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# IGCSE Options Evening 2019



Supporting Informed Choices

# Supporting the Process



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# A Journey to Independence



<b>Key Stage 3</b>	Years 7-9, age 11-14
	Only choice is language
<b>Key Stage 4</b>	Years 10-11, age 14-16
	4 options choices
<b>Sixth Form</b>	Year 12-13, age 16-18
	Choice in 6 areas
<b>University</b>	Age 18+
	Unlimited choice...



# You are not the first!

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## **Support:**

Guidance to make the best choices

High Quality Teaching and Resourcing

Curriculum built around student needs

## **Outcomes:**

Academic outcomes that provide opportunities

The skills and dispositions to thrive at university & beyond



The next step: IGCSE

Looking further ahead: IB/University

Timeline

Open floor with Subject Leaders



# The Next Step: IGCSE



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A pathway and preparation for IB

A structured, internationally recognised curriculum

Externally examined



Cambridge Assessment  
International Education

# IGCSE Outline



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2 years: August 2020 to June 2022

Assessment:

Examination

Coursework

Practical assessment



Cambridge Assessment  
International Education

# The Compulsory Core



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**English Language** (1st or 2nd Language)

IGCSE

**English Literature**

IGCSE

**Mathematics** AND

IGCSE

Additional Mathematics (for selected students)

**Co-ordinated Science**

2 x IGCSEs

OR

**Separate Sciences**

3 x IGCSEs

***Physical Education***

*Not IGCSE*

***Wellbeing***

***Vietnamese*** for Vietnamese nationals, instead of one Option subject



# The Options



Art & Design

Chinese (Second  
Language)

History

Design &  
Technology

Spanish (Foreign  
Language)

Geography

Music

French (Foreign  
Language)

Separate Sciences

Drama

ICT

Economics

PE

Computer Science

Business Studies

# Thinking Ahead



# The IB Learner Profile



# Securing a Pathway to IB



## Choosing IGCSE Subjects

Core subjects cater for:

Group 1 – Literature

Group 4 – Sciences

Group 5 – Mathematics

Options provide a route for

Group 2 – Language acquisition

Group 3 – Individuals & Societies/Humanities

Group 6 – Arts & Electives



Performance in Y10 and 11 can influence IB subject choices

Many IB courses have minimum entry requirements

Particular careers will need to achieve and maintain high performance in related subjects

Co-Curricular profile

# The Process and Timelines



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## **Wednesday 18th September: Options Information Evening**

Course outlines, information on subject choices

## **Monday 23rd September**

Emails sent to all students with login details to submit electronically  
Options First Thoughts

## **Friday 4th October**

Deadline for submission of First Thoughts

## **Friday 15th November**

Final options submitted

## **March 2020**

Final Option Confirmation

# Email contacts

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