

**SUBJECT INFORMATION
FOR YEARS 10 & 11
2024/2025**

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EXECUTIVE HEAD'S LETTER

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The first three years in Secondary Education (Years 7, 8 and 9) introduce students to a wide range of subjects within the recommendations of the National Curriculum for England.

Students in Years 10 and 11 continue to study compulsory subjects but are also able to choose optional subjects in consultation with Subject Teachers and Parents/Guardians. Subjects in Years 10 and 11 lead to the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) or the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) examinations. When reading this Subject Information, you will notice that each subject is assigned a specific subject code, along with a corresponding link. This link will direct you to the comprehensive syllabus for each subject on either the Cambridge International or Pearson Edexcel website.

The Heritage Private School is a Cambridge International Fellowship Centre as well as an Examination Centre for Cambridge International Education (<http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/>) and Pearson Edexcel International Examinations (<http://qualifications.pearson.com>). Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 - 16 year olds. It takes a student-centred approach and develops learners who are confident, innovative, responsible, reflective, and engaged with the study material. Cambridge IGCSE develops a solid foundation of knowledge and skills and provides excellent preparation for post-16 education. It is recognised by universities around the world, offering learners a global passport to success.



In addition, we are proud that the School is a recipient of the prestigious British Council International School Award (ISA) 2023-2026 for its *outstanding development of the international dimension in the curriculum*. It is currently the only school in Cyprus to have been re-awarded the ISA.



IGCSE/GCSE examinations require hard work throughout the two years of study, especially in order to achieve the top grades A* to C (for Cambridge examinations where the grades awarded range from A* to G) or the top grades 9 to 5 (for Pearson Edexcel GCSE examinations where the grades awarded range from 9 to 1).

We hope that students will enjoy Years 10 and 11, will be fully involved in the life of the School, and will achieve excellent results so that they can approach Years 12 and 13 with confidence.

Ms Elena Smilas
Executive Head

INTRODUCTION

IGCSE/GCSE examinations assess not only memory and orderly presentation of facts, but also understanding, practical skills, and the ability to apply knowledge. The examinations are designed to demand more of able candidates and to award grades accordingly.

In some IGCSE subjects, candidates take examinations at one of two levels: Extended or Core. The Extended level is designed for candidates of higher academic ability who are expected to achieve grades A*, A, B and C, while the less demanding Core level is more appropriate for candidates who are expected to achieve D, E, F and G; the highest grade at Core level is C. Subject Teachers will guide students as to which level they should attempt.

Some IGCSE/GCSE subjects include coursework. This is work completed in school and home, and marked by Subject Teachers. Marks are then moderated by the Examining Board and count towards the final grade.

Looking ahead to higher education and career options

During Years 10 and 11, students begin to make important decisions about their future, and many will already be considering their aims for higher education and future careers. At school, students are therefore being encouraged to consider the relevance of their choices to their likely preferences for higher education and career. They have been given an information sheet listing useful websites to help them to research these decisions. There are many options for higher education worldwide and students should begin to research courses and admissions requirements on university websites for the degree subject(s) that they may be considering; the School gives assistance and guidance to students wherever they decide to apply.

UK university requirements often include IGCSE grade C or above in English Language (or a relevant IELTS score) and Mathematics (although the top universities may require a B or A grade).

The USA and several other countries are also likely to require a Transcript of internal and external grades including internal examination results from Year 10 onwards. Students must therefore ensure that their academic performance throughout Years 10 - 13 reflects their best efforts. Additionally, students are reminded that internal grades for non-examination subjects (e.g. PE and PSHE/Careers/Life Skills) as well as for examination subjects, are recorded on Transcripts and the School Leaving Certificate (Apolytirion), which is issued after completion of Year 13.

Whilst it is paramount that students work hard in their IGCSE/GCSE courses to fulfil their academic potential, it is essential that they continue to develop other life skills such as time management, confidence, self-awareness and self-discipline. The co-curricular activities provided by the School contribute to this personal development. Such activities include the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, Clubs, Projects, Competitions, Drama, Music and Sports. In addition, Community Service and Voluntary Work Placement opportunities are open to Year 11 students in the summer weeks following their IGCSE examinations. These are activities that require a personalised approach and arrangement, as each student has different aptitudes and aspirations. All students are greatly encouraged to participate in Community Service or a Voluntary Work Placement. A Careers Presentation on Student Internships is held annually to assist students in identifying appropriate placements. Please remember that some Voluntary Work Placements are competitive and will require the student to attend an interview. In all cases, those accepting students for service or placements will have high expectations, and students should therefore approach these arrangements intending to do credit to themselves, their parents/guardians and the School.

SUBJECTS

The current list of subjects is as follows but the school reserves the right to modify this list.

Compulsory IGCSE/GCSE subjects

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

At least one Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

At least one Social Science: Business Studies, Economics, Geography, Global Perspectives, History, Religious Studies

Greek: compulsory for those of Greek or Greek Cypriot descent.

Optional IGCSE/GCSE subjects

Art & Design: Fine Art

Art & Design: Textiles

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computer Science

Drama

Economics

French

Geography

German

Global Perspectives

Greek

Hebrew

History

ICT

Music

Physical Education

Physics

Religious Studies

Russian

Spanish

Compulsory non-examination subjects

Physical Education

PSHE, Life Skills & Careers

Additional examination subjects available as Institute Classes (at an additional fee).

IGCSE French and French DELF A1 / A2 / B1

German Goethe Zertifikat A1 / A2 / B1/ B2

GCSE Greek

GCSE Russian

IGCSE/GCSE SYLLABUSES

Art & Design: Fine Art or Textiles	Pearson Edexcel GCSE 1FA0 or 1TE0	<u>Art & Design: Fine Art or Textiles</u>
Biology	Cambridge International GCSE 0610	<u>Biology</u>
Business Studies	Cambridge International GCSE 0450	<u>Business Studies</u>
Computer Science	Cambridge International GCSE 0478	<u>Computer Science</u>
Drama	Pearson Edexcel GCSE 1DR0	<u>Drama</u>
Economics	Pearson Edexcel International GCSE 4EC1	<u>Economics</u>
English First Language	Cambridge International GCSE 0500	<u>English First Language</u>
English Second Language	Cambridge International GCSE 0511	<u>English Second Language</u>
English Literature	Cambridge International GCSE 0475	<u>English Literature</u>
French	Cambridge International GCSE 0520	<u>French</u>
Geography	Cambridge International GCSE 0460	<u>Geography</u>
German	Cambridge International GCSE 0525	<u>German</u>
Global Perspectives	Cambridge International GCSE 0457	<u>Global Perspectives</u>
Greek (less experienced learners)	Pearson Edexcel GCSE 1GK0	<u>Greek</u>
Greek (native-speaking level)	Pearson Edexcel International GCSE 4GK1	<u>Greek</u>
Hebrew	AQA 8678	<u>Hebrew</u>
History	Cambridge International GCSE 0470	<u>History</u>
ICT	Cambridge International GCSE 0417	<u>ICT</u>
Mathematics	Cambridge International GCSE 0580	<u>Mathematics</u>
Music	Cambridge International GCSE 0410	<u>Music</u>
Physical Education	Cambridge International GCSE 0413	<u>Physical Education</u>
Physics	Cambridge International GCSE 0625	<u>Physics</u>
Religious Studies	Cambridge International GCSE 0490	<u>Religious Studies</u>
Russian	Pearson Edexcel GCSE 1RU0	<u>Russian</u>
Spanish	Cambridge International GCSE 0530	<u>Spanish</u>

ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION SUBJECTS AVAILABLE AS INSTITUTE CLASSES (at an additional fee)

French DELF	DELF	<u>French</u>
French	Cambridge International GCSE 0520	<u>French</u>
German Goethe Zertifikat	Goethe-Zertifikat	<u>German</u>
GCSE Greek	Pearson Edexcel GCSE 1GK0	<u>Greek</u>
GCSE Russian	Pearson Edexcel GCSE 1RU0	<u>Russian</u>

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