

Grade 9 / IGCSE YEAR 1

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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.

Notes:

- Students must choose a minimum of:
 - 1 Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
 - 1 Social studies (History, Geography, Economics or Sociology)
- Foreign languages (other than French) require a minimum of one year's prior study.
- A minimum number of five students will be necessary for a class to be offered.
- CDL confirms students meet our diploma requirement but students/families must confirm any national or state university requirements.

Students must select one course from each of the options/electives. The same subject must not be selected more than once.



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Mandatory subjects

	High School courses	Notes
	English	
	Math	
	French ¹	¹ 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

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



Grade IG1

Mandatory subjects

	IGCSE Courses	Notes
7	English ¹	¹ Suitable only for students at B2 level of English or above.
5	Math	
6	French ²	² Only students who achieve an A2 level of French will be eligible to take the IGCSE exam.

Options/Electives

	Courses	Notes
1	Sociology - Economics - Music ³ Drama - Art - Physics	³ Students must be enthusiastic about music.
2	Economics - Geography German ⁴ - Italian ⁴ - Spanish ⁴	⁴ Students must have studied the language for the minimum of 2 years.
3	Chemistry - History - Biology Economics - IGCSE Sports Science ⁵	⁵ This is an academic course with 50% practical & 50% theory.
4	Sociology - Biology - Chemistry IGCSE Computer Science ⁶ History - Physics	⁶ Open to non-IGCSE students.
8	Art - Physics - Biology Geography - Sociology	

