



**Marilynne Sinclair** is a well-known IB educator with 25 years of IB experience. She leads TOK workshops across North America and runs on-line TOK courses for worldwide participants. She is a Senior Examiner and an IB consultant for applicant schools. As well, Marilynne is the IB Coordinator and a TOK teacher at Ashbury College in Ottawa. She is fascinated with the way TOK makes learning accessible to a broad range of learners, offers them a critical interface with the world, and builds bridges for them to their academic courses. When she is not extolling the virtues of TOK and the IB, Marilynne likes to ski and sail in the Adirondacks.



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**Bryan Mac Kinnon** is the CAS Coordinator at Ashbury College. With experience teaching, coaching, travelling and living abroad, Mr. Mac Kinnon appreciates the value of international community. With a background in experiential education, he enjoys helping youth learn through experience and reflection. He is a skilled facilitator, who strives to empower others to push their comfort zones to find personal growth. When not on campus, you can find Mr. Mac Kinnon escaping to new adventures, or coaching in the community.



**Lisa Lewicki** is a passionate teacher of Humanities and Global Politics with 25 years of experience in international education. She is currently the Head of Social Studies at Ashbury College in Ottawa, Ontario, and teaches IB Global Politics, IB Peace and Conflict Studies, Civics and World Issues. She is a bilingual educator and a strong advocate for immersion programmes. Lisa is an IB Examiner and was part of the IB curriculum review team in The Hague for the development of the Global Politics course. Before teaching at Ashbury, Lisa worked at the International School of Brussels, Belgium and has spent summers teaching in Poland and Romania. She is an avid traveler with a keen interest in international development.



**Beverly Plitnikas** has been coordinating the IB Extended Essay workshop and supervising student essays at Ashbury College for four years. She is the Head Teacher Librarian at the school and works with both Junior and Senior school students, particularly in the areas of research and information literacy. The Extended Essay presents a unique and valuable opportunity for students to engage in in-depth research on a topic of their own choice. They develop their research and organization skills, practice investigative and critical thinking, and hone academic writing skills. Beverly loves travel, adventure, and learning about new places and people.



**Derek Taylor** is an enthusiastic and committed mathematics educator with over 25 years' experience in the classroom. He has been teaching IB mathematics for the last 15 years, preparing his students for success at the Mathematical Studies, Standard and Higher Levels. After receiving his teaching degree from Cambridge University, he taught for 6 years in the United Kingdom, before moving to Canada to continue his career at Ashbury College, where he holds the position of Senior Housemaster. Derek has coached a variety of competitive sports, including soccer, ultimate, volleyball and cross-country, and keeps active by running, and playing volleyball, tennis and golf.



**Haley Palmer** is a senior school mathematics teacher at Ashbury College, focusing her efforts on teaching Calculus, Principles of Mathematics, Functions, and Pre-IB math programming. Haley's creative and enthusiastic approach in the classroom help to foster an inquiry based learning environment. Haley completed her Bachelor of Science degree at Memorial University, with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Economics. After completing her Secondary Education degree at Memorial University, Haley went on to complete a Masters of Professional Education at Western University, focusing on effective questioning in the mathematics classroom. Haley is often found rowing on the Ottawa river, or on the rugby pitch, coaching the Varsity Girls Rugby program at Ashbury. She is interested in travel and international relations, and organizes the Model United Nations program.