



## **Ways to support your child as an IB PYP parent**

Wrapping up the 5 strategies for parents to support their PYP child, we'll look at 3 more strategies:

### **SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S AGENCY**

- Invite and involve their voice: let them express themselves
- Support their choices: "What choice are you making for yourself as a learner?"
- Emphasize ownership: "You're in the driver's seat."

### **PRIORITISE REFLECTION**

Get them thinking about their thinking

- *"How do you know?"*
- *"What makes you think that?"*
- *"Is there another way that you could do that?"*
- *"What did you find easy or challenging? Why?"*

### **GIVE FEEDBACK BEYOND THE MOMENT**

Teach the learner, not the learning

- Move from asking *"How are your doing?"* to *"Where to next?"*
- Give Specific feedback on the process
  - *"I like how you did..."*
  - *"What might you try doing next?"*

Our goal at Mark Twain is for students to be able to *do, know and understand* – which means we teach skills and content with the goal of *conceptual understanding* for true learning to take place.

Thank you! Kathleen Blakeslee, IB & GT coordinator

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