

Grade 9/IGCSE year 1 Option Choices 2019-2020

Please read this information BEFORE selecting the courses on the reverse of this sheet.

In Grade 9 we offer two programmes: the High School Diploma Programme and the International General Certificate of Education (IGCSE):

- The students opting for Grade 9 will progress to Grade 10, after which they will decide whether to stay with the High School Diploma Programme to graduate with an academic diploma at the end of Grade 12 or to follow the IB Diploma or Career Related programme. If they choose the High School Diploma Programme they will have the possibility of taking some Advanced Placement (AP) exams in Grades 11 and/or Grade 12. Alternatively, if they have the appropriate academic background they may select the IB Diploma Programme which means they will also be eligible for a High School Academic Diploma. Students may make course changes on entering Grade 10.
- The students opting for IGCSE will take the first year of a 2-year programme leading to an external examination, provided by Cambridge Assessment, at the end of Grade 10. IGCSEs are useful only to students intending to apply to UK universities, and are not recognised by other colleges/universities unless former UK colonies. Also IGCSEs are only useful if good grades are obtained, so students who would like to take IGCSEs should have a good GPA and a good command of English (students in B1 English will find the courses very demanding). Once courses have been selected students are locked into a 2-year programme and no course changes are possible in Grade 10.

Grade 9 and IGCSE year 1 students are taught together for all courses except English and Math, but in Grade 10 the students will be separated.

Please indicate below the programme you wish your child to follow:

High School Diploma Programme

IGCSE Programme (2-year programme)

Notes:

- Students must choose a minimum of:
 - 1 Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
 - 1 Social studies (History, Geography, Economics or Sociology)
- Foreign languages require a minimum of one year's prior study.
- A minimum number of five students will be necessary for a class to be offered.

Students must select **one course from each of the options/electives** on the reverse side of this sheet. The **same subject must not be selected more than once.**

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO YOUR ADVISOR BY FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Grade 9/IG1

Student's Family name (print) First name

Please read the instructions on the reverse side of the sheet before completing your choices on the form below

Please circle your preferred choice – one per choice/block

Mandatory subjects

Block <i>(admin only)</i>	High School courses	IGCSE Courses	Notes
1	English	English ¹	¹ Suitable only for students at B2 level of English or above
2	Math	Math	
4	French ²	French	² Students taking B1 English have extra English during the Grade 9 French classes. B1 English students may do French with Grade 10 in block 6.

Options/Electives

Choice	Block <i>(admin only)</i>	Courses	Notes
1	3	German ³ Spanish ³ Italian ³ Sociology Art Geography Biology	³ Students must have studied the language for the minimum of 2 years.
2	5	History IGCSE Physical Education ⁵ Biology Art Chemistry	⁵ This is an academic course with 50% practical & 50% theory and is open to non-IGCSE students.
3	6	Physics Biology IGCSE Computer Science ⁸ Geography <i>(French with Grade 10)</i> ⁶	⁶ This French is only for students in B1 English (see above)
4	7	Sociology Biology Art Economics Drama	⁷ Students must be enthusiastic about Music. ⁸ Open to non-IGCSE students
5	8	Economics History Physics Chemistry Music ⁷	

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