

Year 12 & 13: International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Most students in Years 12 and 13 study for the full International Baccalaureate Diploma. This is a very rigorous programme that prepares students for entry into Universities and Colleges around the world. Students choose 6 subjects, one from each group as well as completing the core elements

Subject groups

Group 1 and 2 – First and Second Languages

- English
- Chinese
- Korean
- Spanish
- German

Group 3 – Individuals and Society

- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Business

Group 4 – Experimental Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Design Technology
- Computer Science

Group 5 – Mathematics

- Mathematics
- Mathematical Studies

Group 6 – Electives

- Music
- Visual Arts
- Theatre

As an alternative to taking a Group 6 subject, students can choose a second Group 3 or 4 subject in its place.

Core Elements

Theory of Knowledge

TOK is a student-centred philosophy based course that provides the opportunity for students to ask questions like:

- How do we know things?
- What biases my knowledge of the world?
- How is knowledge different in the different IB subjects?

Extended Essay

Through the Extended Essay students learn the essential skills of writing an academic essay. A teacher-supervisor supports them as they complete a 4000-word essay. Students select their subject and write their own essay question for the Extended Essay.

Creativity, Action and Service

Throughout Year 12 and 13 students organize and participate in a range of activities that are Creative, Active and Service orientated. CAS provides the opportunity to learn new things, keep fit and give back to the community.

IB Diploma courses are assessed by a range of internal assessment tasks, as well as formal examinations at the end of Year 13. If a student chooses not to undertake the full IB Diploma then they have the option of completing either individual IB Certificate Courses or focusing on the DCSZ High School Diploma programme.

(I)GCSE EXAMINATIONS

Students in Year 10 and 11 are working towards their (I)GCSE examinations. Students take core subjects and then choose up to four other Option subjects, to include both a language and a humanities subject.

Core Subjects

- English First Language and Literature
- English as a Second Language
- Mathematics (plus Additional Mathematics for some students)
- Science (Double or Triple Award)

Options

- First Languages: Mandarin Chinese, Korean, German
- Foreign Languages: Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, German
- Geography
- History
- Economics
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Physical Education
- Music
- Art and Design
- Design and Technology (Resistant Materials)

Some (I)GCSE subjects have coursework or controlled assessments that count towards the final grade. Some are based entirely on final examination in Year 11.

As part of a balanced curriculum Year 10 and 11 students also follow these **Non-examined subjects**

- PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)
- Global Perspectives
- Physical Education