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Options Information Evening for S5 December 2020



Important dates 2020/21

- 8th December 2020
S5 careers advice: explanation in class of the 6th and 7th year programmes and decision making activities
Distribution of options form
- 15th December 2020
Information evening for parents
- 22nd January
Final date for handing in the options form
- 9th September
Last date for requesting a change of options. All changes are subject to the approval of the Director.



Structure of courses available

- Compulsory subjects:
 - Language 1 English
 - Language 2 French
 - Sport
 - Ethics
 - Philosophy
 - Maths 3P or Maths 5P



Structure of courses

- Everyone must take:
 - At least one science (minimum is Biology 2P)
 - History (2P or 4P)
 - Geography (2P or 4P)
 - At least two 4 period options from the menus available
 - Minimum number of periods is 31
 - Maximum number of periods is 35

This may exceptionally be extended to 36 or 37 depending on the approval of the conseil de classe.



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Structure of courses in the European Bac cycle:

<u>Compulsory:</u>	<u>Compulsory *</u>	<u>Options (4P)</u>	<u>HL Courses</u>	<u>Compl. Course</u>
L1 English 4P	Biology 2P (min science)	Art	L1A English 3P	Lab Science 2P
L2 French 3P	History 2P (min)	Biology	L2A French 3P	L5 Russian 2P
Ethics 1P	Geography 2P (min)	Chemistry	Maths HL 3P	L5 Chinese 2P
Sport 2P	Philosophy 2P	Physics		
Maths 3P or 5P		Geography		
		History		
		L3 Spanish		
		L3 German		
		L4 Spanish		
		L4 German		

Total must be at least 29 periods

Total must be between 31 and 35 periods



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Written (5 exams for 35% of final mark)

- L1 (or L1 HL)
- L2 (or L2 HL)
- Maths (3P or 5P)
- 4 Period option
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Oral (3 exams for 15% of final mark)

- L1 (or L1 HL)
- L2 (or L2 HL) or Hist (2 or 4) or Geo (2 or 4) unless Hist or Geo has been taken for written exam
- Maths HL or Philo 2P or L3 or L4 or Bio (2 or 4) or Chem 4P or Physics 4P

Students cannot take a written and oral exam in the same subject with the exception of L1, L2



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- Remaining 50% of the Baccalaureate mark from continuous assessment during S7 composed of an "A mark " (classwork, effort, homework, tests) and a "B mark" (end of semester exams or B tests)



Why choose 3 options?

- To give each student more flexibility in their choice of written exams in the Baccalaureate as 2 of the 4 period options must be taken as written exams



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- Choices of exams must be made by the end of September of S7 and cannot be changed after that
- Students are advised at the end of S6 and need to make their exam choices in conjunction with their choice of University course



Subject choices - general rules:

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1. Every pupil's timetable should include:

- a minimum of 31 periods, a maximum of 35 periods. Exceptions can be made on the advice of the Class council.

- at least 29 periods of obligatory courses, options and higher level courses (columns 1 to 4).

- a minimum of 2, a maximum of 4 options of 4 periods.

2. History 2 p - Geography 2 p and Philosophy 2 p courses are obligatory if they have not been chosen as 4 period options (column 3).

3. At least one science subject must be chosen from Biology 2 p, Biology 4 p, Physics 4 p and Chemistry 4 p. Biology 2 p cannot be chosen together with Biology 4 p.

4. Higher Mathematics (column 4) is only possible with Mathematics 5 p (column 1), Lab courses (column 5) are only possible if the corresponding options (4p) have been chosen (column 3).

5. Complementary courses:

•Lab Science, L5 Chinese, L5 Russian are not subject to a final Baccalaureate examination but count in the continuous assessment part of the European Baccalaureate. They are 2 period courses.

6. Language choices:

In theory no change of language choices is expected for pupils going into the 6th year. However, in certain cases, the following changes are possible:

•For a language already taken, changing from a lower level to a higher level (for example, from L 4 to L3) can be authorised by the Director, bearing in mind the administrative restrictions, and following an aptitude test (written and oral).

•For a language already taken, changing from a higher level to a lower level (for example from L 3 to L 4) can be authorised by the Director on condition that this is approved by the class council in the light of the results obtained by the pupil.

•Choosing a new language which has not previously been studied as L 3 or L 4 is possible, with the Director's agreement, bearing in mind the administrative restrictions, as well as an aptitude test (written and oral) at the corresponding level.

7. History and Geography 2 or 4 p must be taken in the pupil's working language (French, studied since S3).

N.B. Programmes of study chosen at the beginning of the 6th year must include sufficient subject choices and conform to the rules of the Baccalaureate examination.

What changes are possible at the end of S6?

- Maths 3P \longleftrightarrow Maths 5P (test)
 - History 2P \longleftrightarrow History 4P (test)
 - Geography 2P \longleftrightarrow Geography 4P (test)
 - Drop one 4P option
- (still satisfy minimum number of periods)



Consequences of Choices

- **Maths 5 or 3 periods** : may have consequences for technical and medical studies. Also Economics.
- **Physics, Chemistry, Biology**: obligatory / strongly advised for certain studies (Medicine for example).
- **L3 / L4** : mostly no specific consequences
- You can do an extra written paper in the Bac if you can prove that the university is specifically requiring it.
- Students thinking about **Business Studies** at university should do History 4P and Geography 4P as well as Maths 5P



It should be noted that, according to the rules applicable to European Schools:

- An option is open only if there are a minimum of 5 students. In our school, the choice of options would then be limited to Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This is not very desirable as we would like to be able to offer as many options as possible that would suit as many students as possible.
- The minimum number of periods is 31, out of which at least 29 must be from compulsory subjects and the options in column 3.
- The maximum number of periods is 35. Exceptionally, 36 or 37 periods (and not 38 periods) may be allowed by the Director of the school following a recommendation of the class council.
- We refer to the documents 'The European Baccalaureate Handbook: A Guide for European Baccalaureate Candidates', specifically pages 4, 6, 7 and 8 and 'Arrangements for the Implementation of the European Baccalaureate in 2021' for all of the statements made in this presentation.



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- Fiche navette – options form – handed in by 22nd January
- Each student must satisfy the criteria for entrance to European Bac – please ask if unsure

