What’s happening in MYP classrooms?

Year 8 Religious Education

Inquiry Question: Why is Mary called the first disciple?

In recent weeks in Middle School Religious Education, our inquiring and industrious Year 8s have studied units on Mary the Mother of God, as well as Mary Ward. We have pursued research, interpretation and reflection on the profound impact of these extraordinary and influential women from very different times and places in history.

The unit on Mary the Mother of God centred on the concept of Mary as the first disciple. For the summative assessment task, the girls were asked to represent Mary at three important times in her life reflecting features of her discipleship.

This task was an opportunity for students to show their understanding in their own most preferred learning style (or to really challenge themselves and select a very different learning style), whether this be in a painting, an empathetic journal, a piece of sculpture, a poem, a song, technological or other mode. The girls really showed their heartfelt and spiritual connection, as well as their academic insight in their study of Mary through the work produced. They certainly deserve congratulations for their enormous effort, creativity and talent. Some standout pieces included Edith Chow’s poignantly interpreted and delicately rendered water colour triptych and Lauren Miller’s painstaking quilting of historic images of Mary in art, using a variety rustically coloured fabrics.