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How music can help inquisitive learners

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The effects of a good piece of music and musical training on your overall mood and cognitive development are huge. This could specifically prove to be beneficial for learners whose minds keep wandering off when it's time to finish homework.

Studies show that music can stimulate the release of dopamine, a hormone responsible for instilling a sense of pleasure and reward in the brain, which can directly affect how you feel in a particular situation. Proper and active engagement with music can have long-lasting benefits. As stated by Rentfrow and Levitin in a research paper, music can help with concentration, memory, self-discipline, and confidence. This kind of benefit applies to anyone – from early childhood to old age. So, schools can focus more on arranging music classes or training to improve concentration among their students.



Glenrich International School, in collaboration with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM), is offering music training for its students. This artistic experience is expected to spur several benefits for the learners as this kind of training requires the students to go through long periods of controlled attention, helping the students in the long run to boost their working memory.

Exposure to music classes helps enhance impulse control, which translates to better self-control. People having a high level of self-control experience better outcomes on many fronts in life. These individuals prove to be more resilient in nature and perform better in terms of academic excellence.

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ISU English department unveils theatrical display of “Nakshi Kanthar Math”

The Department of English at International Standard University (ISU) showcased a captivating dramatisation of the timeless literary masterpiece, “Nakshi Kanthar Math”, penned by the esteemed poet Jasimuddin. The performance took place at the university's auditorium on December 31, 2023.

The event marked a significant milestone for the ISU Drama Club, as a dynamic and dedicated ad hoc committee was inaugurated following the successful



production. ISU VC Prof. Dr Abdul Awal Khan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr Md. Taher Billal Khalifa, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, and ISU Registrar Mohammad Faizullah Kawshik were also present as Special Guests.

Under the guidance of English department Chairperson Dr Mohammad Abu Nayeem, the programme unfolded seamlessly. Md. Shahrear Talukder, Assistant Professor, Department of English, took the stage to introduce the newly formed committee to the audience.

Prof. Dr Abdul Awal commended the students for their dedication and emphasised the importance of fostering a vibrant cultural and artistic community within the university. The special guests also lauded the efforts of the Department of English in promoting literary and theatrical excellence. Shahanaj Parvin, Lecturer, Department of English and Coordinator, ISU Drama Club, extended gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the event.

Ten non-engineering faculties complete basic Python training

Ten faculty members of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) from non-engineering backgrounds have successfully completed the first ever computer programming training workshop for faculty members organised as part of the university's unique “Coding for All” initiative.

On December 21, 2023, at the Center for Cognitive Skill Enhancement (CCSE) laboratory on campus, Vice Chancellor Tanweer Hasan, PhD, the proponent of the “Coding for All” initiative aimed at bolstering students' digital readiness, presented certificates to faculty members. Joining him were Prof. Meherun Ahmed, PhD, Dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, and Prof. Mamun Bin



Ibne Reaz, PhD, Dean of the School of Engineering, Technology and Sciences.

Titled “Automate your day with Python,” the workshop spanned four weeks, concluding on December 7, 2023. It was designed to provide practical skills in Python programming, aimed at enhancing the digital capabilities of the faculty.

The programme focused on automating everyday tasks, such as sending personalised mass emails, organising files, and handling data in Excel spreadsheets.

VC Tanweer Hasan said, “At IUB, we have a unique approach where every student, regardless of their field of study, is required to develop computer and coding skills. This strategy ensures that our students are adequately equipped to thrive in their careers in this age of rapid digital communication and connectivity, particularly considering the 4th Industrial Revolution. This directive is not just a key strategic goal for us; it also distinguishes IUB in the academic landscape of Bangladesh.”

Universal College Bangladesh honours HSC 2023 high achievers

Recognising the relentless efforts of this year's HSC candidates with excellent board results, Universal College Bangladesh (UCB) organised “HSC 2023 High Achievers Award Ceremony”. The event felicitated the bright students scoring GPA 5.0 with certificates of appreciation and medals. Prof. Hew Gill, President and Provost, and Amit Prasad, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of UCB cordially met and greeted the awardees, their parents, and other guests.

A total of 118 meritorious students received the award and certification at the event. The event provided them a golden opportunity to obtain career



guidance from dignitaries. They also received valuable insights regarding various initiatives of UCB. A leading global certification on presentation skills was also made available to these students free of charge.

Prof. Gill said, “Such a magnificent

score is the result of nothing but hard work, and I congratulate all the students for this amazing feat. But there is still a long way to go. Having said that, if you are aiming to study at the London School of Economics & Political Science, our one-year program in Certificate of Higher

Education in Social Sciences (CHESS) can be a great option, ensuring a direct entry into all the University of London degrees offered by Universal College Bangladesh. The ones willing to study at Monash University, Malaysia, or Australia can also look at our Monash College programmes.”

Amit Prasad, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Universal College Bangladesh (UCB) congratulated the bright students and announced a special scholarship of 40 percent on UCB tuition fees, for all HSC passed students with GPA 5. He also announced availability of other financial scholarships for HSC students on the basis of academic performance.