



“Whether you think you can, or you think you can't – you are right.” Henry Ford

My teacher once told me, “Only those who are willing to swim deeper in the ocean will find the treasure that lies beneath.” So if you are reading this before starting the **IB**, during a sleepless week in Terminale or even days before handing in your Extended Essay( regretting not having started it earlier) all I would want you to remember is that no one told you it was going to be easy! In fact, the **IB** is known to be one of the most difficult high school programs in the world! You know that - you even boast about it to all your non-**IB** friends! ;) Let me repeat, the **IB** is difficult however, it is **NOT** impossible! We have all been there and done that. So if you find yourself regretting having taken the **IB** at the middle of the night while completing your maths portfolios (and believe me, you will) or after receiving a horrible grade on a horrible test, just know that the **IB** provides you with many opportunities!

Everyday is a new beginning and it's up to you to make the most of it! Remember that it is never too late and that miracles can happen (sorry, your Internal Assessments unfortunately do not classify as miracles)! Lastly, don't forget to have fun along the way and to quote Hannah Montana (yes, because that's how I roll), “it is all about the climb!” And oh yes, may the force be with you!