Singapore betters IB results

More candidates here hit perfect score of 45.

ANG YI YING profiles some of the top scorers

The current pass rate: 94.83%

The pass rate was 66.564 of 78.83%

International Baccalaureate 2014 Diploma exam data

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The MULTI-FACETED ARTIST

Lloyd Koh, 18,
School of the Arts
Score: 42

From making documentaries to curating exhibitions to leading students in an overseas service-learning trip and even in search of places such as Bukit Batok for members of the public who are interested to walk the trails, Lloyd’s list of school and extra-curricular activities is as long as his arm. He says: “My family has been very supportive of my academic and artistic endeavours. They have been there constantly helping me, not limiting me for the small things at home, and being behind me in the decisions I make. More importantly, we have a very strong community spirit here in Sota. Everyone’s always ready to offer a helping hand.”

THE PERFECT SCORER

Chun Hsin Yen, 18,
School of the Arts
Score: 45

The dance student’s outstanding performance in her craft earned her the chance to take part in masterclasses and workshops by prominent dance companies and practitioners, such as the Move-ey Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet, T H E Dance Company and Akram Khan. She has consistently ranked within the top 10 per cent of her cohort.

Feeling “perpetually overwhelmed” by the requirements of a student at such a high level, she says: “I decided to approach it as best as I could... I think that trying to get the best of the content (studying) out of the way before starting to focus on my National training helped quite a lot.”

Neighbourhood learning journeys

Though they had been studying in Ang Mo Kio for the past two years, a group of students who scored high in their IB diploma were stunned to find out about a trail they never knew existed.

The Kebun Baru Mall is one of the top features of the “My Town, My Home – Discovering Ang Mo Kio” trail. It is “the first of its kind”. One of the students who decided to work on the trail because it is “the first of its kind” is Hud Syafiq Herman, 18, SJI Senior School.

Kebun Baru Mall is now their favourite spot along the trail because it is “the first of its kind. It’s a rare opportunity to help the community and to help make Ang Mo Kio more vibrant,” he added. The Kebun Baru Mall is now their favourite spot along the trail because it is “the first of its kind.”

PHOTOS: DANIEL NEO, SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, YK CHEONG

IN SCHOOL

THE LEADER

Hadi Syafiq Herman, 18, St Joseph’s Institution Senior School
Score: 43

He was on the executive committee of the student council and was also a founding member of his school’s soccer club. He hopes to read Science in a British university. He says: “What’s important is my experience in the two years, the actual journey as opposed to the destination. The 45 is nice and it will get me into a list of places in the world.”

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IN SCHOOL

THE ALL-ROUNDER

Cheong Su-Yen, 18, St Joseph’s Institution Senior School
Score: 40

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