

# Notes for subject selection

Select a total of **6** subjects (3HL and 3SL) – no 7 subjects allowed. You are advised not to select more than 2 subjects that are offered as SL only.

## Group 1 and Group 2 (Languages)

Students are required to select at least one language from Group 1. Students whose language of proficiency is not listed have the option of studying School Supported Self Taught Language (SSSTL) as an SL. This is only an option in a 'mother tongue' – not as language acquisition. Please refer to the academic handbook.

Students are also required to select a **different** second language from either Group 1 or Group 2. A fully bilingual student may study two Language A subjects rather than a second language chosen from the Group 2 options. The language B course should be a challenging educational experience for the student, offering not only the opportunity to learn **an additional language** but also the means of learning, appreciating and effectively interacting in **a culture different from the student's own**.

Students do not have the option of studying a third language (from either Group).

## Group 3 (Humanities)

Should space be limited in Business Management (because only one class is offered in this subject), priority will be given to those students who have only one Group 3 choice. In addition, another Group 3 subject should be penciled in if the only class is over subscribed.

## Group 4 (Sciences)

- For students considering HL Chemistry or HL Physics it is important that you meet two important criteria:
  - Previous experience of Chemistry or Physics in a course such as IGCSE or equivalent with a grade of C or above.
  - The Mathematics subject you are studying in your IB diploma is Analysis & Approaches (A&A). Applications & Interpretation (A&I) SL suggests your Mathematics level is not adequate to study HL Chemistry or Physics.
- SL Chemistry and SL Physics can be studied without prior experience and with any level of Mathematics.
- For Biology, there is no prerequisite knowledge although having studied Biology previously is an advantage. Chemistry provides useful background for Biology but is not essential.
- Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS) is a standard level trans-disciplinary subject that straddles Group 3 and 4. Studying ESS means that you have effectively met the requirements of both Group 3 and 4 in one subject, allowing selection of perhaps a second Group 6 subject.

## Group 5 (Mathematics)

Courses offered are Analysis & Approaches SL and Applications & Interpretation SL initially; Analysis & Approaches HL (only available in Block B) can be joined half-way through term 1. Hence, it is important to choose a Maths class in Block B if HL is desired and 3 other HL subjects first; otherwise, it is to your advantage to choose your SL class in either Block A or F for a better distribution of class sizes.

## Group 6 (Arts)

Courses offered are Theatre and Visual Arts at both HL and SL. Students are encouraged to widen their academic program with a subject in Group 6. Or by taking ESS as their Group 3 and 4 subject, students can take both Theatre and Visual Arts.

Notes: Lit stands for Literature; L&L stands for Language and Literature; SSSTL stands for School Supported Self-Taught Language; **boldface** for **Single Block** subjects.

**PLEASE DO NOT SELECT MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT FROM EACH BLOCK**

Lesson Blocks							
Group	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Chinese Lit HL			Chinese Lit HL	<b>Chinese L&amp;L HL</b>	
		Chinese Lit SL			Chinese Lit SL	<b>Chinese L&amp;L SL</b>	
		<b>English Lit HL</b>	English L&L HL		English L&L HL	English L&L HL	<b>Spanish Lit/L&amp;L HL</b>
		<b>English Lit SL</b>	English L&L SL		English L&L SL	English L&L SL	<b>Spanish Lit/L&amp;L SL</b>
		Language A SSSTL					Language A SSSTL
2	<b>Mandarin B HL</b> <b>Spanish B HL</b> <b>Spanish B SL</b>			<b>French B HL</b> <b>French B SL</b> <b>Mandarin Ab Initio SL</b>	<b>English B HL</b>  <b>Mandarin B SL</b>	<b>French Ab Initio SL</b>  <b>Spanish Ab Initio SL</b>	
3		<b>Business Management HL</b>	Economics HL	Economics HL	Economics HL		Economics HL
		<b>Business Management SL</b>	Economics SL	Economics SL	Economics SL		Economics SL
		Geography HL		Global Politics HL	Global Politics HL	Geography HL	
		Geography SL		Global Politics SL	Global Politics SL	Geography SL	
				History HL		History HL	
				History SL		History SL	
			Environmental Systems & Societies SL			Environmental Systems & Societies SL	Environmental Systems & Societies SL
4	Biology HL			Biology HL		Biology HL	Biology HL
	Biology SL			Biology SL		Biology SL	Biology SL
		Chemistry HL		Chemistry HL	Chemistry HL		Chemistry HL
		Chemistry SL		Chemistry SL	Chemistry SL		Chemistry SL
			Physics HL				Physics HL
		Physics SL				Physics SL	
		Environmental Systems & Societies SL			Environmental Systems & Societies SL	Environmental Systems & Societies SL	
5		<b>(Maths A&amp;A HL)</b>					
	Maths A&A SL	Maths A&A SL				Maths A&A SL	
	Maths A&I SL	Maths A&I SL				Maths A&I SL	
6			<b>Theatre HL &amp; SL</b>				Visual Arts HL
			Visual Arts HL & SL				Visual Arts SL