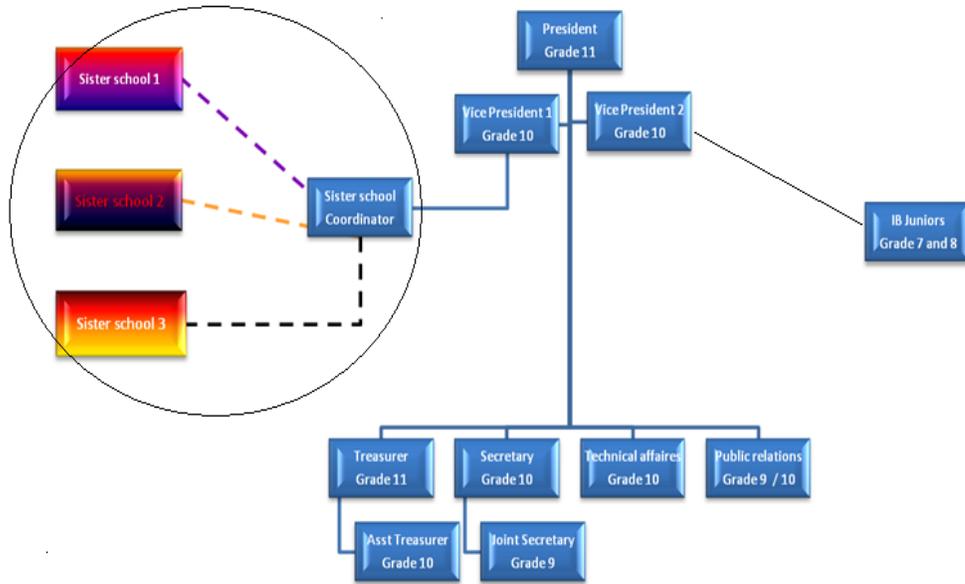


IB Council

The IB Council was formed as a way for students to more fully own, guide, and shapes the implementation of their own IBMYP experience, and to allow them to develop greater responsibility as leaders. The students in the IB council are the only student body to sit on a teacher committee, namely, the IB Steering Committee. Since its inception, this group has significantly grown from 9 students to more than twenty in a short period of time. With each passing day, there continues to be increasing momentum for students to join this committee.



The current Executive members are:

President: Hanna Hyatoola

Vice-President: Najnin Hossein

Secretary: Ikalika Viramuthu

Treasurer: Dalia Shaalan / Sharanha Tharmapala

Public Relations: Ghislain Deyab / Sonia Montesinos

Joint Secretary: Abhisan Uthumucumaran

Sister school Coordinators: Kyeona Vassell / Hanna Hyatoola / Mileny
Zumeta

Technical incharge: Mostafa Shalaby

The IB Council has organized the following activities.

- a. **Literacy program:** *Marymount Reads* is one of the key programs organized by the IB Council. This now yearly tradition is entirely student designed and driven, and is an initiative to promote the love for reading brings an award-winning author to Marymount. This initiative involves profiling the books being read by teachers, which are then displayed as posters outside their classrooms. Further to this all students and staff of the MMA are asked to read a book over the summer and the author is invited to visit the school. The first MMA reads author was Heather Sellers author of “You don’t look like anyone I know”. A writing workshop was held after the presentation.



A student’s book club has been created to choose the author and the book for each year. A member of the IB council is in charge of the book club. The next author invited to our school is Sharon M. Draper.

- b. **World awareness:** Apart from the international exposure that the students will get by formation of a global network of sister schools (please see below), the students are also encourage to look for opportunities locally with organizations present at a Global level, which will give then chance to experience international career opportunities and an understanding of current issues. One such organization with which we have developed close relations is the ACF.
- c. **Leadership:** The IB council gives chance to students who have leader ship skills to hone their skills; this is accomplished by organizing dances fundraises, bake sales, art shows, etc.
During the short time of existence of the Council, we are proud that one of the members has been given the chance to represent Marymount academy at the city level at our Board and another student has been offered a summer job.

Hopefully when the students graduate from MMA, they will have had diverse experience, which will give them an edge to succeed in their further studies and work.