

Course Planning

December 2023



Course Planning Process

- Initial University Counselling meetings (Dec - Jan)
- Parent & Student Workshop (**Dec 14 5-6:30pm** in 0120)
- [Programme of Study](#) (now available)
- Student Intro Session (Today / Next Monday)
- Course Fair & Taster Lessons (January)
- Advisor Discussions (Initial discussions with G11 on **Dec. 6**)
- Course Selection Meetings (late-January until March) with SS Admin, your University Counsellor, and EP Coordinator (when applicable)
- Course Selection Form Due Date: **March 14th**



Pathways to Graduation

IB Diploma

Achieve 2 Qualifications

- IB Diploma
- BC Dogwood

Must take same subjects for two years



Enriched Pathways

Achieve 2 Qualifications

- IB Individual Subject Course Certificates
- BC Dogwood

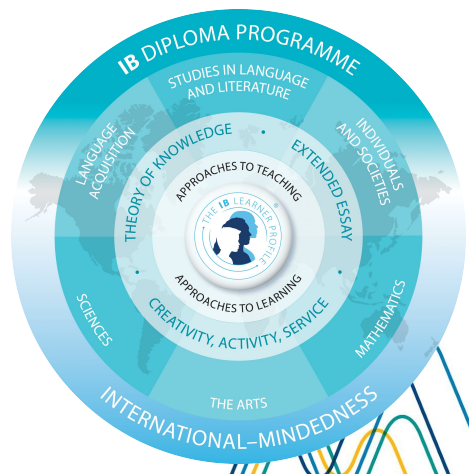
Personalisation of programme and subject choices.

External Providers



IB Diploma Requirements

- Total 6 subjects (each subject taken for 2 years)
 - 3 at Higher Level
 - 3 at Standard Level
- Theory of Knowledge
- Extended Essay
- CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service)
- Character Education



Enriched Pathways Requirements

- **Minimum 5 subject per year:**
 - IB Courses: Standard Level or Higher Level
 - IB Credit (2 year final exam)
 - Provincial Courses through online providers
 - Non-IB credit subjects could be different from G11-G12
- **Theory of Knowledge** (G11 mandatory, G12 optional)
- **Extended Essay** (IB Credit / Provincial Credit)
- **CAS** (Creativity, Activity, Service)
- **Character Education / Careers Life Connections**



Guiding Principles for Course Selection

- Appropriate challenge not unnecessary stress
- Play to your strengths
- Focus on the holistic experience, not strategics
- Student interest
- Teacher guidance
- Math & Languages - teacher directed
- University requirements
- **Important:** Mulgrave philosophy of holistic education encouraging students to take courses in all subject areas (with some exceptions).



Importance of the Arts

- **Every student needs to take an Art**
(exception: university courses that **require** two sciences)
- Universities encourage and favour a liberal arts approach
- Art is an universal language that enhances communication, creative thinking, risk-taking, collaboration, confidence and mental health
- Skills-based courses (rather than knowledge based)



Available Courses for Grade 11 & 12

English A Lit HL/SL
English A Lang & Lit HL/SL

Economics HL / SL
Geography HL / SL
History HL / SL
Philosophy HL / SL
[Pamoja Online Individuals & Societies Courses](#)* HL / SL

Math Analysis HL / SL
Math Applications SL

* Business Management, Digital Society & Psychology does not meet BC Ministry graduation requirements and needs students to take a Socials 11/12 outside of the timetable in order to graduate.

Chinese A Lang & Lit HL / SL
Mandarin B HL / SL
French B HL / SL
Spanish Ab Initio SL
School Supported Self-Taught A Lit SL

Biology HL / SL
Chemistry HL / SL
Physics HL / SL
[Environmental Systems & Societies](#) HL / SL

Film HL / SL
Music HL / SL
Theatre HL / SL
Visual Arts HL / SL

What should you consider?

Internal reflection and personal choice:

- What do I love?
- What am I good at?
- How is the subject assessed?
- What are some of the key skills I will need to be successful in this subject?



What should I explore?

External research and input:

- What units/topics are covered in the subject at different levels?
- Which IB level is best for me?
- What do my teachers think?
- How will this affect my university choices?

