**MENTOR & MENTEE SHARING AND DISCUSSION DAY**

1. Who do you think you are? & How do you know it? (OR Who am I? Why am I Here? What do I like to do and how am I going to use that in the future? What is my destiny and mission?)
2. What is your relationship with/to failure? Why shouldn’t it scare (but instead motivate) you?
3. What was the most useful course you’ve taken?
4. What was the most impactful (for you or others) volunteer experience you’ve done?
5. What are the top 3 things (or unquantifiable attributes) you need to have a good life?
6. Which of these SHOULD be the primary motivation in your career/life: to be of use/useful; - to make money; - to achieve happiness
7. What rites of passage do you feel you have gone through so far in life (were they via church, family, Boy Scouts, etc)?
8. Alvin Toffler points out that “The illiterate of the twenty-first century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.” To what extent do you agree/disagree
9. What do you feel to be the biggest challenge your generation will face in regards to making headway in the world?
10. Do you believe: do what you truly love and the money will follow?
11. Will you be a lifelong learner?
12. Does IB allow for (or not) a break in the existing class structure (or are we only teaching rich parents’ kids who will only later become rich too?) OR “Education should foster economic mobility”. What hopes do you have in IB’s ability to alter the trajectory of your life (perhaps compared to your parents, etc)
13. Can a life be determined by a single act?
14. Does your life actually have to serve a social good or push civilization forward?
15. Which perception of work do you think you will or should have: as a job (“I view my job as just a necessity of life, much like breathing or sleeping”), as a career (“I view my job primarily as a stepping stone to other jobs”) , as a calling (“My work is one of the most important things in my life”)?
16. Youth is wasted on the young” – GB Shaw . What do you think he meant? Do you agree?
17. I must be willing to give up what I am in order to become what I will be – Einstein. Do you agree? Must this be a painful struggle or cathartic release?
18. "When you grow up you tend to get told that the world is the way it is and your life is just to live your life inside the world. Try not to bash into the walls too much, try to have a nice family life, have fun, save a little money. That's a very limited life. Life can be much broader once you discover one simple fact, and that is that everything around you that you call life was made up by people no smarter than you. And you can change it, you can influence it. You can build your own things that other people can use. Once you learn that, you will never be the same again." -Steve Jobs Have you found truth in this statement so far in your life experience?
19. In theory or in practice: Is it better to throw stones at the building/system from the outside OR get inside the building and work to create change from within (come up with scenarios/case studies you apply your position to)
20. “I’d rather want everything and have nothing than have everything and want nothing.” Thoughts? Do you agree?
21. Is being elitist something you have to apologize for? How important is empathy towards things you don’t understand?
22. When have you felt yourself most transformed/liberated by an act/task/deed
23. What is your favorite undervalued or underexplored career field (like urban design, ethnobiology, street artist, union organizer for garbage pickers, etc)
24. Discuss the characteristics of a teacher with whom you could relate.
25. If you could spend time on only things you like to do, what would those things be?
26. What are some of things in your life that frustrate you right now?
27. How do I cram more of life’s living into the time I have?