

Senior Zain Ghul sets into IB

Q: What did you do this summer?

A: This summer, I backpacked across Europe with my family. It was the most fun I have ever had and it was really awesome to see all of these new countries. I've recently just had a dinner with my entire family and it was lovely getting to see them and the food was so good.

Q: What clubs are you in?

A: I'm in FBLA, MSA, SNHS, MHS, NHS, NEHS, Arabic Club, BCAA, UNICEF, Model UN and Ted Ed.

Q: What is your favorite IB subject?

A: My favorite class is IB English because I love my classmates and Mrs. Herman is really awesome. The class is easy and the people in it are great. The work isn't that difficult and Mrs. Herman is really understanding.

Q: What skills do you think the IB program has taught you that can help you later in life?

A: The IB program has taught me a lot about time management and organization. These skills are really important to have in life because once you get a job or pursue higher education, it is imperative that you have everything together and are able to meet deadlines.

Q: What is your extended essay topic?

A: My extended essay topic falls under the category of Language and Literature, and I'm writing it about the motifs in "Fahrenheit 451." Originally, I wanted to do global politics, but they ran out of history teachers. I switched to English because it was the second easiest category for me.

Q: How are you preparing for IB exams?

A: I am preparing for my IB exams by reviewing all of the material I learned last year. I'm also working with my teachers to make sure that I understand all the content covered. My friends and I also have study groups.

Q: What colleges are you applying to?

A: I'm applying to VT, UVA, W&M, GMU, JMU, VCU, University of Richmond and UCLA. They're good schools and almost all of them are instate so it's cheaper for my parents.

Q: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

A: In ten years I hope that I am starting my residency after medical school on my way to become a neurosurgeon. I also hope that I'm married by that time, but it's not my main priority.

Q: What advice do you have for future IB candidates?

A: My advice to future candidates would be to manage your time effectively and to keep organized. Make sure you work efficiently during the library days because you can get a lot of the EE done during that time! Also don't be afraid of the diploma because it's not as bad once you start it. Plus the friendships you make with the other candidates are ones you'll

never forget.