated, a different situation from that in much of the world.

When thinking about the world, we naturally think of the best universities for our graduates to attend. The Province of Nova Scotia, on the Atlantic side of the country, has 13 universities within its borders. The biggest and most well-known, Dalhousie University, is in the capital city of Halifax, and offers a wide variety of programs. A significant factor in choosing a school with your child is the cost of living in the surrounding area. Housing costs in Nova Scotia are a small fraction of the costs in more urbanized centres such as Toronto or Vancouver. All provinces have their negative and positive factors, but if costs are important, then Nova Scotia is one of the best places in North America or Europe to settle. It features a moderate climate with 4 distinct seasons, beautiful scenery and a remarkable coastline, and delicious seafoods.

An exciting new possibility for our students will be the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Global School status. We are currently only a candidate for this program, but when approved we will begin offering the opportunity to successful Grade 10 students. For their last two years, they will then take a range of courses that will broaden their minds and help them see the world and themselves through an enlightened perspective. It will also greatly enhance their chances of being accepted into the best universities in the world.

Douglas A. Roy

CANADA

An Australian dentist wrote the following to help define what a Canadian is.

A Canadian can be English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. A Canadian can be Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani or Afghan. A Canadian may also be a Cree, Metis, Mohawk, Blackfoot, Sioux, or one of the many other tribes known as native Canadians. A Canadian's religious beliefs range from Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu or none. In fact, there are more Muslims in Canada than in Afghanistan. The key difference is that in Canada they are free to worship as each of them chooses. Whether they have a religion or no religion, each Canadian ultimately answers only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.



A Canadian lives in one of the most prosperous lands in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which recognize the right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

A Canadian is generous and Canadians have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return. Canadians welcome the best of everything, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best services and the best minds. But they also welcome the least - the oppressed, the outcast and the rejected.

These are the people who built Canada. They could even be a relative or a neighbour, because Canadians are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, can be a Canadian.



Nova Scotia



Eastern Shore Nova Scotia is one of those places that nobody knows about, but that is filled with many beautiful things. I am from a small town on the Eastern Shore and like anyone from a small town have multiple ways of describing where I am from. The town I live in is called Head of Jeddore and the total population there is around 350 people, so naturally, I will say I am from the biggest town nearby, Musquodoboit Harbour, which probably has around 2000 people; although chances are I skip right to the Halifax if I am talking to someone from away.

Here you are more likely to get direction in time travelled by car with reference to so and so's house or a family store, it is not likely someone will know how many KM away something is.

Small town Nova Scotia still has all those things that in many big areas have gone away and are considered old fashioned or impossible now. It is a safe sort of place where doors are unlocked, keys are left in the car, and kids can be kids. It is the kind of place where everybody knows everybody. Everyone has that friend with the beat up truck you can hear before you see it or the friend who wears shorts even in the dead of winter. If you don't, you are that friend.

If you were to walk around my area you'd hear nature, not city noises. If you talked to the people you would hear their rural accents. We speak in double negatives, omit or add sounds to words, and use words like B'y that don't exist elsewhere.

It is not just my town, but the province in general that is truly, breathtakingly, beautiful.

Macayla Rose Howe
High School Teacher
English & Social Studies





Musquodoboit Harbour Town Center, Musquodoboit Harbour Nova Scotia



Kejimikujik National Park, Caledonia Nova Scotia



Clam Harbour Beach, Clam Harbour Nova Scotia.



Skull Rock Trail, Musquodoboit Harbour Nova Scotia



Peggy's Cove Lighthouse, Peggy's Cove Nova Scotia



Bay of Fundy, Digby Nova Scotia



Halifax Citadel, Halifax Nova Scotia



Lunenburg Town

Visual Arts

Project Title:
Abstract Wednesday/ Thursday

Basic Description:

The individuals were asked to choose any object from their surroundings. Based on the chosen object (s) they were asked to create a different story/ different anything using that very object (s) in the work.

Outcome:

Through this exercise the individuals could have a chance to think from anything in a newer perspective which eventually helped to enrich the power of imagination too. The individuals were asked to share their completed works within the class hour. It was a new project introduced to them as an 'OUT OF THE BOX' thinking process.



Swastik Jha Title: Boy with Balloons
Chosen Object: Foam Ball



Misam Mansoor Title: The monochrome sunflower
Chosen Object: Oreo Biscuit



Md. Abdullah Ansari Title: Construction Crane
Chosen Object: Writing pen



Rajonna Choudhury Title: Mr. Creep
Chosen Object: Scissor



Zannatul Tahsin Title: Dancing Lady
Chosen Object: Tussle



Saraf Saiyara Title: Astronaut
Chosen Object: Scotch Tape

Project Title:
Logo Design

Basic Description:

In every country we can find so many traditional festivals; Kite festival is one of them & in our country especially in the old part Dhaka it still has a great appeal to the inhabitants of that locality. Based on this theme the individuals were asked to design a Logo for the upcoming festival which is going to be held on January, 2021. Media was open: Digital/Analogue.

Outcome:

Through this exercise the students could have the chance to share their concepts & ideas along with their completed works. It eventually helped to develop their creative mind.



Md. Ibrahim Ansariy
Title: Kite Festival, Dhaka 2021



Laiba Farid
Title: Kite Festival, Dhaka 2021



Adiba Rahman
Title: Kite Festival, Dhaka 2021

Project Title:
Poster Design

Basic Description:

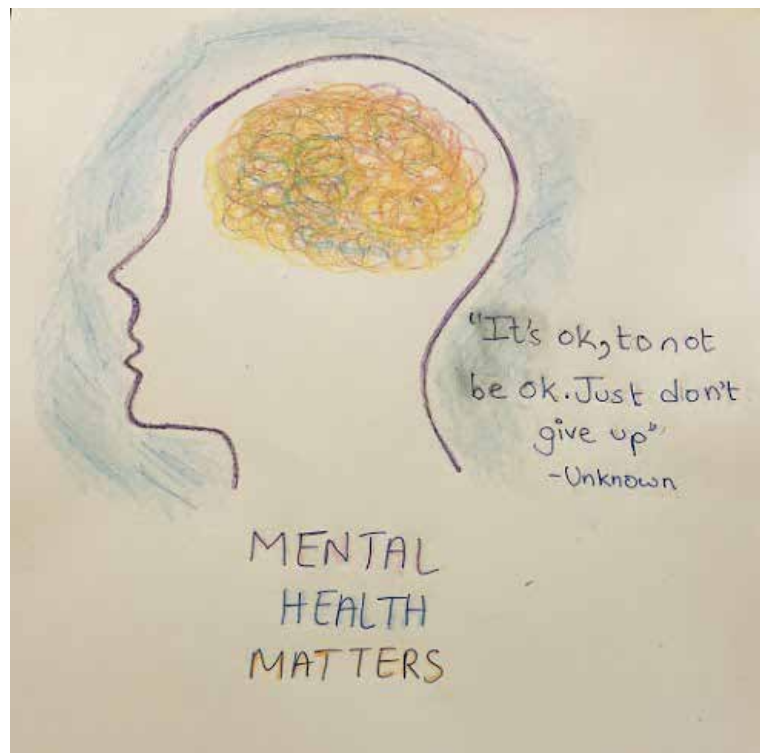
Through this exercise the individuals were asked to design a poster for promoting the importance of 'Mental Health'. Every year a huge number of people suffer a lot due to this issue & during this pandemic this issue has become unbearable too. The individuals were allowed to have this process to be done through digital media/ Analogue media. The shape & size of the poster was up to individual's choice as if it could be viewed through a screen of a Mobile phone/Tab when been uploaded in the social Medias.

Outcome:

Through this exercise the individuals could have a chance to think about the core philosophy of the life once again & how to convey this message to the others.



Saraf Saiyara
Title: Mental Health
Media: Digital



Laiba Farid
Title: Mental Health
Media: Analogue

Photo Competition Prize Ceremony



First prize: Mahea Sherin



Second Prize: Hashin Bhuiyan

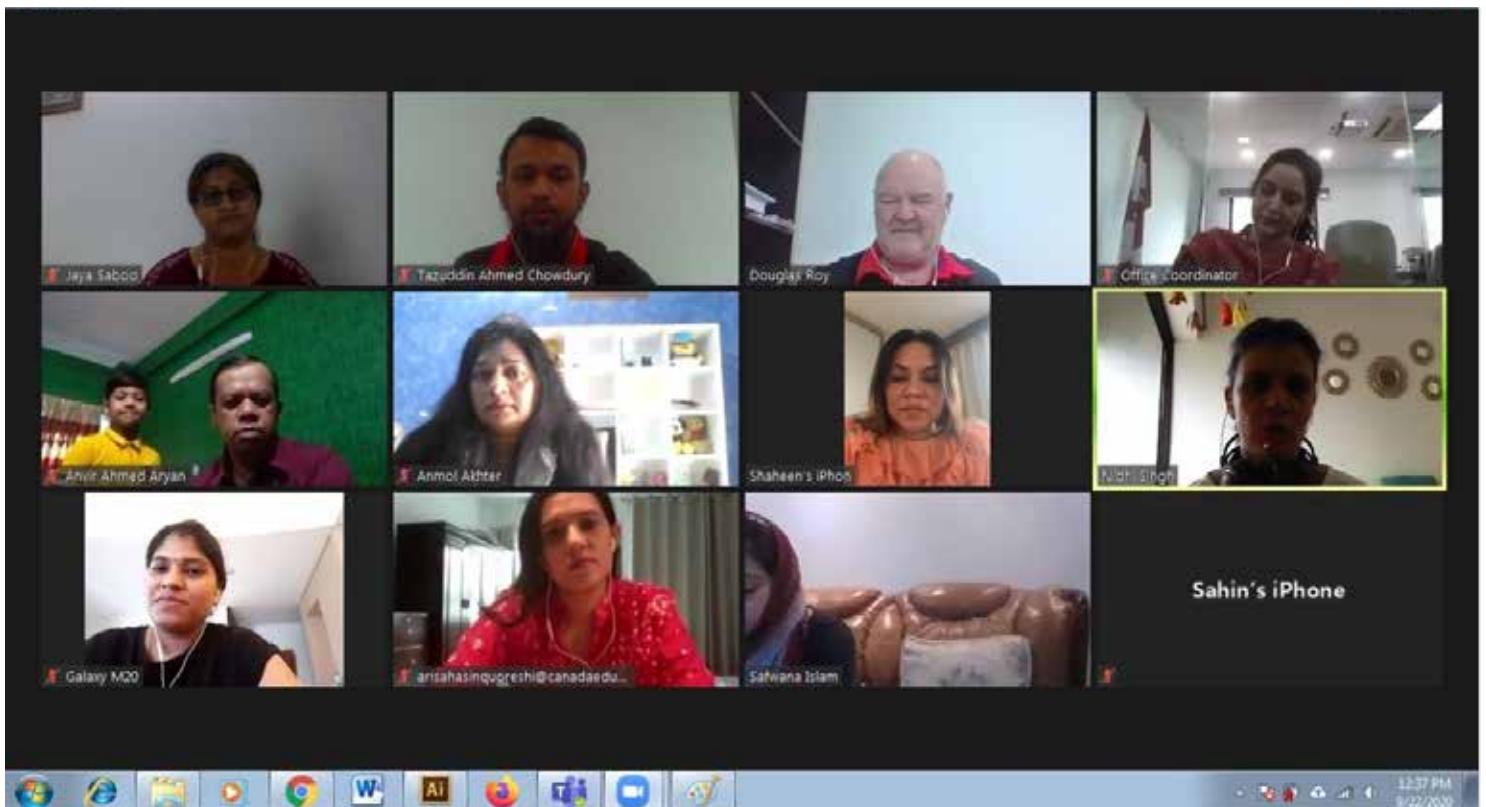


Third prize: Zoharin Munazza

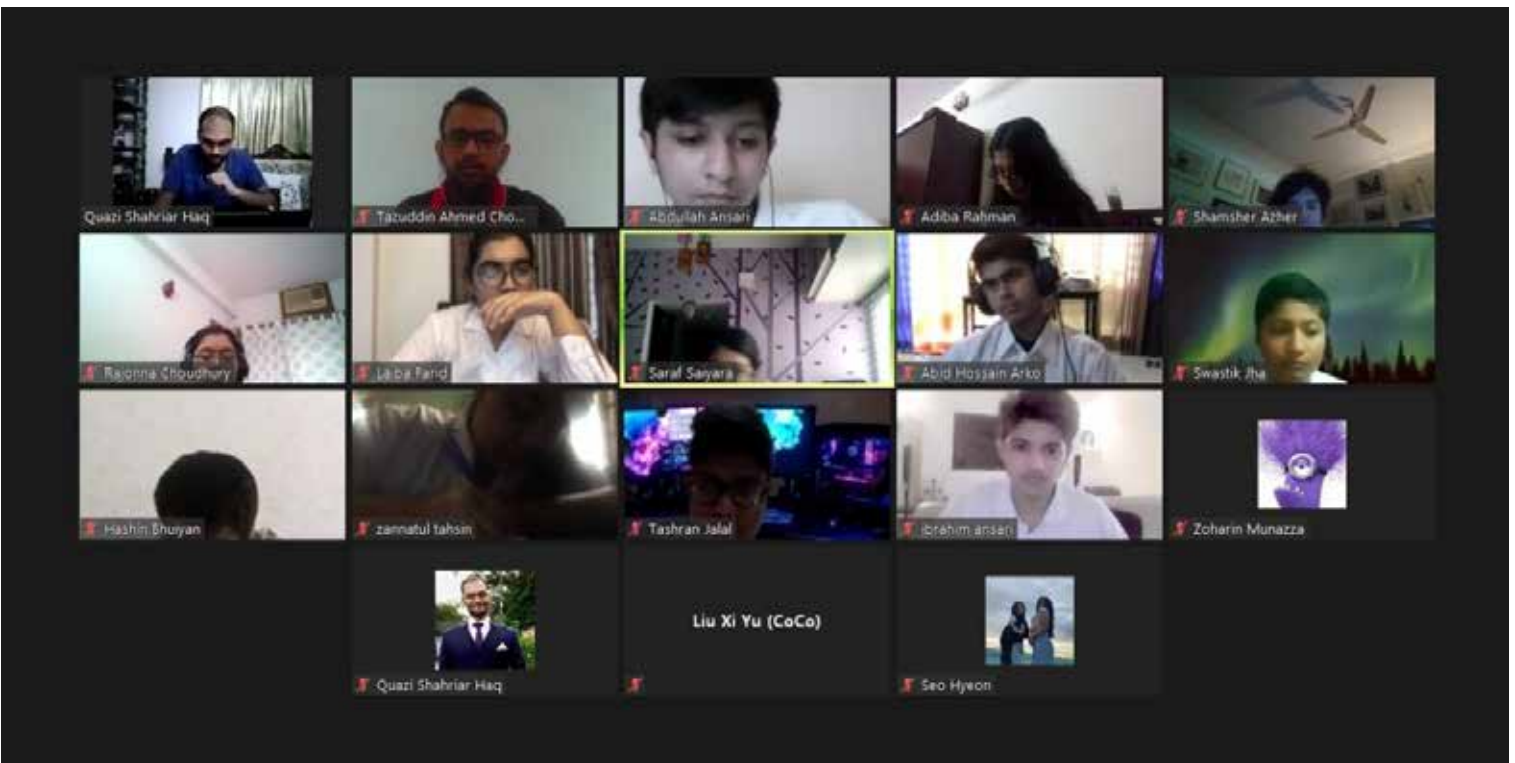
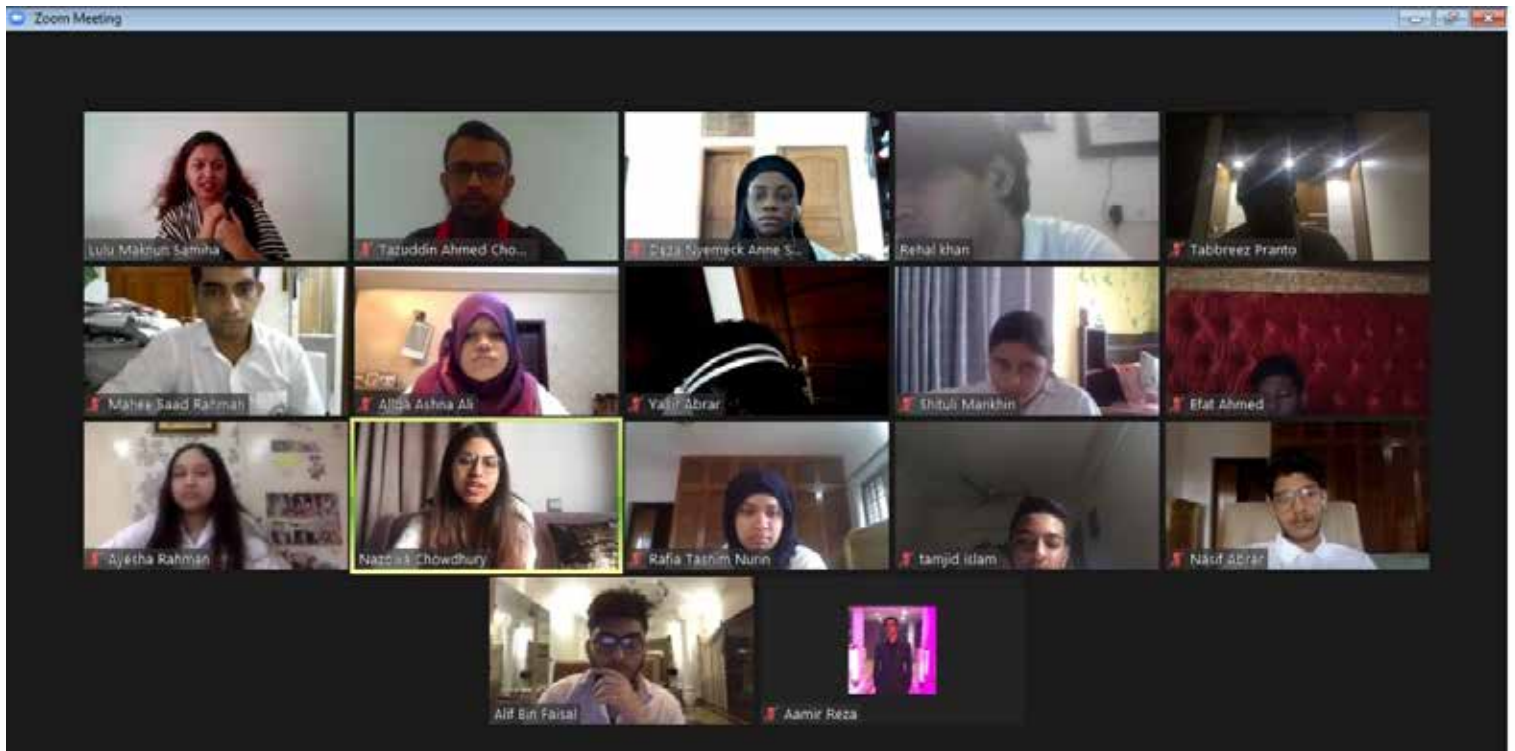


Group photo

Zoom with Parents



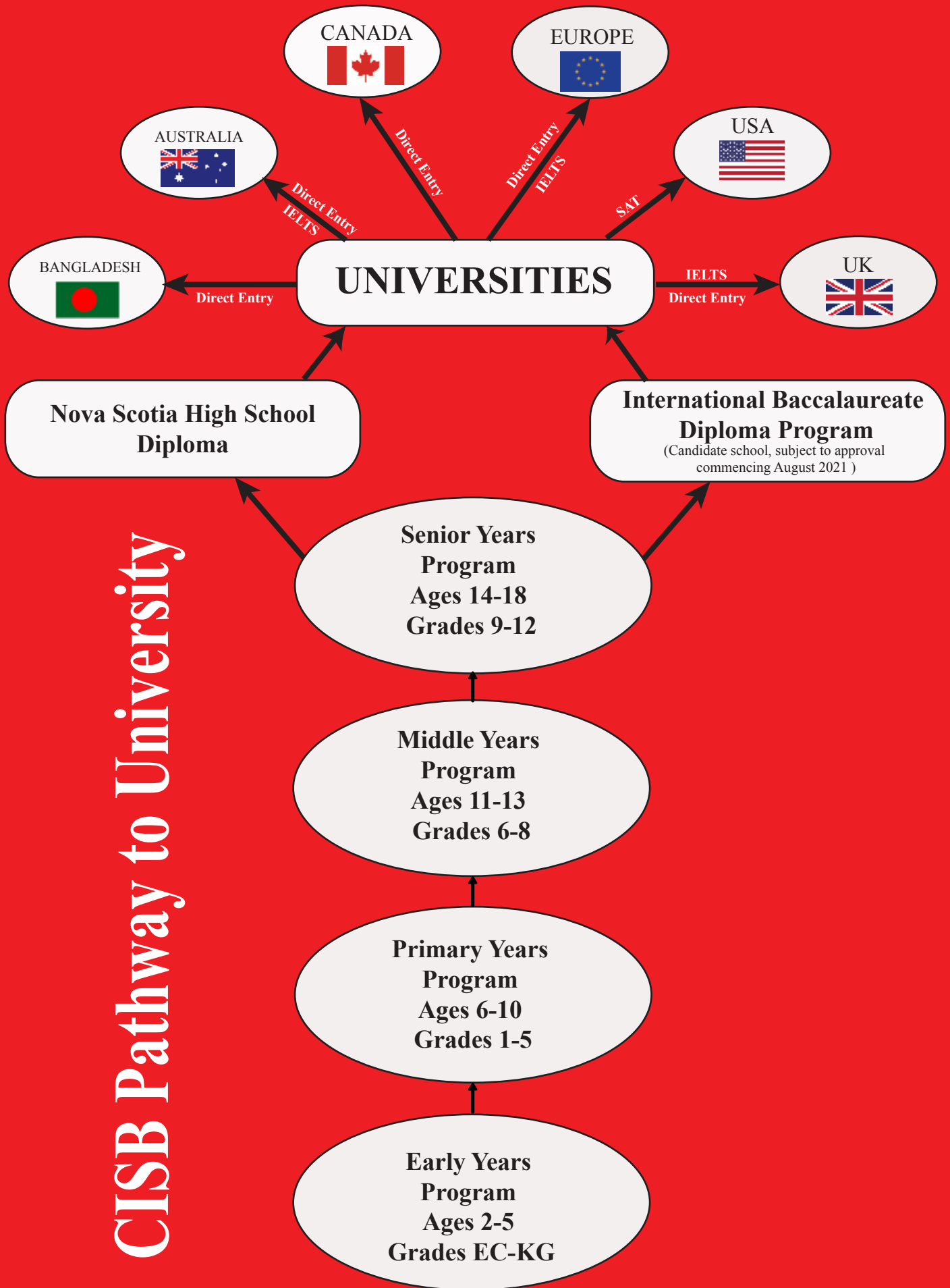
Zoom classes



Professional Development Day



CISB Pathway to University



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