The Learning Smart Team consists of highly qualified professionals in the fields of psychology and pedagogy. All of them have different skills, all use the Learning Smart Concept as a core in their sessions, providing all necessary factors for successful learning.

**Ioana Anghel- Pirich**

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**Academic Performance Strategist**

**Director & Founder ​IB Learning Smart After-school**

Ioana Anghel, who is one of our dedicated IB coaches, is a highly experienced academic performance strategist. Beside her specific interest and focus in coaching IB students in History, Psychology and TOK, she is a Learning Techniques and Lateral Thinking scholar and hence a great fit for all types of students but also those with procrastination and focusing challenges or students who sometimes simply feel ‘overwhelmed’ and too stressed.

Ioana carries a Bachelor in Psychotherapy and is currently completing her master’s degree in Psychotherapy at the Sigmund Freud University, Vienna. She specializes in the areas of Systemic Therapy and Child & Youth Psychotherapy.

Ioana is passionate about working with teenagers and her main interest lies in unleashing students’ creativity, independent thinking, and self-confidence. She knows how important a good relationship is when working with students and she helps students trust and believe in themselves whilst learning how to work ‘in-depth’ and take full ownership of their work.

*„I teach IB Psychology and History, assistance for Internal Assessment (IA) and Extended Essay IB (EE) I m doing case management on each of my students. That means that, besides the rigorous academic guidance, I help the****students****and their families with****emotional complex situations****that might appear in this stressful period. I apply psychological techniques designed to****increase performance and decrease the anxiety level****created by any upcoming exam. As a Sigmund Freud University Graduate, Psychotherapist under supervision, so I fully understand the neurological basis of****cognition and learning process****. Also, I can successfully teach my students to****perform in stressful situations****and raise their****motivation****during learning.*

*"Lateral thinking" specialization made in London, 2017, that qualifies me as a****specialist in Critical and Lateral Thinking,****which are very important skills to acquire during the****IB preparation****. Combined with my psychology background, this qualification gave me the ability to****enable students to set their own goals****, especially in learning, and also to gain****the ability to pursue those goal****s.****My teaching is logical and practical****and is based on****accompanying you****to successfully navigate through difficult and****frustrating topics.****While working on your material, we will also learn time management and techniques to****overcome procrastination****.*

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*In the past four years, I successfully guided students starting with the 11th grade until their final exams. Besides my main topics Psychology and History, I guided my students through the IB syllabus and latest official requirements, including the structuring and execution of the Internal Assessments (AI), Extended Essay (EE). I keep myself up****to date with the IB news****, so that both parents and students are released from the burden of navigating alone through this complex system. I tell you everything you need to know, in due time. My own academic route and my experience with working with IB students taught me that it’s essential to keep a healthy balance between all aspects of life. That is easier said than done, usually, both families and the student are****challenged and often overwhelmed****. My overall expertise and experience allow me to have an important contribution to****overcoming these moments****. Additionally, I teach as Assistant in Sigmund Freud University the following courses: Academic Writing, Psychosocial Care, Research Techniques.“*

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*Looking forward to meeting you,*

*Ioana Anghel-Pirich*