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IGCSE SUBJECT SELECTION 2023-2024

Introduction:

This draft is intended to give some general guidance on the option choices for the IGCSE courses next year i.e for AY 2023-2024. It is important to be fully informed before making your final decision about what courses to follow, therefore you are advised to take every opportunity to talk with your class/subject teachers/HODs about their subject and the demands of that examination,

Think about what you like and enjoy studying, but combine that with an understanding of what you need to follow a career you might be interested in.

What are IGCSEs?

IGCSE stands for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education. They are exams run by Cambridge International Exams and recognized by British, American, and European universities. The course is delivered over 2 years, culminating in final exams and some subjects have coursework.

We at Al Ain Juniors School offer a wide range of subjects that meets the needs of students to achieve great heights. These options are chosen based on the university requirement, degree choices, and job market

Procedure:

- Students must opt for six subjects (S. No 1 to 3 on the given table are mandatory).
- Students have the option to choose the remaining three subjects from Science Stream or two subjects from Commerce Stream and one from Science Stream. However, they are not allowed to take the parallel subject. *Eg. If the student takes Accountancy, he/she would not be permitted to take Biology. Likewise, if the student wishes to take Economics, he/she cannot take Chemistry and for Business Studies, then Physics cannot be taken.*
- Students who opt for subjects from S. No. 11 will receive guidance and support while they are in Grade 9 only. However, these subjects should be self-learned in Grade 10.

Grade 9				
S. No.	School Mandatory Subjects		S. No.	MOE Mandatory Subjects
1.	English		7.	Arabic Language
2.	Mathematics		8.	Islamic Studies
3.	ICT		9.	UAE Social Studies
4.	Science (Any of the three: Physics or Chemistry or Biology)		10.	Moral Social and Cultural Studies
	SCIENCE STREAM	COMMERCE STREAM		
4.	Physics	Business Studies		
5.	Chemistry	Economics		
6.	Biology	Accountancy		
Other Subjects (Optional)				
11.	Environment Management/Travel & Tourism/Food & Nutrition/Art & Design/Urdu/ Pakistan Studies /Islamiyat			

The High School Certificate/Equivalency

Equivalency is required for any student who wishes to:

- Study at any UAE university.
- Study at any university in a GCC Arab and Asian country.
- Study at any international university with the intention to return to work in the UAE.
- Gain admission to study at selected international universities (this will have to be checked with the admissions section of the chosen university, as the list is not definitive).

Requirements for Obtaining the High School Certificate

This is done to meet the equivalency criteria of MOE (Ministerial Decision No. (883) for the Year 2019 Equivalence System of Private School Certificates)

Article 61 for Private Schools that apply the British educational system, the following requirements must be met to equalize the high school certificate to the Ministry's secondary school certificate (without defining any track)

- Apply the general conditions stipulated in Article 4 of this Resolution.
- The student must complete the 12th grade or equivalent.
- The student must pass 5 GCSE or IGCSE courses with grades: (A *, A, B, C, D) or (3 to 9).
These 5 courses must include:
 - Mathematics
 - One of the science subjects (Physics, Chemistry, Biology) or Combined Science Subject
 - One of the following two English subjects: either English Language or English literature.
- Students must pass two (2) subjects in GCE Advanced Level in one of the success grade scales: (A *, A, B, C, D) or equivalent grades.
- Islamic Education and Arabic Language are not counted in both levels.
- Subjects studied should be chosen from the list defined by the relevant Ministry regulations

Summary:

In order to arrive at the right choice of IGCSE subjects you must balance three important factors:

- ♣ Your academic strengths and weaknesses.
- ♣ Your personal abilities and aptitudes.
- ♣ The implications of your choices on your possible IB choices, degree, and career choices.

General Advice:

There are many factors to take into account when considering your IGCSE choices. It can help to do a quick overview of factors that you should and should not take into account before making your final decision:

Factors that should NOT influence your decision:

- ♣ Don't be influenced by what subjects your friends choose.
- ♣ Do not let your personal likes/dislikes of teachers affect your choice of subject. Factors that SHOULD influence your decision:
 - ♣ Talk with your subject teachers, HODs, and present IGCSE pupils.
 - ♣ Talk to your parents – discuss your choices and your possible career aspirations.
 - ♣ Read the IGCSE syllabus of the subject you are interested in. Your teachers will be able to show you the syllabus and examples of past papers.
 - ♣ Consult the Cambridge International Exams website. This has a student/parent portal and gives information about the subjects available and the structure of the exams.
 - ♣ Try to achieve a sensible mix of IGCSE subjects.

Kindly click the link to fill in subject choice: <https://forms.office.com/r/4xb7vDPSvV>

Thank you