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# Middle Years Programme Community & Service Student Handbook 2014-2015



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## Aims of C&S

#### Community and Service aims to develop students who are...

- Aware of the concept of community and of themselves as members of different communities
- Reflective thinkers on the ways of life, their own strengths and limitations and implications
  of the different activities within their community
- Actively involved in resolving issues within communities
- Willing to respond to the needs of others and accept new challenges and roles.

## **Overview of C&S**

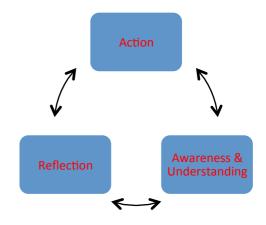
#### Key questions of Community and Service

How do we live in relation to each other?

- How can I contribute to the community?
- How can I help others?

#### Community awareness and understanding

Students must have growing awareness and understanding of the concept of community, the complexities of a community and its different forms.



#### Reflection

This is an essential part of students' experience of the CS. It encourages better awareness of needs as well as the quality of response. It helps students develop positive attitudes and become aware of their own strengths and limitations. This allows the teachers and the school to monitor the quality of community and service at the individual and at the school level.

#### Involvement through service

Students have to consider how they can become positively involved in their communities. They should consider how being an involved member of various communities will benefit them. All involvement in community and service should be seen as benefiting the service provider as well as the recipient.

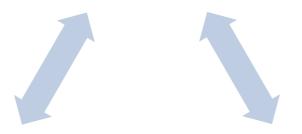
Some of the tools that will be used for the ongoing process of reflection and for formative assessment of student action are:

- summary documents describing the activities and reflecting on their impact
- group discussions
- presentations of projects
- student-led conferences

#### Student learning expectations

# INVOLVEMENT THROUGH SERVICE (ACTION)

Community involvement Being an active contributor .



## **REFLECTION**

Different communities
Attitudes

# AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING

The concept of community

Individuals in communities

# **C&S Expectations of Students**

#### 1. Pre-planning

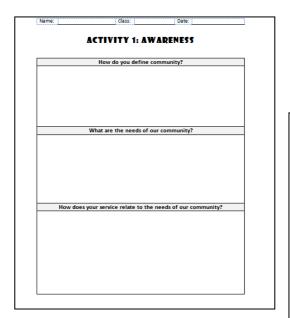
You must self-review at the beginning of your C&S experience and set personal goals for what you hope to achieve through your C&S programme. Choose something that you are interested in or really concerned about. Motivation is your best friend in C&S activities! (Complete questionnaires and forms provided to you on ManageBac.)

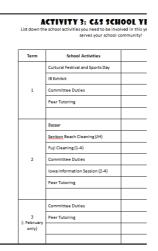
#### 2. Create your C&S Plan

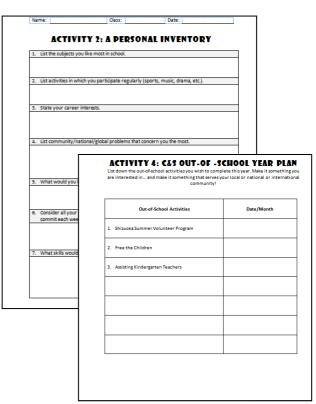
You must take part in a range of activities- in the school community, local community, national community, and in the international community. Don't do something just because your friend is doing it. The point of C&S is to help others and not to be with your friends. Set term goals and don't leave your C&S to the last minute.

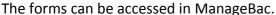
#### 3. Yearly Hour requirements

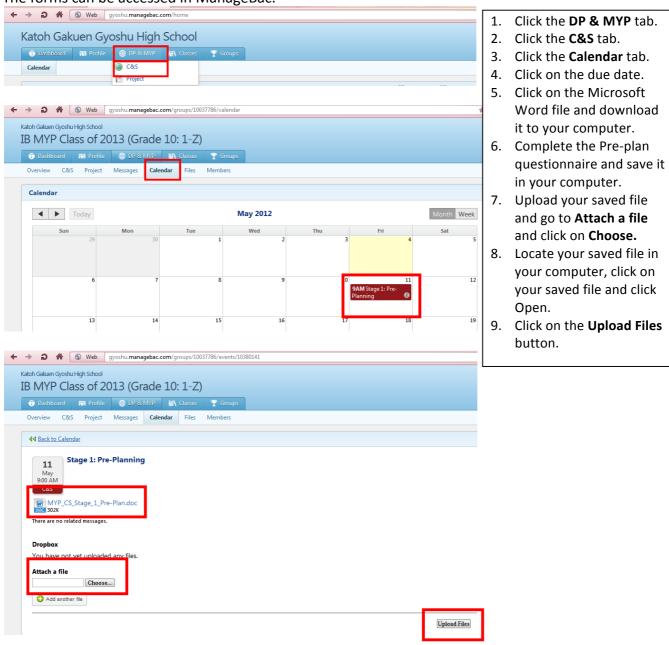
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10 Hours	20 Hours	30 Hours	30 Hours





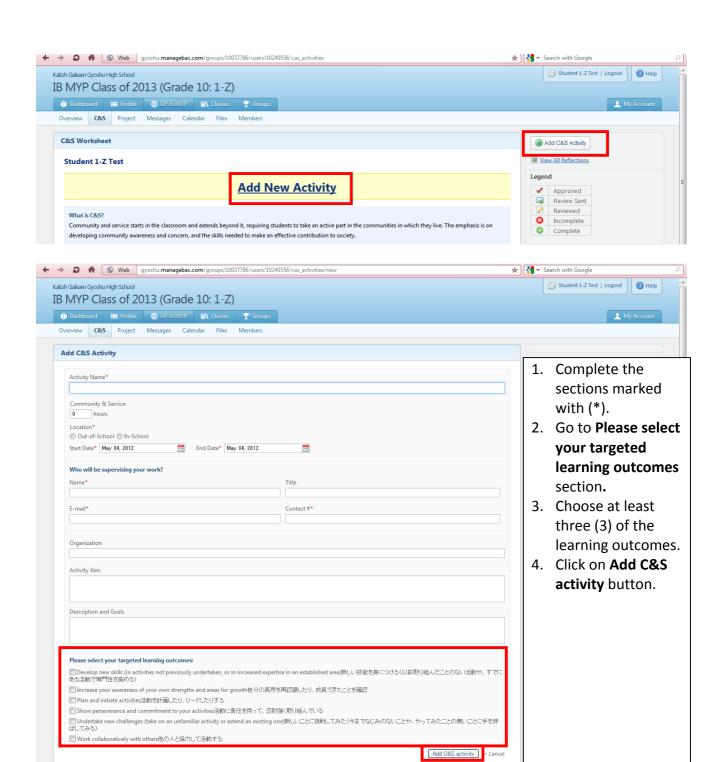






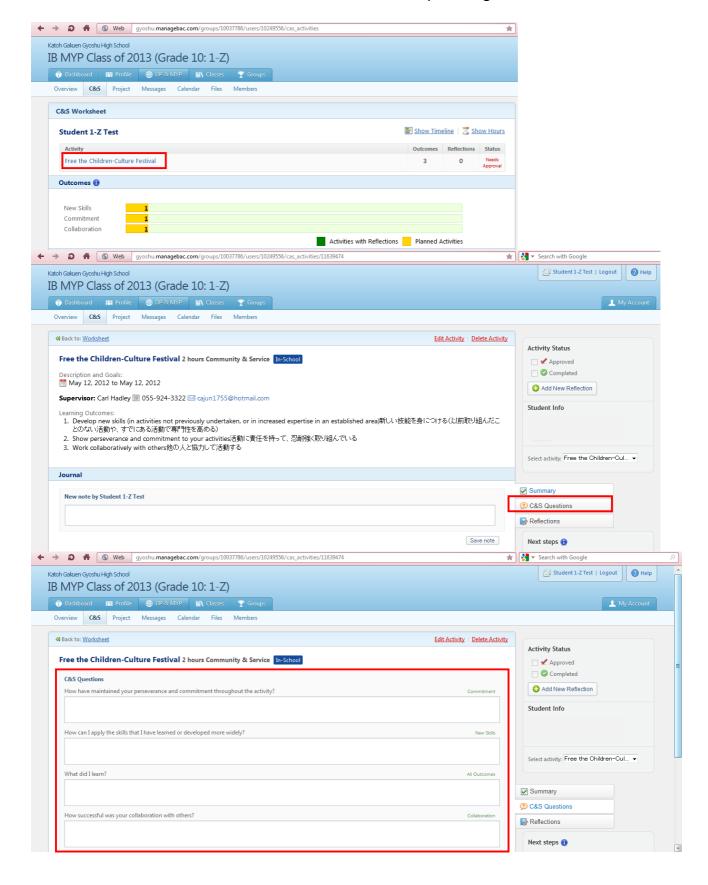
#### 4. Carry out your CS Plan

- You must plan your activities, carry them out, and reflect on what you have learned.
- All activities must be pre-approved by the MYP C&S coordinator before you start an activity.
- If your preferred activity qualifies as a C&S activity, go to **Add New Activity** tab or Add C&S activity in ManageBac and complete the needed details.



#### 5. C&S Questions

- The C&S questions are to help you reflect on your C&S experiences. The questions you need to answer are dependent on your chosen learning outcomes for each of C&S activities.
- Provide a **three- five** sentence answer to each of the question given.



#### 6. Supplying Evidence

You need to provide an evidence of the C&S activity that you have undertaken. These could be ONE of the following:

- Photos of you doing the activity (this should only be done with the consent of the people involved)
- Supervisor's Summary and Assessment Sheet
- Photos of your journals, portfolio, written notes, scrapbooks, signed contracts
- Video of you doing the activity



- 1. Go to Reflections tab.
- 2. Go to **Add** and choose the type of file that you want to show as your evidence.
- 3. Upload your saved file and go to Attach a file and click on Choose.
- 4. Locate your saved file in your computer, click on your saved file and click Open.
- 5. Check the **Outcomes** that you have originally chosen for the activity.
- 6. Click on Add Reflection button.



#### 6. Supplying Evidence

#### **Reflection: Guiding Questions**

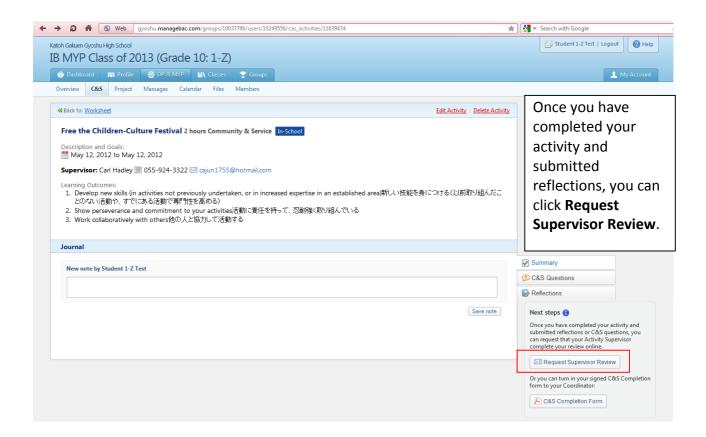
The IB Community and Service program requires you to reflect on their learning. This not only serves as evidence of what you have accomplished, but it also assists you in making sure you are learning as much as you can out of each activity. If you are unsure of what to write about, it is recommended that you answer the questions listed below. They are designed to help you to think critically about your experiences.

\*You should write a minimum of 100 words at the 1-4 level, 150 words at the 2-4 level, 200 words at the 3-4 level and 250 at the 1-Z level in which you reflect on your community and service activity. You should consider the following questions when writing a reflection entry for each activity:

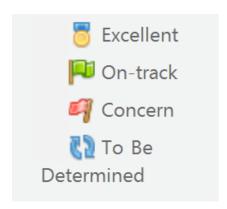
- Summarize what you did in this activity (What did I plan to do? What did I do?)
- What were the most valuable or rewarding aspects of this activity
- What did you find challenging or uncomfortable? Why did it occur?
- What did you learn about the cause (What do you now understand about the area in which you volunteered? What did you learn?)
- How did this experience change or impact your life or the life of others? (What did the activity mean to me and others?)
- What did you learn about yourself in the process? (What are my personal strengths and challenges?)
- Which Learner Profile attribute(s) did you exhibit when working through this activity?
- What connection does the service have to your academic work, career plans and values?
- How can I apply this learning more widely?
- Did you enjoy the activity? Would you do this activity again? Why or why not?
- Would you recommend this community service activity to another student? Why?
- Did your service encourage you to try new things or explore an area of unfamiliarity?
- What impact did you have on your local, regional or global community?
- What were the outcomes of the activity?
- Were the learning outcomes of the activity achieved?

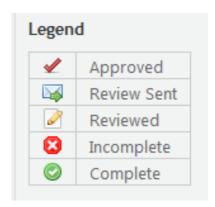
### 7. MYP Community and Service ManageBac Files

- It is **your** sole responsibility to maintain your community and service file on ManageBac.
- You must keep all files or forms updated.
- Your files will be checked by the C&S Coordinator, your homeroom teacher, or the MYP coordinator on a regular basis.



The following symbols are used in ManageBac.





## **C&S** Calendar

DATE	Procedures and Major Deadlines	
April-May 2014	C&S Information Session Study this handbook. See the CS Coordinator to answer your questions about CS.	
May- June 2014	Undertake activities, collect evidence and write reflections: School Activities and Individual Activities	
July 2014	End of Term Progress Check Planning for Summer CS activities	
August 2014	Undertake activities, collect evidence and write reflections: Individual Summer Activities	
September- November 2014	Undertake activities, collect evidence and write reflections: School Activities and Individual Activities	
December 2014	End of Term Progress Check Planning for Winter CS activities Community and Service Fair (Tentative)	
February 2015	Undertake remaining activities, collect evidence and write reflections:  School Activities and Individual Activities	
March 2015	Deadline for all CS related activities, evidence and reflections.	

**Monthly:** Discuss your progress with your group members, Meet with your homeroom teacher or MYP coordinator if necessary, Check that your reflections are up to date, Take photos, videos and keep your records.

## **C&S Sample Activities**

When creating your C&S plan you should choose to involve yourself in activities that have the following characteristics.

- A group activity
- Activities should vary in length and in the amount of commitment required from the students, but none should be trivial.
- · an activity where you learn a new skill
- involvement in international projects (either locally, nationally, or international)
- an activity involving collaboration with others
- one activity that you initiated with guidance with your supervisor

All C&S activities must be pre-approved before you start an activity.

No C&S activity should be trivial. You should be considering activities that require a commitment. However, it is the quality of a C&S activity that is of most importance, not the hours spent on it.

Remember, it is your attitude towards your C&S activities, and the reflections on your learning, which is important.

### **Community and Service Activities at Gyoshu Junior and Senior High School:**

#### 1. In-school Activities:

These activities, which focus on the Area of Interaction Community and Service, are tied to the curriculum and completed in classes with the subject teachers. Development will take place over the course of the year with the Middle Years Programme team. Through these activities students develop community awareness.

School as a Community and Service Organization: A service that is helping the school is considered an individual activity. For example; helping set up for a parent/teachers evening, reading to younger students, and peer tutoring all benefit the school community but must be completed on your own time. Playing on a sports team is not considered a service activity.

## What sample in-school activities qualify as Community Involvement & Service?

- Cultural Festival and Sports Day
- IB Exhibit
- Committee Duties
- Peer Tutoring
- Bazaar
- Senbon Beach Cleaning (JH)
- Fuji Cleaning (1-4)
- Committee Duties
- Iowa Information Session (2-4)
- Contributing to student committees and organizations
- · Assisting other students (special needs, newly arrived or second language students) through tutoring
- Managing school sports teams

#### 2. Individual Activities:

Activities that are chosen by the students based on their interest. These activities are not tied to the curriculum and are completed outside of school hours. Some of the opportunities for the participation in the activities may be arranged by the school. Individual activities must be pre-approved by the Community and Service Grade Representative prior to starting activity.

Acceptable Activities: Almost any community and service work is appropriate. Helping a teacher outside of class time, babysitting for a neighbor for free, sending care packages to those in need, cleaning up the beach, organizing a school event, assisting with an Extra Curricular Activity and volunteering at an organization such as ARK or Free the Children are all great examples of what is acceptable. These services cannot be paid for and should benefit someone outside of the student's immediate family. The organization cannot be a "for-profit" organization

### What sample out of school activities qualify as Community Involvement & Service?

- Supporting and developing links between the school and international organizations such as Amnesty International
- Volunteer work in a nursery or an elementary school
- Organizing activities for younger students in the elementary school
- Making regular visits and providing services to senior citizens living alone
- Supporting and developing links with local groups such as senior citizens' centers